

STATE CONTESTANT'S PRECEPTS OF CONDUCT

Miss California Pageant State Contestants will conduct themselves, at all times, with the dignity, grace and good sportsmanship which exemplify the best of today's American young women.

Contestants are expected to be flexible and to demonstrate a positive attitude at all times. They are expected to treat all pageant volunteers, professionals and especially other contestants with kindness, courtesy and respect.

State Contestants will be subject to the rules, regulations and policies of The Miss California Organization from time of arrival until the conclusion of the Recognition and Awards Luncheon on the Sunday immediately following the final night of competition (or official dismissal). All State Contestants shall be under the direction of the State Hostess Committee for the duration of the competition.

Failure to attend, or fully participate in all scheduled events without the express written permission of the Hostess Committee Chair, may result in the forfeiture of all or part of any earned scholarship or awards.

When traveling from one event or activity to another, State Contestants must be accompanied by a member of the State Hostess Committee. State Contestants will not attend any gathering, activity or event, for the duration of the competition period (arrival through official dismissal), other than regularly scheduled events of the Miss California Pageant. State Contestants will not smoke in public or consume any alcoholic beverages for the duration of the competition.

State Contestants will not use, in any form or manner, any controlled substance, with the exception of those drugs, which have been prescribed by a physician for the treatment of a current condition. In this event, the Hostess Committee Chair must be made aware of this required medicinal use, prior to the contestant's arrival for the competition. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

State Contestants will not grant any interviews or participate in any media activity without the authorization of the State Hostess Committee.

State Contestants may not have visitors in their hotel rooms, other than members of the State Hostess Committee, or other contestants, at any time. Conversely, State Contestants may not enter a guestroom, other than that of another Contestant, or a member of the State Hostess Committee. Medical emergencies are exempt from this rule.

Members of the California Hostess Committee are not permitted to dispense, or administer prescribed medication to contestants, at any time, under any circumstances. If a contestant requires assistance in this regard, they must assume full responsibility for obtaining the assistance of either a qualified family member, health care professional, or a licensed medical practitioner.

INSURANCE COVERAGE:

The Miss California Organization provides full liability insurance coverage for its contestants and volunteers, in case of injury resulting from negligence on the part of the Miss California Organization. In the case of illness or injury to a contestant, that is not the result of negligence on the part of the Miss California Organization, requiring medical attention, the MCO staff is instructed to summon medical assistance (911) immediately. The MCO will not assume financial responsibility for medical services provided under these circumstances. The contestant also must assume responsibility for any medical services provided in connection with pre-existing illnesses or other medical conditions. The local Executive Director and the contestant's parents or guardian will be notified immediately when medical assistance is required.

No State Contestant may enter into a conversation with a State Pageant Judge, outside of the formal interview process, at any time.

If a State Contestant is deemed to be clearly in violation of these Precepts of Conduct or any other Miss California/Miss America policy or regulation, or if a Contestant's general conduct or demeanor compromises the good name of The Miss California Program, the following procedure will be implemented.

The Hostess Committee Chair, in the presence of the Contestant's assigned Hostess, will advise the Contestant of the alleged violation and, if appropriate, issue a "warning" that makes it very clear that unless the alleged activity is immediately discontinued, disciplinary action may result.

If the activity, which resulted in a "warning", ceases immediately, no further action will be taken. If not, the Chairman of the Hostess Committee will notify the Miss California Pageant Chief Executive Officer, as well as the Contestant's local Pageant Executive Director and State Field Director. The Chief Executive Officer will determine what action, if any, is to be taken.

Depending upon the severity of the violation, a contestant may be disqualified from continuing to participate in the competition. In this event, all or part of any scholarships earned may be deemed forfeit, based upon her failure to complete the competition.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Precepts of Conduct as outlined in the previous paragraphs.

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Contestant's Name (Type or Print)	Title
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Contestant's Signature	Date