



## Contestant Code of Conduct

### Miss JuneteenthKC Code of Conduct

Contestants are required to sign a Code of Conduct, which states the following:

#### Participant Affirms That She:

1. Is and will continue to be a person of good moral character.
2. Has not committed or been convicted of any crime and will not commit any act inconsistent with the highest standards of public morals and conventions or that will reflect unfavorably on the pageant, its representatives, sponsors, and/or the JuneteenthKC Heritage Festival Celebration.
3. Will conduct herself in a courteous, professional manner at all times during the Miss JuneteenthKC pageant and while representing the Miss JuneteenthKC organization.
4. Will not slander or libel other contestants, judges, JuneteenthKC volunteer staff, or anyone else involved with or connected to the pageant. Defamatory verbal and/or written remarks against the JuneteenthKC pageant will result in:
  - Immediate disqualification.
  - Forfeiture of all prizes and awards won.
  - Potential legal charges.

#### Behavioral Expectations

Participants are expected to:

1. Treat all contestants, staff, judges, and coordinators with respect and courtesy.
2. Avoid any disruptive behavior during workshops, rehearsals, or events.
3. Comply with all directives and instructions provided by pageant staff and instructors.
4. Foster a supportive and inclusive environment, respecting the diversity and perspectives of all participants.

Failure to adhere to these expectations may result in warnings, probation, or immediate removal from the program, depending on the severity of the infraction.

#### Social Media Policy

1. Participants must represent the pageant positively on all social media platforms.
2. Posting derogatory, defamatory, or inappropriate content about the pageant, its participants, or staff is strictly prohibited.
3. Misuse of social media will result in disciplinary actions, including warnings, probation, or removal from the program.

## **Dispute Resolution**

- If a conflict arises, participants are encouraged to bring their concerns to the JuneteenthKC Planning Committee.
- The committee will conduct a formal review process to address the issue.
- Decisions made by the Planning Committee following a review are final.

## **Disqualification / Title Relinquishment**

- If the winner is disqualified or relinquishes any title awarded to her, all prizes must be returned in full and in the condition received.
- If, for any reason, a winner resigns or is disqualified, the 1st runner-up in the appropriate pageant will assume the title and all associated prizes.

## **Limitation of Liability / Responsibility**

1. JuneteenthKC, its officers, employees, and pageant personnel are not responsible for accidents, injury, or theft incurred during the Miss JuneteenthKC pageant or travel to and from the event.
2. JuneteenthKC is not responsible for negligence or fraud on the part of contestant sponsors, judges, or contract vendors who may be providing products or services to the Miss JuneteenthKC pageant.
3. JuneteenthKC is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage caused to any prizes, gifts, and awards bestowed upon entrants after these items become the property of the entrant. Entrants agree to incur replacement and/or repair costs for lost, stolen, or damaged items, including but not limited to crowns/tiaras, sashes, plaques, and trophies.

## **Agreement**

By submitting the entry form and fee, the delegate agrees to abide by all policies, rules, and regulations set forth by JuneteenthKC. Participation in the pageant also indicates acceptance and agreement to abide by all policies, rules, and regulations set forth by JuneteenthKC.

Entrant attests that all information submitted to JuneteenthKC is true and accurate. Falsification of information and failure to comply with JuneteenthKC policies may result in immediate disqualification and/or forfeiture of prizes won without benefit of refund in full or in part at the discretion of JuneteenthKC.

I have read and understand the rules and regulations of the Miss JuneteenthKC pageant competition.

I do hold harmless JuneteenthKC, its members, and committees for loss of property or person and from all accidents that may result from my participation in the Miss JuneteenthKC pageant or said activities surrounding the pageant. I further agree that by signing this agreement, I hereby grant JuneteenthKC and its legal representatives editorial, trade, and advertising rights to use and publish photographs in which I may be included, for editorial, trade, advertising, and any other purpose and in any manner or media.

I hereby release JuneteenthKC and its representatives and assignees from all claims and liability relating to said photography.

## Acknowledgment

**Participant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_