

# **MISS CHARLOTTE PRIDE RULES & REGULATIONS**

This document, the Miss Charlotte Pride Rules & Regulations, outlines the specific rules, regulations, eligibility and other criteria governing the Miss Charlotte Pride Pageant, its contestants and other participants, and the Miss Charlotte Pride Titleholder. The following sections of this document may be amended at any time for any reason by Charlotte Pride.

## **A. CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

Contestants must meet the following criteria in order to participate in the 2018 Miss Charlotte Pride pageant:

1. Contestant must be at least 18 years of age. Proof of age is required by a valid driver's license, state ID, passport or any other government issued photo ID.
2. Contestant must reside within a 100-mile radius of the Charlotte, NC 28202 zip code. Distance will be confirmed via Google Maps driving directions.
3. Contestant must pay a registration fee in order to compete in the pageant. The fee must be submitted at the time of registration. The 2018 registration fee is \$35.00. This fee is nonrefundable.
4. Contestant must not be a current or former Miss Charlotte Pride titleholder.

## **B. PAGEANT RULES & REGULATIONS**

The following rules and regulations will apply for the 2018 Miss Charlotte Pride pageant:

1. Judging: 2018 judging will be based on a modified version of the National Gay US of A Style Ranking System:
  - a. Charlotte Pride has final approval in selecting judges. The Charlotte Pride Pageant Committee will make recommendations for the judging pool.
  - b. Charlotte Pride has final approval in determining judging criteria and scoring guidelines.
  - c. All contest categories will have the highest and lowest scores dropped.
  - d. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected by a final on-stage question to be selected by the judging panel.
  - e. The pageant will have an auditor chosen by the Charlotte Pride Pageant Committee. The role of the auditor is to collect the scoring sheets from the judges and perform



the scoring tally.

2. Categories: All contestants will be judged in the following categories:
  - a. Interview
    - Each contestant will have a private interview with the judging panel.
  - b. Presentation
    - This category requires attire based on the theme of the pageant and must include one color only from the rainbow, based on the original eight-striped rainbow flag: pink, red, orange, yellow, green, turquoise or light blue, indigo or dark blue, purple.
    - The contestant may bring their own music track or they may use the standard track the Charlotte Pride Pageant Committee designates.
    - The reigning Miss Charlotte Pride title-holder will select the theme for the pageant. The 2018 theme selected by the current reigning 2017 Miss Charlotte Pride is "Unifying our Community."
    - The presentation will last only two (2) minutes.
  - c. On-Stage Question
    - On-stage questions will be created and reviewed by Charlotte Pride, the Charlotte Pride Pageant Committee and the 2018 Pageant Judges.
    - The questions will revolve around general concepts related to Pride, Charlotte Pride, History, Culture and the general LGBTQ community.
  - d. Talent
    - Any type of talent is acceptable, except those that are illegal or which may cause personal injury to the audience or any other person.
    - Talent will be limited to seven (7) minutes. Prop setup will be limited to two (2) minutes and break down time is limited to one (1) minute.
    - Talent presentations will be timed.
    - All music for the talent category must be on individual CDs. Only high quality CDs will be accepted. CDs must be clearly labeled with the contestant's name. The CD may contain only two (2) tracks. Track 1 must be the talent category selection. Track 2 must be the crowning number in the event the contestant is the winner.
    - Each contestant will be allowed an unlimited number of dancers. However, only two (2) dancers may enter the hosting establishment free of charge.
3. The Miss Charlotte Pride Pageant is gender inclusive and is open to anyone who wishes to compete on a feminine gender expression.
4. Contestants are required to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Prohibited behavior is grounds for immediate disqualification and expulsion from the hosting establishment. Prohibited behavior includes but is not limited to:
  - a. The use of any illegal substances
  - b. Overconsumption of alcoholic beverages
  - c. Underage consumption of alcoholic beverages



- d. Violent or threatening language or behavior
  - e. Discriminatory words, statements, actions or other behavior which violate the mission, vision and values of Charlotte Pride (see appendix).
  - f. Theft of, or intentional damage or destruction to real and personal property
5. Each contestant will be allowed one (1) dresser. The contestant's dresser will be allowed to enter the hosting establishment free of charge. Dresser must be 18 years of age or older.
  6. Any contestant that is not at an appointed place at an appointed time may be disqualified.
  7. Silicone and/or hormone treatments will not disqualify a contestant from participating in the Miss Charlotte Pride Pageant.
  8. Charlotte Pride prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, national or cultural origin or ancestry, marital status, parental status, sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or health status.
  9. Charlotte Pride reserves the right to request a background check and ultimately reserves the right to prohibit a contestant from participating, for any reason.
  10. Charlotte Pride reserves the right to make a decision concerning any matters not covered in these rules and regulations and/or the contestant agreement.



## **C. CONTESTANT MEDIA RELEASE**

1. Contestant authorizes Charlotte Pride to use the following personal information:
  - Their picture – including photographic, motion picture, and electronic (video) images.
  - Their voice – including sound and video recordings.
2. Contestant hereby grants to Charlotte Pride, its subsidiaries, licensees, successors and assigns, the right to use, publish, and reproduce, for all purposes, their name, pictures of them in film or electronic (video) form, sound and video recordings of their voice, and printed and electronic copy of the information described in sections (1) and (2) above in any and all media including, without limitation, cable and broadcast television and the Internet, and for exhibition, distribution, promotion, advertising, sale, press conferences, meetings, hearings, educational conferences and in brochures and other print media. This permission extends to all languages, media, formats and markets now known or hereafter devised. This permission shall continue forever unless I revoke the permission in writing.
3. Contestant further grants Charlotte Pride all rights, title, and interest that they may have in all finished pictures, negatives, reproductions, and copies of the original print, and

further grants Charlotte Pride the right to give, sell, transfer, and exhibit the print in copies or facsimiles thereof, for marketing, communications, or advertising purposes, as it deems fit.

4. Contestant hereby waives the right to receive any payment for signing this release and waives the right to receive any payment for Charlotte Pride's use of any of the material described above for any of the purposes authorized by this release. Contestant also waives any right to inspect or approve finished photographs, audio, video, multimedia, or advertising recordings and copy or printed matter or computer generated scanned image and other electronic media that may be used in conjunction therewith or to approve the eventual use that it might be applied.



## **D. TITLEHOLDER'S OBLIGATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. The winner (hereafter, "Titleholder") of the pageant will assume the title of Miss Charlotte Pride for the 2018 season. Titleholder is obligated to and agrees to the following:
  - a. Appear at up to three (3) events chosen by Charlotte Pride.
  - b. Participate in the Charlotte Pride Pageant Committee the following year.
  - c. In addition to event attendance and Pageant Committee service, volunteer ten (10) hours of community service with Charlotte Pride.
  - d. Perform on the Charlotte Pride Festival Main Stage as the reigning titleholder. Performance date and time to be determined.
  - e. Attend a Meet & Greet in the Charlotte Pride Festival VIP Lounge.
  - f. Participate as the reigning titleholder in the Charlotte Pride Parade.
2. Titleholder agrees to hold the title of Miss Charlotte Pride and the Charlotte Pride brand in highest esteem. While appearing, entertaining, or otherwise representing the title of Miss Charlotte Pride during the reigning year, the Titleholder agrees to the following:
  - a. Not to engage in the use of illegal substances or engage in any illegal activity.
  - b. Not to participate in malicious gossip or any other behavior which harms, maligns, demeans, bullies, defames or belittles any person, group of people or community organization.
  - c. Not to undermine the mission, vision or values of Charlotte Pride.
  - d. Not to engage in any of the Prohibited Behaviors as outlined in Section B-4 of this document.
3. Titleholder also understands that their title is purely honorary and carries with it no inherent rights, privileges, or responsibilities beyond the specific responsibilities outlined in Section D of this document and that Titleholder cannot independently act on behalf

- of or make official representations for Charlotte Pride.
4. Titleholder will provide a satisfactory publicity photograph with the crown/sash within ten (10) days of assuming the title, for use by Charlotte Pride. Contestant Media Release shall apply, substituting Titleholder for Contestant in all cases.
  5. Titleholder will maintain contact with Charlotte Pride during the year of reign.



## **E. CHARLOTTE PRIDE REMEDIES**

In the event Titleholder is unwilling or unable to fulfill their obligations and responsibilities outlined above, or if the Titleholder defaults on any of the provisions included in this contestant agreement, Charlotte Pride retains the right at its absolute and sole discretion to any or more of the following:

1. Revoke or rescind the title from the Titleholder.
2. Pass the title to the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up from the pageant.
3. Refuse bookings and appearances of any official nature to the Titleholder.
4. Demand the return of all prize monies and/or any other awards given during the period under reign.
5. Refuse entry into any future pageants.
6. Other remedies, not listed above.

## **F. HOLD HARMLESS**

Contestant/Titleholder agrees to indemnify Charlotte Pride, Inc., its officers, directors and employees, volunteers or other agents, and hold them harmless with respect to any defense that they shall be required to make in connection with any claim or action arising out of Contestant's/Titleholder's involvement/participation with the pageant, parade or festival, including the payment of reasonable attorney's fees.

## **APPENDIX:**

# **CHARLOTTE PRIDE MISSION, VISION & VALUES**

### **MISSION**

Charlotte Pride creates programs and activities to enrich, empower, strengthen, and make visible the unique lives and experiences of LGBTQ people in Charlotte and the Carolinas.

### **VISION**

Charlotte Pride envisions a world in which LGBTQ people are affirmed, respected, and included in the full social and civic life of their local communities, free from fear of any discrimination, rejection, and prejudice.

### **VALUES**

**Dynamic:** Charlotte Pride knows that the needs of our LGBTQ community are not stagnant; we work to ensure our programs, projects and activities reflect the ever-changing face of our community.

**Collaborative:** Charlotte Pride recognizes that change takes partnership – among and between both LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ people and organizations. The greatest progress for the entire LGBTQ community necessitates a social justice-minded focus on issues which affect the lives of those individuals who live at or beyond the margins.

**Inclusive:** Charlotte Pride values the contributions of all people and mindfully works to include a wide range of life experiences, perspectives and beliefs in all of our programs and activities.

**Intentional:** Charlotte Pride takes a deliberative and purposeful approach to our programs and activities, seeking to provide a thoughtful, open, and affirming space for community members to engage with our organization and its mission.