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2025-2026 Contestant Handbook



WELCOME TO MISS TRANS STAR INTERNATIONAL

Being a part of Miss Trans Star International is far more than walking a runway – it's embarking on a powerful journey of transformation, empowerment, and global unity. Our Commitment is to ensure that every contestant's experience over the course of this extraordinary event is truly life-changing. Here are some of the unique benefits contestants receive during their time with us:

Empowerment through Authentic Expression:

Miss Trans Star International is a space where trans women from around the world are celebrated for who they are. Contestants are empowered to express their identities, share their personal stories, and embrace their truth with pride and confidence on an international stage.

Sisterhood and Belonging:

Contestants join a vibrant, supportive, and inclusive global sisterhood. This community not only celebrates diversity – it fosters lifelong friendships, meaningful connections, and a deep sense of belonging that continues long after the final spotlight fades.

Professional and Personal Growth:

Through masterclasses, mentorship, and behind-the-scenes training with industry professionals – including public speaking coaches, fashion stylists, photographers and image consultants – contestants gain skills and confidence that support their ongoing personal and professional development.

Visibility and Advocacy:

Miss Trans Star International offers contestants a global platform to amplify their voices, advocate for causes close to their hearts, and increase visibility for the transgender and LGBTQIA_ community. With both live audience and international streaming, participants gain invaluable exposure and the opportunity to build their personal brands.

Wellness and Care:

We believe that each contestant deserves to feel safe, supported and cared for. Throughout the pageant, we provide complimentary lodging, nutritious meals, safe and accessible transportation, and resources that support both mental and physical well-being.

Cultural Celebration and Exchange:

As a truly international event, the pageant celebrates the richness of different cultures and perspectives. Contestants engage in meaningful cultural exchange, deepen mutual understanding, and contribute to a more inclusive and connected world.



We're on a mission to create something extraordinary this year—an event that will inspire, connect, and uplift people from all over the world. Our team is working tirelessly to bring you a week filled with powerful activities, meaningful advocacy, deep friendships, and truly life-changing moments.

And here's the truth: you are the reason this event exists. Your presence, your passion, and your energy are what make this experience unforgettable. Now that you're part of this growing global family, we invite you to fully embrace your role—not just as a participant, but as a vital part of something much bigger.

We want you to shine, to stand tall, and to bring your best self to every moment. To help you feel confident and prepared, we've put together a list of essential items to bring with you.

Get ready—this isn't just an event. It's a movement. And it starts with you.

Here's what you'll need:

Clothing & Apparel

- 2 WHITE tailored pants
- 2 BLACK tailored pants
- 1 Pair of jeans
- 1 Set of SKIN-color underwear (bra & panties)
- 1 WHITE tailored suit (pants + blazer/jacket)
- 1 Glamorous RED evening dress (Red Met Gala Show)
- 1 Knee-length GOLD cocktail dress
- 1 Knee-length PURPLE/VIOLET/LILAC cocktail dress (Country Sash Ceremony)
- 1 PURPLE/VIOLET/LILAC evening dress (glitter/appliqués allowed)
- 1 PURPLE/VIOLET/LILAC bikini or swimsuit
- 1 WHITE long evening dress (no glitter/appliqués – Beyond the Crown Gala)
- 1 Glamorous evening dress for preliminary & final (color/design of your choice)
- 1 National costume representing your country
- 1 Sportswear set (leggings + top – any color/design)

Footwear & Accessories

- 1 Pair of NUDE high-heeled sandals
- 1 Pair of BLACK high-heeled sandals
- 1 Pair of WHITE high-heeled sandals
- 1 Pair of BLACK closed-toe high-heeled shoes
- 1 Pair of WHITE closed-toe high-heeled shoes
- 1 Pair of sneakers (any color/design)
- 1 Pair of BLACK flat dress shoes (any design)
- 1 Souvenir gift representing your country (This gift will be exchanged among the contestants, where each person both gives and receives a gift, much like a Secret Santa exchange. This will take place during a special moment of fellowship among the candidates. The gift should be something of cultural significance that represents your country and its traditions.)

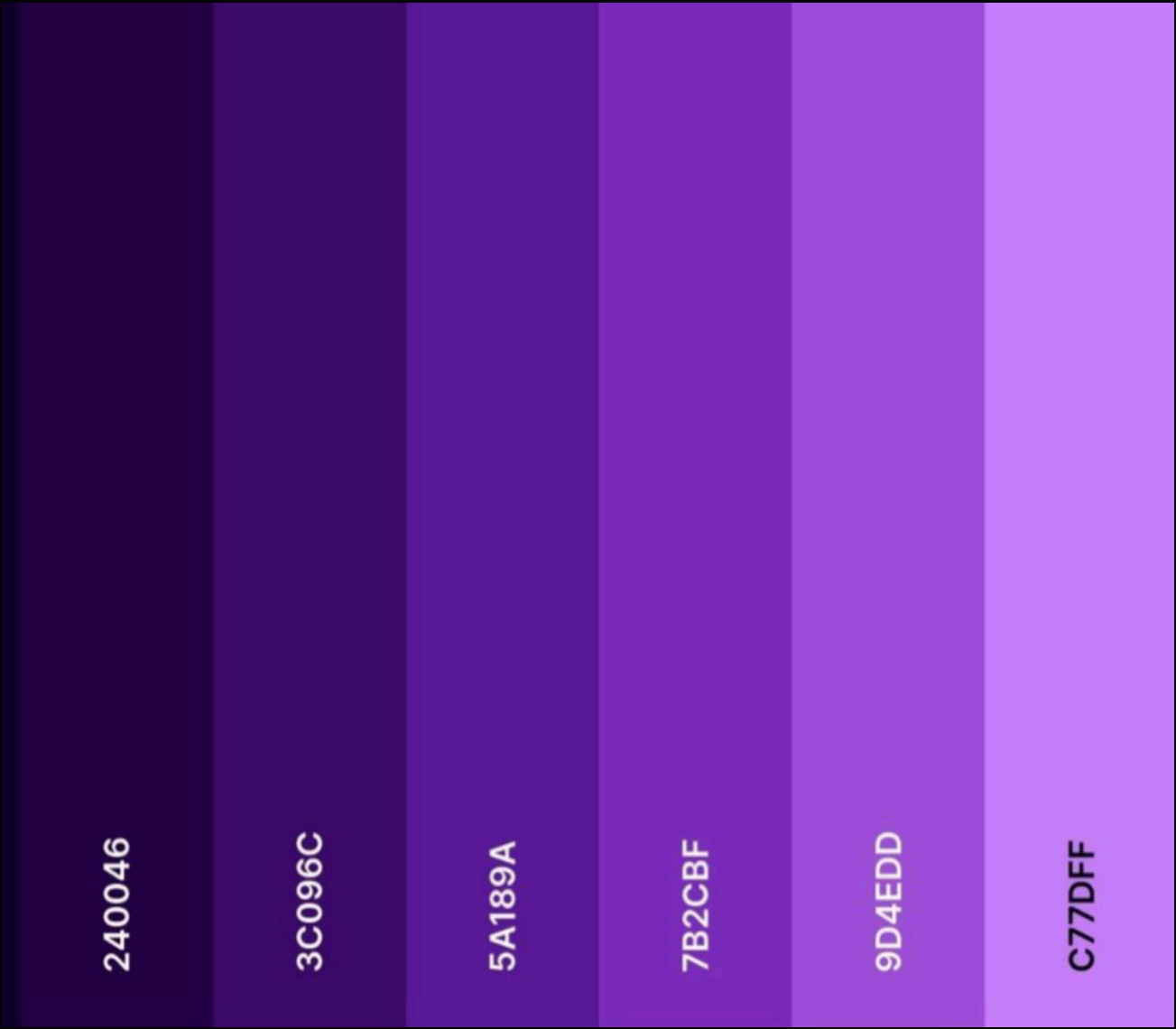


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For your reference, here is the range of purple colors:

ELECTRIC PURPLE #B24BF3	PURPLE (X11) #A020F0	BLUE-VIOLET #9417E2	FRENCH VIOLET #880ED4
VIOLET #7921B1	REBECCA PURPLE #692D94	EMINENCE #613385	PURPLE #6C0BA9
CYBER GRAPE #593876	INDIGO #51087E	RUSSIAN VIOLET #461257	DARK PURPLE #3A1B2F





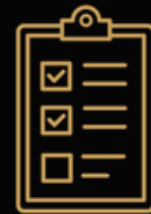
POINTS
10



CLARITY
30%



**RELEVANCE OF ANSWERS
TO QUESTIONS**
40%



**INTERVIEW
PRESENTATION**
30%

INTERVIEW

Each contestant will participate in individual interviews with the judges. The objective of these interviews is to gain insight into each contestant's character, background, and experiences. Interviews will follow a round-robin format, with each judge conducting a one-on-one session lasting approximately seven (7) minutes.

Contestants are expected to begin each interview with a brief personal biography. The timer will start when the judge prompts you to introduce yourself. Interview questions may cover a broad range of topics, so please be prepared accordingly.

Attire for the interview is at the discretion of each contestant; however, professional, well-fitted, and neat presentation is expected.

A one-minute warning will be provided before the end of each interview. Contestants will then have the opportunity to offer a final comment or pose a closing question.



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POINTS

10



STAGE PRESENCE

50%



BEAUTY & PHYSIQUE

50%

SWIMWEAR

Contestants may choose to wear either a one-piece or two-piece swimsuit for this category. Embellishments are permitted at the contestant's discretion.

Please note, there is no ideal or "perfect" body type. Judging will be based on overall stage presence, physical appearance, confidence, and poise.

Hairstyles may be worn up or down, and tasteful accessories are allowed. High heels are required for this segment.

Swimwear must adhere to appropriate coverage standards. Thong-style bottoms are not permitted; the rear should be mostly covered, and full nipple coverage is required. Nudity is strictly prohibited.

The color should follow the purple guidelines listed earlier in the packet.



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CREATIVITY & GLAMOUR

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STAGE PRESENCE

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FIT & STYLING

30%

EVENING GOWN

Contestants should select an evening gown appropriate for a formal occasion, such as a speaking engagement or charity event. The chosen look should reflect personal style while maintaining elegance and sophistication.

Gowns may be classic or contemporary in design and should complement the contestant's figure and overall presentation. Both the garment and accessories must be in excellent condition.

The hemline should be even, unless the gown is intentionally designed with an asymmetrical cut. Gowns must be full-length, typically falling approximately ½ inch above the floor, unless the design dictates otherwise.

Footwear should coordinate with the gown in color and style, and must be clean and free of visible wear. Hairstyles may be worn up or down and are at the sole discretion of the contestant.



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POINTS

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STAGE PRESENCE

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CREATIVITY

30%



THEME

30%

NATIONAL COSTUME

This category is designed to showcase creativity through cultural or symbolic costume design and should be treated as a “Creative Costume” presentation rather than a performance.

Contestants may choose their own music to accompany the presentation or utilize house music. Costume design is at the discretion of the contestant but should reflect a thoughtful and cohesive concept that celebrates and represents the contestant’s nation.

The music selection, along with modeling and stage presence, should enhance the overall impact of the presentation. A microphone will be provided for each contestant to introduce themselves and the country they are representing.

Each presentation is limited to a maximum of 1 minute and 30 seconds.



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CLARITY

50%



**RELEVANCE OF ANSWERS
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50%

ON STAGE QUESTION (TOP 6)

This portion of the competition will be conducted during the final night and will include all contestants who advance to the Top 6. Each question will be pre-typed, printed, and sealed for confidentiality.

Contestants will select their question in numerical order. Upon selection, the contestant will hand the sealed question to the emcee. The emcee will read the question aloud twice before passing the microphone to the contestant for their response.

Each contestant will have 30 seconds to answer. An audible signal will indicate when the allotted time has concluded.

Judging criteria will include the quality and relevance of the contestant's response, as well as their confidence, poise, clarity of expression, and microphone presence.



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ON STAGE QUESTION (TOP 3)

This portion of the competition will feature the final three contestants. During this segment, all contestants will respond to the same question.

To ensure fairness, contestants will wear soundproof headphones while their fellow competitors are answering. Each contestant will then be brought forward individually to receive the question.

Contestants will have 30 seconds to deliver their response. An audible signal will indicate the conclusion of the 30-second time limit.

Judging will be based on the substance and relevance of the response, as well as the contestant's confidence, poise, clarity, and microphone presence.



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