

# Official Miss Atlanta Pride Pageant

## Rules & Regulations

1. The producers of the Miss Atlanta Pride Pageant are Jeremy and Celeste of Georgia USofA Pageants and Arman Reyes of Navigation ATL. The Miss Atlanta Pride Pageant is an official event of the Atlanta Pride Committee's Stonewall Commemorative Weekend.
2. All contestants must be males or pre-operative transsexuals. Contestants must be 18 years old by the date of the pageant, June 26, 2009.
3. All contestants must attend a mandatory registration meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the W Hotel, midtown Atlanta, Friday, June 26, 2009. Contestants must bring a copy of their talent music to this meeting. This meeting will take about an hour, giving contestants plenty of time to get ready and return to the venue for the pageant, which begins at 9:00 p.m.
4. Each contestant may have one dresser/backstage helper, who does not need to buy a ticket. If a contestant has dancers, their tickets are a reduced price of \$5 each.
5. The prize packages for Miss Atlanta Pride 2009 are:
  - a. Winner: \$1,000, crown, opportunity to ride in place of distinction in Annual Pride Parade, other appearance opportunities as available through the Atlanta Pride Committee.
  - b. First Runner Up: \$350
  - c. Second Runner Up: \$200
6. The entry fee for contestants who pay entry fees prior to June 24, 2009 will be \$50. Contestants who choose to pay entry fees on June 25 or 26 must pay \$75. Please call Jeremy at 404-944-5034 to arrange to pay entry fees.
7. The use or dispensing of illegal drugs or marijuana will not be tolerated while a contestant is participating in the Miss Atlanta Pride Pageant. Immediate disqualification will result for those who break this rule.
8. Any contestant that is not at the appointed place at the appointed time will lose administrative points at a rate of five (5) points off the total score per incident.
9. If any contestant, contestant's dancer(s), helper(s), etc. is caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another person's property, that contestant will be disqualified and removed from the location of the Pageant.
10. The Miss Atlanta Pride Pageant does not discriminate against entertainers with silicone and/or hormones. Any judge scoring the contestants will not consider the use of silicone and/or hormones.
11. Miss Atlanta Pride Pageant management reserves the right to make any decision concerning any matter not covered by these Rules and Regulations.
12. Contestants will be judged in the following categories: Presentation of Pride, Question and Answer, and Talent.

13. Judging will be on a total point accumulated system. Score sheets will be provided to contestants at the end of the pageant. Ties will be broken by the contestant with the higher score in the Talent category. If there is still a tie, ties will be broken by the contestant with the higher score in Presentation of Pride.
14. The Presentation of Pride Category will count 25% of the total score. Each contestant will have up to three (3) minutes for this category. The only requirements are that the contestants introduce themselves during this category and incorporate the rainbow colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet, in any order) in some way. This category is intentionally left open to the contestants' interpretation. Contestants can give a speech, perform, model a costume, etc.
15. Any type of presentation is acceptable except those that cause injury to the audience or any other person. Contestants may not use any fire, water, or loose glitter in any presentation. The use of these prohibited elements will result in a score of zero from every judge in the Presentation of Pride category.
16. In the Presentation of Pride category, contestants will be judged on creativity, appearance and presentation, use of the pride colors, and communication skills.
17. The Question and Answer category will count 25% of the total score. Each contestant will draw a question randomly from a glass bowl. The contestant will read the question silently to herself and then the emcee will read the question aloud twice. The contestant will then answer the question on the microphone for the judges and audience. The questions will pertain to LGBT issues.
18. Contestants will have an opportunity to change clothes, hair, etc. between Presentation of Pride and the Question and Answer category.
19. In the Question and Answer category, contestants will be judged on appearance, poise, confidence, communication ability, and ability to answer the question asked.
20. The Talent Category will count 50% of the total score.
21. Talent presentation will be limited to seven (7) minutes. Prop setup and teardown will be limited to five (5) minutes total. Props are optional. Talent presentations will be timed at rehearsals, and prop setup and teardown will be timed during the pageant. Presentations or prop setup and teardown that exceed the time limits will result in a deduction of administrative points at a rate of five (5) points off the total final score for each minute or part of a minute exceeding the time limit.
22. Any type of talent presentation is acceptable except those that cause injury to the audience or any other person. No fire, water, or loose glitter may be used in any talent presentation. The use of these prohibited elements will result in a score of zero from every judge in the Talent category.
23. In the Talent category, contestants will be judged on appearance, costuming, hair, make-up, entertainment value, accuracy of performance (lip synch, dance, etc).
24. In each of the categories, the contestants will be judged comparatively. This means judges will rank all of the contestants from first to last.
25. In the Presentation of Pride and Question and Answer categories, contestants will receive the following point values from each judge, depending on the rank awarded to them by each judge:
  - a. First Place: 12 Points
  - b. Second Place: 11 Points
  - c. Third Place: 10 Points
  - d. Fourth Place: 9 Points
  - e. Fifth Place: 8 Points

- f. Sixth Place: 7 Points
  - g. Seventh Place: 6 Points
  - h. Eighth Place: 5 Points
  - i. And so on.
26. In the Talent Category, contestants will receive the following point values from each judge, depending on the rank awarded to them by each judge.
- a. First Place: 24 Points
  - b. Second Place: 22 Points
  - c. Third Place: 20 Points
  - d. Fourth Place: 18 Points
  - e. Fifth Place: 16 Points
  - f. Sixth Place: 14 Points
  - g. Seventh Place: 12 Points
  - h. Eighth Place: 10 Points
  - i. And so on.
27. The points awarded from every judge will be added together for a total score for each contestant in each category. The contestant with the highest total points in each category will win that category.
28. The points awarded from every judge in every category will be added together for a total score for each contestant for the pageant. The contestant with the highest total points for the pageant will win the title of Miss Atlanta Pride.
29. If you have any questions regarding these Rules and Regulations, or the pageant generally, please contact Jeremy Burnette at 404-944-5034 or [jeremyburnette@gmail.com](mailto:jeremyburnette@gmail.com).