



Child's Name _____

Age Division _____

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. ___ I understand the Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant is a division of the Baby Miss World International Pageant and Baby Miss America Pageant and a member of the Business Consumer Alliance with a AAA Rating
2. ___ Contestants are not allowed to wear make-up. NO MAKE-UP, NO FAKE HAIR PIECES, NO SPRAY-TANS, NO GO-GO JUICE, NO FALSE TEETH, or FLIPPERS. The Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant Local, State, Regional, and National Pageants are 100% Natural. If a contestant uses any type of make-up it will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiting of all fees, etc. The Pageant Director will use the white glove test if necessary. Ribbons, bows, headbands, and jewelry are allowed.
3. ___ Contestants must be entered in the proper age division. Age division is based on the age of the contestant on the last day of the pageant. Copy of Birth Certificate must be on file prior to National Competition. Failure to enter your child in the proper age category will result in immediate disqualification, forfeiting all fees, title, etc. Contestants may move up an age division with permission of the Director. Age Divisions may be combined if the minimum quota is not met.
4. ___ All forms, fees, photos, etc. must be submitted online by the deadline. If all required photos, forms, and fees are not received by the deadline, there will be an immediate \$100 late fee. If the ads, boosters, or sponsor list are not received by the printer's deadline, they will be omitted from the book. If Late Fees are not paid by Registration, it will result in immediate disqualification.
5. ___ Sponsor Fees, Pageant Merch, Ad Fees, Booster Fees, Photo Fees, Registration Fees, Picture Package Fees, and Pageant Book Fees are all NON-REFUNDABLE, NON-TRANSFERRABLE under any circumstance.
6. ___ Sponsor Fees, Ad Fees, Photo Fees, Meal Tickets, Admission Tickets, Picture Packages, and Pageant Book are all paid by Cash App or US Postal Money Order.
7. ___ Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant has a NO REFUND POLICY. Picture Packages, Pageant Merch and Pageant Books are a Non-refundable Special Custom Order
8. ___ I understand and agree that should war, an act of God (hurricane, fire, tornado, or any other natural disaster), or an act of Man beyond the control of the Pageant (such as terrorist threat or activity) or if the CDC issues a Travel Alert or Travel Warning, COVID restrictions or any reason resulting in the rescheduling of the pageant, that said pageant will be rescheduled without the benefit of any refund; however, the pageant will be scheduled at another time and location and all fees paid will apply.

9. ____ If a contestant drops out of the competition after the Registration deadline without notifying the Pageant Director in writing by text or email, they will not be allowed to compete in future Local, State, Regional, or National Pageants unless all Registration Fees, Sponsor Fees, Ad Fees, Photo Fees, and any other required fees are paid in advance at Registration, without permission from the National Director.
10. ____ Local, State and Regional Winners who do not fulfill the requirements of the title, including failure to proceed to the next level of competition, will cause automatic forfeiture of the title and all rights thereof, including riding in the Mardi Gras Parade. The title will be relinquished to the 1st Runner-up or next in line, who will be eligible to represent the Local, State, Regional or National Title in the next level of competition and will assume all responsibilities of that title.
11. ____ **Cameras and cell phones are NOT ALLOWED in the Pageant Ballroom, for the safety and privacy of the children and because they interfere with the competition and distracts the judges. If any parent or any member of a contestant's family or guest has a cell phone or camera in the Pageant Ballroom, it will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiting of all fees, etc. Please inform your guests that if they bring a cell phone or a camera into the pageant room, your child will be disqualified.**
12. ____ **Purses, baby bags, or any type of bag backpack, or stroller are not allowed in the Pageant Room. Clear plastic bags or acrylic bags are only allowed.**
13. ____ Picture Packages are mandatory. Local Picture Package cost is \$100.00, State & Regional Picture Package is \$150.00. The National Picture Package is \$200. The Picture Package is not Portrait Photography, it is an Event Photography Package. The Pageant Photographer will be taking photos during all events. Baby Miss USA Pageant Photography retains the copyright of all photos. Picture Packages are digital Event Photography and will be sent by Google Drive or Dropbox. Picture Packages will be processed at the end of the Pageant Season.
14. ____ Admission Tickets are sold in advance. Admission is \$10.00 per person per event and \$15.00 for the Awards Ceremony plus the Meal Ticket. There are a very limited number of individual event tickets available. All Event Passes and Reserved Seats are available for Adults and children. Only Moms can pick up the Admission Tickets at Registration. For the safety of the children, the pageant is not open to the public. We do not publicize the location of the pageant. The only way to obtain a ticket is through a contestant's Mother. Everyone must have a ticket to attend the event, including parents. Admission Tickets must be paid in advance. Admission Tickets purchased after Registration will have a \$5.00 per ticket surcharge. There will be NO REFUNDS on Admission Tickets or Meal Tickets under any circumstances. Doors Open at the Scheduled time. The pageant begins a minimum of 30 – 45 minutes after doors open.
15. ____ Contestants under the age of 2 years old should have a Parent accompany them on stage. Contestants 3 years and older should be able to go on the stage without a parent, however, if necessary, a parent is allowed on stage. Parents and family members must refrain from distracting the contestant while on stage. You may applaud the contestant as much as you like, however, please do not call out instructions from the audience. This distracts the judges from their concentration, and they may deduct points. You can applaud as loud as possible.

16. ____ Contestants will be scored individually on Beauty, Personality, Attire, Smile, and Overall Appearance. The judge's decision is final. Due to the complexity of the Scoring System, score sheets are not available. The judge's decision is final.
17. ____ All contestants must be in the ballroom a minimum of 15 minutes before the competition begins. If a contestant is not present at the line-up, it may result in immediate disqualification and forfeiting of all fees. The Pageant Director has full discretion with this rule.
18. ____ Please keep a photocopy of all forms and fees, receipts, ads, and boosters, including the Registration Fee, Photo Fee, etc. in a file folder and have it with you at Registration and throughout the pageant.
19. ____ Any Parent or any member of the contestant's family that files a Square, Stripe, Cash App or PayPal or Venmo Dispute or claim using false, inaccurate information, such as denying the validity of the amount or knowledge of the transaction will result in the contestant not being allowed to participate in future pageants or any payment dispute will result in the contestant's immediate disqualification and forfeiting of title, etc.
20. ____ Any use of the Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant, American Cover Girl Pageant or Baby Miss America Pageant Brand, Logo, Local, State, Regional, or National titles must be preapproved prior to use or publication.
21. ____ Any publication of Proprietary information including emails, webinar invitations, and Registration Packets, Rules, etc. on any social media is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiting of all fees, titles, etc.
22. ____ GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP is essential in competition. Please applaud each contestant's performance. If any contestant, Parent, or any member of a contestant's party does not conduct themselves in the proper manner, before, during, or after the pageant, or disrupts the pageant in any way at any time, or participates in any negative social media it will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiting of all fees, prizes, title, etc. Any parent who cannot accept the decision of the judges should not enter pageants or competitions of any kind.
23. ____ Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant National Winners are not allowed to compete in any pageant or contest during their year's reign. Failure to comply with all Rules & Regulations of the Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiting of all fees, etc. Please direct all questions concerning eligibility and rules to the Pageant Director.
24. ____ Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant will not assume any responsibility for lost articles or personal property due to theft, accident, or injury during participation in any BMA Pageant.
25. ____ Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant does not advertise prizes. All gifts, including Scholarship Bonds, are awarded to the National Winners upon completion of the reign of a Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant. In the event of disqualification for any reason, the National Winner forfeits all gifts. National Winner must attend their State and National Pageant at the end of their reign to receive gifts.

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29. ____ Parents may be required to purchase Pageant Event Insurance.
30. ____ Arbitration Clause

You and we agree to submit any dispute arising under this agreement, except a dispute alleging criminal violations, to arbitration in accordance with the Uniform Rules for Binding Arbitration of the Business Consumer Alliance (published online at checkbca.org) in effect at the time of initiation of arbitration. A volunteer arbitrator will render a decision based on fairness, not necessarily upon legal principles, but it will be final and binding on both of us. Judgment on the decision may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. You will not have to pay anything for the arbitration.

This Agreement to Arbitrate affects important legal rights. Neither of us will be able to go to court for disputes once we agree in advance to arbitrate. And neither of us will be committed by the terms of this agreement to arbitrate unless this clause is initialed or unless your signature on this contract as a whole immediately follows this clause.

Further information about BCA arbitration may be obtained by calling Business Consumer Alliance in Colton at (909) 825-0490.



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PAGEANT RELEASE FORM

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As the parents of the child named above, participating in the Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant Local, State or National Pageant, we agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations.

I do further agree to hold Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant, Baby Miss America Pageant LLC, Baby Miss World Pageant, and Sammie Savoie and the directors and staff members harmless, indemnify and release from all claims of all damages due to theft, during or resulting from my child's participation in the Baby Miss America National pageant. I accept the responsibility for the personal conduct and activities of my child and my guests. I affirm that my child is entered in the correct age division according to her age on the day of the Awards Ceremony. I further understand that the Director has the right to disqualify contestants for inappropriate language, misconduct, or poor sportsmanship by anyone in their party, or if anyone in their party has a cell phone or camera standing in line or in the Pageant Ballroom, or disrupts the pageant in any way at any time, forfeiting all fees, title, etc. including Picture Packages, Pageant Books, etc.

The Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant Winners are not allowed to compete in any other pageants during their reign. Travel expenses are covered for the child according to the stipulations outlined for each individual trip. Parents are responsible for their travel expenses, meals, and meals for their child. Gifts are awarded at the completion of the year's reign, providing all obligations have been met. Gifts cannot be substituted and have no cash value. National Winners are invited to travel as visiting queens at the discretion of the National Director.

I hereby grant the Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant, Baby Miss America Pageant LLC, Baby Miss World Pageant LLC and Sammie Savoie and legal representatives and assigned, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs of the above-named child, for advertising without restriction and to copyright the same. I hereby release Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant, Baby Miss America Pageant and Sammie Savoie from all claims and liability relating to said photographs. I grant permission to use the above-named child's picture without restrictions for the Baby Miss USA Pageant in print, projection, internet website, video, or any future media market. I expressly release the Baby Miss Texas Gulf Coast USA Pageant and Sammie Savoie from any claims arising from such use or distribution. I consent to the use of my child's name and picture for promotional publicity or organizational purposes.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____