

EXHIBIT "B"

Section One

JUDGES ELIGIBILITY RULES

1. The judge's panel should consist between five (5) and seven (7) individuals. At least one of these individuals is required to be a "novice" judge. Novice is defined as anyone who has never judged a local, state, or national competition within the Miss America system.
2. Judges may judge up to two (2) state competitions and four (4) local competitions in any given competition year - defined as the number of candidates sent to a state competition. This is not a "Calendar year." Locals are defined by the number of local candidates sent to any state competition. Therefore, if a person judges a dual or double competition in one state which crowns two (2) winners and a dual or double competition in another state which crowns two (2) winners, that judge has judged the maximum number of four (4) local competitions.
3. Individuals, their company/business, spouse, immediate family, domestic partner or significant other, who in any way benefit, financially or otherwise, from working with candidates or the organization are barred from judging. This means that a competition/pageant coach, competition vocal coach, hairdresser, retailer, make-up artist, fitness trainer, wardrobe specialist, interview coach, choreographer, or any other profession which works directly with candidates, may not judge. This also means that a person, including their relationships stated above, who works with any candidate may not judge any other candidate, not just the ones with whom they work.

Immediate family is defined as a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, aunt, great aunt, uncle, great uncle, niece, and nephew, whether by whole or half blood, or by marriage, including stepchildren, adoption, or natural relation.

4. Individuals who are related to candidates through blood relation, by marriage, through business contacts (including with candidates' families), or social contacts (including with candidates' families) may not judge those candidates.
5. State Board Members may not judge locals within the state they serve. It is recognized that some states have rules in place that require the state organization to place judges on first year local competitions. In those cases, the judges placed on those local judge's panels may not have direct contact with their state candidates or their state judges during the state competition.
6. Relatives of state/local board members may not judge the in the state or the state's local competitions for which the relative serves as a board member. Using any person which could compromise, or appear to compromise, the integrity of the judging process is prohibited. This includes such relations as business associates, social relationships, etc.
7. Parents and other relatives of a candidate may not judge any state or local competitions.
8. Former candidates and their family members, whether from a local, state, or national Miss America Competition or a competition similar in nature to the Miss America Competition, and regardless if they won one of said competitions, cannot judge until a minimum of one (1) year after they have stopped competing beginning with the conclusion of her "year of service" and may never judge any candidate with whom they, or their immediate family, have competed, are friends, have a relationship, etc. "Stopped Competing" is defined as either "ages out", gets married, won a state title, or otherwise can no longer compete in the Miss America Program. Additionally, using a woman of competition age, even though she may have never competed in the Miss America system, may prove to be a problem if she elects to compete in the program once she has judged. Persons who may be potential candidates, including MAOTeen titleholders, MAOTeen candidates and their family members, are not allowed to judge in any level of the Miss America program until the criteria set forth above is met.

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9. A judge may not judge any candidate at the State Competition, whom they judged in any other competition, including but not limited to the MAOTeen Program for a period of four (4) years. Only at the Local Competition Level may a judge be allowed to judge a candidate, whom they previously judged, however, they must do so with absolute objectivity and without bias. It is important that the Local Organization's leadership, to the best of their ability, limit the number of judges who have previously judged the candidates competing in their local competitions.
10. Judges who are related by blood or marriage, romantically involved, business associates, or roommates may not serve on the same judging panel. The impression that two judges may collude on the panel because of their close relationship must be avoided.
11. While it is not a violation of the rules to use a person from another competition system, except in the event the person serves, has served, or plans to serve as an official, key position, partner, sponsor, employee, spokesperson or titleholder, discretion is required and the MAO judging process is not used in any way, to promote another competition system, especially in the judges bio.
12. Judges may not judge the same competition two consecutive years. This applies to both local and state competitions.
13. State organizations may not use two individuals from the same state organization in the same year. In addition, state organizations may not use individuals from the same state organization within two consecutive years, which includes the state's local volunteers. At the local level, two individuals from the same local competition may judge another local in the same year, but no members of a local board may judge the same local two consecutive years.
14. The state competition's judge's panel can only include a maximum up to three (3) active MAO state volunteers, including, without limitation, the Executive Director, members of the State Board of Directors (BOD) or Committee, and/or any affiliate BOD, such as a state's 501c3 Scholarship Foundation. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the three (3) active MAO state volunteers selected to judge a state competition must not have judged together on another State Judges Panel within a three (3) year period.
15. Sponsors, partners, and contributors (financial or in-kind), as well as their employees and family members are barred from judging. Donors to the general scholarship fund are allowed to judge.
16. Anyone who engages or has engaged in conduct, in the sole or exclusive judgment of MAO, which adversely reflects and considered harmful to MAO's reputation, including the uttering or publishing of any disparaging comments, harassment, or bullying, regarding MAO, affiliates, or participants in the *Miss America* Program; including, but not limited to, staff, volunteers, candidates, titleholders, past, present, or potential sponsors or partners; and/or fails 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 MAO's business or reputation are barred from judging.
17. State organizations may have rules regarding local judging which are more restrictive, but not contradictory than the rules mentioned above. In addition to the MAO Judges Eligibility Rules, please be aware that the state organization makes final determination on additional rules regarding judging for its locals. If you have a question regarding the interpretation of these rules as they apply to a local competition, please contact your state competition office for clarification.