



Judges Etiquette and General Information

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1. Keep contact/conversation with contestants to a minimum especially at the hotel, a bar, and/or a restaurant in order to maintain a semblance of fairness.
2. Refrain from talking at the judges table to surrounding patrons - especially during judged categories. If you have a question, please direct it at the lead judge or Miss Gay Oklahoma America.
3. There should be no comment(s) made by any of the judges concerning the performance of a specific contestant during or after a judged category. (ie- that was a great interview)
4. If a drink is necessary at the judges table, it must be water. Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES are allowed at the judges table. Judges are permitted to partake in adult beverages before the pageant, during breaks, and/or after the pageant. Judges should not become too intoxicated or become unprofessional. FischBowl Productions reserves the right to determine what is "too much."
5. Do not applaud or overreact to a specific contestant's presentation.
6. Please focus your complete attention on a contestant during each category of competition. A judge never "take their eyes off" especially during the TALENT category. Notes can be jotted on the worksheet, but please don't look away completely during the Talent category.
7. Please be on time for each judged category.
8. Do not discuss your scoring with anyone except city preliminary promoters, state promoters, or Miss Gay Oklahoma America.
9. Keep questions short and "to the point" during interviews. Remember why we are there.
10. Each judge is requested to stay (at least) one hour after the pageant for each constant's critique session.
11. Forever Miss Gay Oklahoma America titleholders should adjudicate no more than two (2) city preliminaries during a season.
12. The appearance of the judges panel should be professional during all categories of the pageant. "Day time" personal interview attire should be "business casual," (no T-Shirts,

shorts, or activewear) and “night time” categories should be “dress to impress” more formal attire.

13. Any person who has qualified or intends to qualify for the Miss Gay Oklahoma America pageant should recuse themselves from adjudicating.
14. Judges should use the “judges worksheet” to make notes of each contestant’s performance, and subcategory scoring; both positive and negative comments regarding the judged category should be noted (the contestant receives this “comment” sheet. Once the scores are completed on the worksheet, scores should be transferred to the actual Score Sheet which is submitted to the tabulator. In the event that scores are questioned, worksheets may be referenced by FischBowl Productions, Miss Gay Oklahoma America, or city preliminary promoters.
15. Administrative deductions shall not be the responsibility of the panel of judges.