



Charlotte Pride 2022 Pageant Rules & Regulations

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

A. CONTESTANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA & FINALIST SELECTION RULES

Contestants must meet the following criteria in order to participate in the 2022 Charlotte Pride Pageant:

- Contestant must be at least 18 years of age.
- Contestant must reside within a 100-mile radius of the Charlotte, NC.
- Contestant must not be a current or former Charlotte Pride titleholder.

Finalist Selection Rules

Contestants will be limited to a maximum of three (3) contestants per title.

- If more than three contestants register for a single title, judges will utilize the pre-pageant interview to determine the final three contestants. To determine finalists, judges will utilize the scores for the Interview category:
 - Total Possible Score: 0-150
 - General Appearance 0-20
 - Personality: 0-30
 - Ability to Communicate: 0-50
 - Answer Content: 0-50
- If less than three contestants register for a single title, the number of contestant slots available for other titles will be increased proportionately, equitably, and according to need.
 - For example, see these hypothetical scenarios:
 - If 5 contestants register for Ms. and only 2 contestants each register for Mr. and Mx., then all 5 Ms. contestants can compete in the pageant.
 - If 5 contestants register for Ms., 5 contestants register for Mr., and 1 contestant registers for Mx., then contestant slots for both Ms. and Mr. would increase from 3 to 4.
 - If 5 contestants register for Ms., 4 contestants register for Mr., and 2 contestants register for Mx., then no increase in contestant slots will be given to either Ms. or Mr.



B. PAGEANT RULES & REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations will apply for the 2022 Charlotte Pride Pageant:

Judging

- The Charlotte Pride Pageant will have up to three winners, who will equally reign as the Charlotte Pride Court. These titleholders will hold the titles of Mr., Ms., or Mx. and will select their preferred title via their application. In the event that no contestants submit an application for a given title, that title will not be given out. Only one winner per title will be selected.
- Charlotte Pride has final approval in selecting judges.
- Winners will be selected based on a cumulative scoring system. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected by an on-stage question to be selected by the judging panel.

Categories

All contestants will be judged in the following categories:

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- Interview
 - Each contestant will have an interview with the judging panel.
 - All interviews will take place at the Charlotte Pride offices ahead of the 2022 Pageant with final dates to be confirmed in July 2022.
- Pride Parade Presentation & On-Stage Question
 - This category is intended to allow participants to showcase their creative interpretation of what a “Pride Parade” look means to them.
 - On-stage questions will function as a quasi-interview with local news reporters and hosts, who will ask questions that pageant winners will likely answer during their reign as a titleholder.
- 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 four (4) minutes.



- All music for the talent category must be submitted via email to Matt Comer at matt@charlottepride.org by Saturday, August 13.
 - All participants must also bring a hard copy of their music on a flash drive to the performance itself.
- Each contestant will be allowed up to two (2) dancers.

Additional Rules & Regulations

- The Charlotte Pride Pageant is gender inclusive and is open to anyone who wishes to compete under their definition of the art of drag.
- Each contestant will be allowed one (1) dresser.
- 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:
 - The use of any illegal substances
 - Overconsumption of alcoholic beverages
 - Underage consumption of alcoholic beverages
 - Violent or threatening language or behavior
 - Discriminatory words, statements, actions or other behavior which violate the mission, vision and values of Charlotte Pride (see appendix).
 - Theft of, or intentional damage or destruction to real and personal property
- 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. TITLEHOLDER OBLIGATIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

- The winners (hereafter, “Titleholder”) of the pageant will assume the title of Mr., Ms., or Mx. Charlotte Pride for the 2022-2023 season. Titleholder is obligated to and agrees to the following:
 - Appear at up to three (3) events chosen by Charlotte Pride.
 - Serve as a Team Coordinator for the next year’s Charlotte Pride Festival and Parade Planning Committee.
 - Perform on the Main Stage on Sunday, August 21.
 - 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.

D. 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:

- Revoke or rescind the title from the Titleholder.
- Refuse bookings and appearances of any official nature to the Titleholder.
- Refuse entry into any future pageants or Charlotte Pride events.
- Other remedies not listed above.

E. HOLD HARMLESS

Contestant/Titleholder agrees to indemnify Charlotte Pride, Inc., its officers, directors and ^[]_[SEP] 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.