



Norman Pride Royalty Drag Pageant Categories

Date: Jan. 27th 6-9pm

Location: Up Together Venue 426 E. Main Street Norman, OK

Contestants must arrive no later than 4:30pm in a walk around outfit for the pageant. Points will be deducted at a rate of 5 points for every five minutes late, rounding up (8 minutes = 10 points off). Arrivals after 5:30pm will be automatically disqualified with no refunds. Contestants must sign in with a member of the Pageant Committee or a representative to be considered present.

Contestants will be allowed one dresser to assist with costume changing. Because of limited space, dressers should be mindful of other contestants and performers who are also preparing. Any poor sportsmanship in the dressing area by the contestant or their dresser will result in disqualification of the contestant from the pageant. **Absolutely no friends other than the dresser of the contestant will be allowed in the dressing area.**

Creative Pride Costume - 40 Points Possible per Judge

- Suitability of Costume 0-10 Points
- Hairstyle 0-10 Points
- Presentation (Modeling Techniques, Poise, Smile, etc.) 0 -10 Points
- General Appearance (Make-Up, Shoes, Costume Condition, Accessories) 0-10 Points

Creative Pride Costume will be the most creative apparel of the pageant. It will be a statement of the contestant's style and creativity. The attire and accessories should be in presentable condition. It is the contestant's responsibility to take care of the costume and keep it in presentable condition for the pageant. The judges should not be able to see through any part of the costume unless that is the style. Costumes should be in good taste and appropriate for a family-oriented public event. No nudity or partial nudity is allowed. Jewelry should accessorize and not be overpowering. Shoes should complement the costume and must be worn. Modeling should be a slow easy pace, touching the three points that form a triangle at least once. At each point the contestant will make a slow turn, facing the back of the stage, pause, and turn to the front of the stage so that the judges may see your entire costume. Modeling can be "freestyle" (no boundaries i.e., no hand gesture limitations in your modeling presentation). You should also keep in mind that an "overstated presentation" of costume may not appeal to every judge.

Practice turning and walking in the shoes you will be wearing during this presentation. Each contestant will model their costume for a minimum of one minute. If a judge wants a closer look, they can motion the contestant to the judge's table. Hair should be appropriate for the costume and compliment both the contestant and the style of the costume.

Talent – 40 Points Possible Per Judge

- Showmanship and Props 0 - 10 points
- Choreography (Physical Coordination and Stage Presence) 0 - 10 points
- Quality (Lip-Sync, Live Vocal, and/or Other Entertainment) 0 - 10 points
- Value (Presentation as Entertainment) 0 - 10 points

Contestants will be judged on their quality of lip-sync, live vocal, or other entertainment. Judges will be looking to see if the contestant knows the words to their song and finishes each word. The contestant should also look like they are singing the song. Is it believable? If it is a live performance, is the talent of good quality? If there is choreography, the steps should flow. Do not attempt to do something that is beyond your talent. Only props that can be carried on stage by the contestant and up to two assistants will be allowed. Construction will be judged. Do not bring something on the stage you are not going to use or that does not have relation to your talent. Contestants are responsible for their props. Props may not be bulky in size and should fit on the venue's stage or the immediate floor area in front of the stage without blocking the flow of attendee traffic. Props that are an obstruction to other contestants or performers must be kept within the vehicle and brought inside just prior to the contestants turn at the talent competition. Props should be removed immediately following the contestant's talent and may not be stored in the building. If a prop falls apart or collapses on stage, points will be deducted from your score. Costuming should reflect the mood you are trying to establish. Always examine your presentation for entertainment value. Does it please, cause laughter, sadness or stir some other emotion? Talent presentations will be limited to seven (7) minutes. No score will be given in the talent category for any presentation over seven (7) minutes in length. All talent presentations must be submitted no later than a week before the pageant. The file should be labeled "Name of Contestant - Name of Talent". It is your responsibility to make sure your jump drive is in proper working order. Pyrotechnics are not allowed. NO FIRE (including but not limited to a lit cigarette), LOOSE GLITTER, CONFETTI, FOOD or LIQUIDS (including but not limited to water) or LIVE ANIMALS whatsoever (contestants will receive a zero (0) for violation of this regulation).

On Stage Question – 30 Points Possible Per Judge

- Stage Presence (Personality, Poise, Mic. Handling) 0 - 10 Points
- Ability to communicate 0 - 10 Points
- Answer content 0 - 10 Points
- Contestants will be given a question in a sealed envelope. The contestant will read the question to themselves, then provide the question to the emcee who will read it aloud twice. Scoring will be based on personality and poise, the ability to communicate on a microphone in front of an audience, and the context of the answer in relation to the topic given. Contestants should take a brief pause before answering the question. However, an extended delay will result in the deduction of points.

All materials listed below must be submitted to entertainment@normanokpride.org by Jan. 20th. Subject line should be "Contestant Name – Royalty Pageant Materials"

- A Minimum of two promotional pictures
- Short bio for digital program
- Music for talent portion
 - Music must be sent in a .mp3 or be available on Spotify or Apple Music

Official Rules and Regulations

1. Contestants must be at least the age of 21 prior to the date of the pageant. There are no gender stipulations applied to the Norman Pride Royalty Pageant. A state issued (with photo) identification must be provided at the time of the pageant. Contestants must be a resident of Norman or surrounding areas as determined by pageant officials. If for any reason the pageant officials find any cause to investigate the age or residency status 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. Any potential contestant who is currently in open criminal proceedings for a felony, currently on felony probation or is in current retribution for a crime, will be denied entry as a contestant. A contestant who has successfully completed felony probation, or whose criminal case is dismissed, will be eligible to enter. Verification of criminal status may be checked. More than one misdemeanor will not be tolerated and could likewise result in entry denial. Any contestant found to be untruthful about their criminal status will be permanently removed from eligibility within the system.
3. Judging will be based on a total points accumulated system. Score sheets will be furnished by Norman Pride Officials. Ties will be broken by the answering of an additional question by the persons involved in the "tied" score. If such "tie-breaking" action is required, the "tie- break" question will be scored according to the On-Stage Question category matrix. The Pageant scoring will be done on a cumulative basis. The reigning representatives may question a judge's score and may eliminate the judge's score sheet altogether, if the scores are deemed to be biased; however, the practice of automatically dropping scores is not permitted by anyone.
4. Contestants will be judged in the following categories: Talent, Creative Pride Costume and Onstage Question.
5. Competition music must be submitted in quality condition (i.e. properly labeled files and with no damage that affects "play"). Any substandard music submitted will receive administrative point deductions. Talent music will be imported by the pageant coordinator and placed on a jump drive maintained by Norman Pride Officials. The pageant coordinator will also create a backup jump drive.
6. Any solo 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), LOOSE GLITTER, CONFETTI, FOOD 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. For more information on category description, please refer to the Category Description section attached to this document.
7. 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 disqualification from entry into the Norman Pride pageant, or any preliminary thereof.

8. Any contestant whose actions are interpreted as demeaning or disrespectful to the title of Norman Pride Royalty will be disqualified. Norman Pride reserves the right of final determination of what is considered to be demeaning behavior.
9. The winners will receive a crown, sash, a cash prize of \$100, any future Norman Pride drag opportunities will be offered to winners, a photoshoot, and a landing page on Norman Prides official website.
10. Any contestant chosen as a winner must reside within the state during their reign. Failure to reside in the state, during the reign, will result in the revocation of the title as well as any appearance stream.
11. Any contestant who is chosen as winner must attend Norman Pridefest of the same year of their reign, at least 50% of all Pridefest fundraising/community events during the year, and the next year's pageant, signifying the end of their reign upon crowning of a successor. Failure to attend, during the reign, will result in the revocation of the title as well as any appearance stream.
12. Any contestant who is chosen as a winner must post 2 social media posts promoting Norman Pride on social media each month during their reign. Posts may not exceed 1 per week. Winners should maintain the friendship of the Chair of the Entertainment Committee for Norman Pride Board. Should the winner post anything determined to not uphold the standards of Norman Pride, they must remove the referenced post within 24 hours of notification.
13. All titleholders and contestants of any Norman Pride System must adhere to these minimum guidelines of conduct:
 - a. Present themselves professionally, as defined by Norman Pride while representing their respective titles at all times
 - b. Never demean the pageant or title they represent
 - c. Never cause substantial problems for their promoters or for those for whom they perform
 - d. Never become intoxicated while representing their respective title
 - e. Never participate in any type of argument, except as a mediator, while representing their title
 - f. Attempt to solve any problems with Promoters and/or co-performers in a peaceful manner and in good faith. Problems may be mediated through the Norman Pride officials.
 - g. Never lecture the audience, only provide quality entertainment
14. Violating the minimum guidelines of conduct may result in the disqualification/revocation of the title and/or jeopardize the winner's standing with Norman Pride. Norman Pride shall make final decision for revocation of any titleholder or qualification position.
15. Any winner of the Norman Pride Royalty Pageant may not be a judge (during the year in which they reign) of any other Norman Pride Pageant.