



## Miss/Mister ICONIC Martha's Vineyard

Pageant Rules and Regulations

- Contestants must be at least the age of 18 prior to the date of the pageant entered.
   A state issued (with photograph) identification must be provided at the time of official registration. If for any reason Martha's Vineyard finds any cause to investigate the age of the contestant, reasonable measures will be taken for that investigation and the contestant will be informed if just validation is found disqualifying them under this rule. All contestants must be a citizen of the United States.
- 2. The contestant is not required to reside within Springfield, MO or within the state of Missouri while competing or during their reign as long as they are able to fulfill the requirements of the reigning titleholder.
- 3. Judging will be decided by a points-accumulated system from each category and each judge. There will be no weighting after the point accumulation and all master score sheets will be released to the public following the pageant completion. The point breakdown is as follows:

Evening Wear: 150 Points
Talent: 250 Points
Onstage Question: 50 Points
Presentation: 50 Points

- 4. Martha's Vineyard is not responsible for downloading, acquiring, or purchasing music or any type of material necessary for a contestant to compete. It is expected that contestants will supply all materials and required media to be judged accordingly.
- 5. The use or dispensing of any illegal drug will not be tolerated while a contestant (or entertainer) is participating in the Official Pageant, or preliminary thereof. Immediate disqualification will result for those who break this rule. Contestants (as well as their helpers and dancers) may be disqualified if usage of drugs is detected in the contestant's room, luggage, or on their person etc. or if actions of the contestant, or those affiliated with the contestant, are thought to not be in the best interest of Martha's Vineyard. Contestants are responsible for their assistants and dancers and will be penalized if anyone affiliated with their presentation is found to be in violation of this regulation.
- 6. Harassment (sexual or otherwise) of another performer, staff member, audience member, or any other individual will not be tolerated. Any violation of this standard,





whether during the pageant or during the reign of the winner, will result in a ban from Martha's Vineyard lasting 6 months along with the revocation of the title and any prize package items won by the contestant.

- 7. Any talent presentation is acceptable, except those presentations that might cause injury to the audience or to other contestants. Pyrotechnics are not allowed. NO FIRE (including but not limited to a lit cigarette) OR LIQUIDS, including but not limited to water, WHATSOEVER. Any violators will receive a zero (0) in the category for which this regulation violation occurred.
- 8. Any contestant caught in the act of stealing will immediately be disqualified and removed from the location of the pageant. Additionally, non-compliance with this regulation will result in the permanent ban of an individual from Martha's Vineyard moving forward.
- 9. Any contestant whose actions are interpreted as demeaning or disrespectful to the title of Miss/Mister ICONIC Martha's Vineyard may be disqualified. Martha's Vineyard reserves the right of final determination of what is considered to be demeaning behavior.
- 10. Revocation or resignation of a contestants title or pageant placement will result in the requirement of the contestant, to repay any cash or prizes previous distributed.
- 11. All contestants must agree to follow the Standards of Conduct of Contestants and Titleholders. All titleholders and contestants of any Miss Gay America System Preliminary must adhere to these minimum guidelines:
  - a. Present themselves professionally, as defined by Martha's Vineyard while representing their respective titles at all times.
  - b. Never demean the pageant, Martha's Vineyard, or title they represent while appearing under their respective title.
  - c. Never cause substantial problems for oustide venues or for those for whom they perform for (audience or venue staff).
  - d. Never become intoxicated to the point where they are unable to complete their duties while representing their respective title.





- e. Never participate in any type of argument or altercation, except as a mediator, while representing their title.
- f. Attempt to solve any problems with outisde venues and co-performers in a peaceful manner and in good faith. Problems may be mediated through the management of Martha's Vineyard; however, the Talent and Event Manager of Martha's Vineyard must be informed of all issues.
- g. Never lecture the audience; provide quality entertainment while adhering to the values and ethics of Martha's Vineyard and the standard in which they hold their performers. Allow management and staff to handle audience issues unless directly involved with the issue at hand.
- 12. Violating this Code of Ethics for Titleholders may result in the disqualification/revocation of the title and/or jeopardize the winner's/first alternate's standing with Martha's Vineyard. Martha's Vineyard shall make the final decision for revocation of any titleholder or qualification position.
- 13. Administrative point (AP) deductions will be issued by Martha's Vineyard Management, the reigning Miss Martha's Vineyard/Miss Martha's Vineyard Pride, or other assignees as approved by Martha's Vineyard. Administrative Point deductions will be applied to the total accumulative score of the contestants and will usually be in increments of twenty-five (25) points per infraction except where otherwise noted.
- 14. Regulation infractions that will justify administrative point deductions includes but not limited to:
  - a. Exceeding allotted time for talent set-up and take-down
  - b. Music submitted that is not appropriately labeled
  - c. Application submitted that is not properly completed
  - d. Application submitted after the June 18th deadline
  - e. Tardiness for scheduled events of the pageant
  - f. Non-compliance with Dressing Room Policies
- 15. Administrative Point deductions will not be issued by the judges but rather from Martha's Vineyard and/or its assignees including, the reigning Miss Martha's Vineyard or Miss Martha's Vineyard Pride.