

Miss America

2019 MAO State & Local Candidate Contract Revision Summary

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1	Page 1 – 1.3.	<p>Added Local Organization Clause which moves existing clauses to 1.4, 1.5, & 1.6:</p> <p>1.3 State Organization, in its sole discretion, may select persons and/or entities within the State (“Local Organizations”) to conduct local competitions consistent with the rules and standards established by MAO for the State Competition (“Local Competitions”) for the selection of candidates to compete in the State Competition.</p>
2	Page 2 – 2.2.	<p>Modified and simplified Age and added clarification relating to MAOTeen:</p> <p>2.2 Age. I am currently _____ years of age. I was born on _____, _____. I understand that, in order to be eligible to compete, I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Must be at least eighteen (18) years of age as of July 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which I compete; (2) Must be at least a high school graduate or equivalent by July 31st in the calendar year of the State Competition in which I compete; and (3) Must not be older than twenty-five (25) years of age as of the last day in the calendar year of the State Competition in which I compete (December 31st) <p>I will be _____ years of age on December 31, 2019 and confirm that I will <u>not</u> be older than the twenty-five (25) year age requirement. A copy of my birth certificate and a copy of my driver’s license or a government issued identification card are included with Attachment A, the Supplemental Fact Sheet.</p> <p><i>For the avoidance of doubt, I <u>cannot</u> turn twenty-six (26) years of age at any time during the calendar year (through December 31st) in which I will compete at state or national. For the avoidance of doubt, 13 to 17 year old high-school graduates, as well as 18 year old non-graduates as of July 31st, must compete at MAOTeen level.</i></p>
3	Page 5 – 2.5.	<p>Changed date July 30th to July 31st for consistency:</p> <p>2.5 Education. In order to be eligible to compete, I must be a high school senior no later than the date of my first competition, or have successfully completed the G.E.D. testing program for high school equivalency, or have successfully completed the academic requirements for entry into an accredited college/university degree program requiring physical attendance by July 31st immediately preceding the National Finals.</p>
4	Page 5 – 2.6.6.1.	<p>Added Candidate Disparagement Clause:</p> <p>2.6.6.1. Disparagement. I understand if I have engaged or will engage in conduct, in the sole or exclusive judgment of Local, State, or National Organizations, which adversely reflects and considered harmful to Local, State, or National’s reputation, including the uttering or publishing of any disparaging comments regarding Local, State, National, affiliates, sponsors, volunteers, or participants in the <i>Miss America</i> Program; and/or fail to present communications to members of the public in a professional manner to maintain and enhance the Miss America Program’s broad public acceptance, and in order to prevent damage to its business or reputation, I may be dismissed from competing and/or from holding a title in the program.</p>
5	Page 7 – 2.7.2.	<p>Removed sentence already addressed in prior sentence:</p> <p>Prior Contractual Commitments. Within the three (3) months before my participation in the first Local or State competition in which I am competing this year, and since that participation, I have not authorized any person, firm, corporation, etc. to use my name, photograph, picture, or present or future title that I hold or may hold, in connection with an endorsement to advertise any commercial product. I have not contracted to any personal training services in preparation for the State Competition Finals. I am not...</p>

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6	Page 7 – 2.7.3.	<p>Clarified Other Competitions:</p> <p>2.7.3. Other Competitions. If I win... I also represent that I am not a candidate, participant, or titleholder in any other regional, national, or international competition or State or Local preliminary competition of a similar nature* to the National Finals.</p> <p>* Similar Nature is defined as programs with similar structure to Miss America where the candidate advances through winning local and/or state competition to advance to a national and/or international competition and through competing they are awarded a national and/or international title and/or crown. This does not include fair/festival or school titles that do not select a national winner.</p>
7	Page 8 – 2.7.9	<p>Added Expectation to continue competing:</p> <p>2.7.9. Expectation to Compete in State and National Finals. I understand that if I am selected as “Miss (Local/State),” it is expected that I will compete at the State Finals, and, if successful, at the National Finals. If I elect not to participate at the next highest level, and if given the opportunity to withdraw, I understand that I will forfeit my title(s) and all rights associated therewith.</p>
8	Page 11– 5.5.4.	<p>Added titleholder appearance statement which shifts subsequent numbers:</p> <p>5.5.4. be aware of and approve all appearances which are not sanctioned by the State or Local Organization during my Year of Service;</p>
9	Page 11 – 5.5.9.	<p>Previously 5.5.8. and clarified meaning to match 2018 State Candidate Contract:</p> <p>5.5.9. determine the best method of preparing me for the next level of Competition. I understand that The Miss America Organization does not endorse nor promote the use of individuals nor businesses who act as pageant coaches, etc. whether they are paid or offer services at no charge. However, The use of a coach may transpire as long as the Local Executive Director agrees and collaborates on such arrangement in order to prepare me for the next level of Competition. If my Local and/or State Executive Director does approve the hiring or utilization of a coach, then a signed Coaching Disclosure Form must be presented to the Local and State Organization no less than seven (7) days following the Local Competition. If a coach is replaced or added to my preparation team, then a revised Coaching Disclosure Form must be forwarded to the State Organization no less than four (4) weeks before the State Competition.</p> <p>I understand that coaching relationships that are not properly disclosed will not be tolerated in The Miss America Organization. Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA's) or any other legally binding contract designed to conceal a coaching/contestant relationship is expressly prohibited. Any and all other contracts are superseded by the MAO State Organization Agreement and Contestant Contracts.</p> <p>I understand coaches cannot be allowed to interfere with the responsibilities of being a titleholder, as well as jeopardize current agreements, sponsorships, or contracts in place with the local or state organization.</p>
10	Page 15 – 6.12.	<p>Removed arbitration clause:</p> <p>6.12. Arbitration of Disputes.</p>
11	Page 15	<p>Removed Notary Requirement on Signature Page for Candidate and Parents:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Affidavit of Candidate</p> <p>On the basis of all of these statements and agreements, I request this Application and Contract be accepted for me to participate as a Candidate in the State or Local Competition. If this Application and Contract is accepted, I agree to comply with all of the terms and conditions of this Application and Contract, together with its attachments. I understand that I have entered into a contract with both the Local program(s) named below on page 18</p>

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		<p>or subsequent page(s), and if named the Local program's titleholder, the Miss _____ Organization, whose legal entity name is: _____.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(State)</p>
12	Page 17 & 18	<p><i>Local and State Organizations Application and Contract Approval:</i></p> <p>Since this new combined State and Local Candidate Contract is the only Candidate Contract required to complete and submit prior to competing in the State and/or Local Competitions, it is important for each Local Competition, if competing in more than one, as well as the state after a local title is won, to verify all aspects, especially candidate's eligibility.</p> <p>Approval by one or more local organizations does not automatically verify or confirm a candidate's eligibility to compete in subsequent local competitions, or even the state competition.</p>
13	FORM - Pageant Coach.Disclosure	<i>Mirrors changes in Section 5.5.9. above</i>
14	FORM - Other Competitions	<i>Removed Form since it is addressed in Section 2.7.3.</i>
15	Attachment B	<i>Changed Header from Medical to "Emergency" Information Form</i>

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16	Attachment E Social Media Policy	<p>Added to mirror 2018 State Candidate Contract:</p> <p>Please refer to the following clauses in the Application and Contract regarding the expectations of Candidates, especially with regards to the use of social media:</p> <p>1.1. (2) recognizing and honoring the traits of honesty, good character, talent, poise, intellect, leadership and good judgment in the young women of America who enter the competition (the “Candidates”); and (3) enabling the Candidates to serve as role models for other young women with similar goals and personal characteristics.</p> <p>2.6. Personal Characteristics. I understand that in order to be eligible to compete in the National Finals, I hereby certify to the Personal Characteristics set forth in this section:</p> <p>2.6.4. Good Character. I am of good moral character and I have not been involved at any time in any act of moral turpitude.</p> <p>2.6.6. Prior Conduct. I have never performed any act or engaged in any activity or employment that is or could reasonably be characterized as dishonest, immoral, or indecent.</p> <p>2.6.6.1. Disparagement. I understand if I have engaged or will engage in conduct, in the sole or exclusive judgment of Local, State, or National, which adversely reflects and considered harmful to Local, State, or National’s reputation, including the uttering or publishing of any disparaging comments regarding Local, State, National, affiliates, sponsors, volunteers, or participants in the <i>Miss America</i> Program; and/or fail to present communications to members of the public in a professional manner to maintain and enhance the Miss America Program’s broad public acceptance, and in order to prevent damage to its business or reputation, I may be dismissed from competing and/or from holding a title in the program.</p> <p>6.7. Termination of Eligibility. I understand and agree that if:</p> <p>6.7.3. I fail to conduct myself in a manner, which, in the sole and exclusive judgment of State or Local Organization, is consistent with the standards and dignity of the Program. (I will be disqualified.)</p> <p>I understand that inappropriate social media behavior will not be tolerated. I am attesting, by my signature and that of my parent/legal guardian if applicable, on this form, that, to the best of my knowledge, I have not posted, nor will post on any type of social media either photos, videos, inappropriate language, or any other actions that would be considered inappropriate behavior in polite society. I understand that if any such materials are brought to the attention of the Local/State Organization, and/or MAO, I am in danger of losing my title, immediately. I agree that it is at the sole discretion of the State or Local or National Organizations to determine the consequences of any such actions.</p>
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