

Rules and Expectations

5th Annual Title Competition

Title Competition: Friday, September 17th 2021 at 10:00p

This will be in person at the location Partners Cafe in New Haven. It will also be streamed Live.

Code of Conduct Standards for Titleholders and First Alternate positions:

By entering the Mx. PRIDE New Haven Pageant, all involved (e.g. contestants, titleholders, judges, etc.) must agree to follow the Standards of Conduct within this handbook. The Pageant Producer has the right to discipline or revoke the title of a Titleholder if the conduct does not meet the standard of the Pageant Producer.

Conduct Standards:

1. Present themselves professionally both on-stage and off-stage.
2. Never demean the Mx. PRIDE New Haven pageant, Pageant Producer, or fellow contestants.
3. Never demean or disrespect another pageant system or its contestants.
4. Never become intoxicated while representing their respective title.
5. Do not participate in any type of argument or altercation, except as a mediator, while representing your title.
6. Never lecture the audience.
7. Provide quality entertainment that epitomizes the standards of the Mx. PRIDE New Haven Pageant.

Competition Music:

1. Competition music should be submitted one week in advance via email to the New Haven Pride Center / PRIDE New Haven at pride@newhavenpridecenter.org.
 - a. Labeled with name, category, and track name
 - b. Contestants should have a backup copy of their music on Flash Drive available if needed.
 - c. Music should not exceed 5 minutes

Disqualification of Contestants:

1. Violation(s) of any rules and regulations may disqualify the contestant from participation in both this year and future years' Mx. PRIDE New Haven Pageant.

2. The Pageant Producer reserves the right to disqualify contestants if their actions, or actions of their affiliates are deemed not in the best interest of the Mx. PRIDE New Haven Pageant.
3. Actions deemed disrespectful or demeaning to the Mx. PRIDE New Haven Pageant may be grounds to be disqualified.

Social Media Policy:

1. We expect all involved in the Mx. PRIDE New Haven Pageant to be respectful of the pageant system including the Pageant Producer.
2. You are competing to represent a symbol of excellence. You should portray that by being respectful to everyone:
 - a. Avoid public rants
 - b. Avoid online bullying
 - c. Do not purposefully cause unnecessary drama
3. We do not police social media, but we expect you to be a professional. Be mindful of your posts or pictures you are posted in (mostly when in your crown and representing the title)

Eligibility (Contestants) Requirements:

1. Photo ID should be verified at all pageant levels.
 - a. Contestants must be 21 years of age to compete at any pageant level.
 - b. Contestant must reside in Connecticut
2. Contestants must fill out the information form prior to competing.
3. Contestants must pay the registration fee of \$20 prior to competing.

First Alternate Position:

1. The contestant chosen as first alternate must be prepared to fulfill the duties of the titleholder, if for any reason the titleholder is unable to fulfill their duty.
2. The rules and regulations as detailed in this handbook apply uniformly to their alternates and contestants in general, as applicable.

Title Competition

1. The total number of contestants will not exceed 10.
2. All Contestants will be expected to:
 - a. Present their “Best Looks”
 - b. Showcase their talent in a performance (lip sync or live performance) - not to exceed 5 minutes
 - c. Wear a “formal wear” presentation for the Q&A.
 - i. Formal wear can include a variety of interpretations of formal attire including evening wear, leather formal, heritage / ethnic formal, and/or military formal.
3. Judges, with audience support, will select the final winner.
4. Crowning will take place immediately following decisions.

Expectations of the Title Holder

1. The title holder will be expected to attend the following events (in crown and sash)
 - a. PRIDE New Haven 2021 PRIDEfest (Saturday, September 18th, 2021)
 - b. The 2022 Dorothy Awards (Date to be announced)
 - c. Mx. PRIDE New Haven Pageant 2022 (Date to be announced)
2. The Title Holder is encouraged to attend other Pride Celebrations and LGBTQ+ events in their crown and sash when appropriate throughout their reign.
3. The title holder will be given an opportunity to perform during PRIDE New Haven 2022

Prize Package

- \$250 Cash Prize
- Mx. PRIDE New Haven Crown
- Mx. PRIDE New Haven Sash
- A “Stonewall at 50” Limited Edition of Stoli Vodka
- Paid bookings at the New Haven Pride Center
- Paid performance booking at PRIDE New Haven
- Professional photoshoot
- Two complimentary ticket to attend The Dorothy Awards

Additional prize package items may be added at the discretion of the Pageant Producer and the New Haven Pride Center.