



## **CONTESTANT RULES & REGULATIONS AND QUEENS AGREEMENT**

**AS A CONTESTANT IN THE “PLAQUEMINES PARISH SEAFOOD FESTIVAL PAGEANT”, I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING IF I CHOOSE TO COMPETE FOR OR WERE TO BE CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THE TITLE:**

**CONTESTANTS MUST BE A RESIDENT OF PLAQUEMINES PARISH.**

- 1.) I WILL NOT AT ANY TIME SMOKE OR DRINK ALCOHOL IN PUBLIC WHILE WEARING THE CROWN AND BANNER.**
- 2.) I HAVE NEVER BEEN MARRIED, NOR DO I HAVE OR HAVE EVER HAD ANY CHILDREN.**
- 3.) I WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY OTHER PAGEANTS DURING MY YEAR OF REPRESENTATION. THIS APPLIES TO ALL PAGEANTS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LAFF QUEEN PAGEANT.**
- 4.) MALE COMPANY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED WHEN EVENTS REQUIRE AN OVERNIGHT STAY.**
- 5.) ALL AWARDS ARE MINE TO KEEP UPON COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CROWN, SCEPTER, TRANE & COLLAR.**
- 6.) I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDITION OF THE CROWN, SCEPTER, TRANE AND COLLAR. IT MUST BE RETURNED IN PERFECT CONDITION TO THE FESTIVAL AT THE END OF MY REIGN. THESE ITEMS SHOULD NOT BE STORED IN A CAR. WHEN NOT ATTENDING AN EVENT, ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE KEPT IN A**

**CLIMATE CONTROLLED AREA AND THE TRANE SHOULD BE HANGING. ANY DAMAGE TO EITHER OF THE FOUR WILL BE REPAIRED AT MY EXPENSE. IF THE CROWN WERE TO BE LOST OR STOLEN, I WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPLACEMENT COST OF \$1,500.00 FOR THE CROWN AND \$1,500.00 FOR THE LOSS OF THE TRANE & COLLAR, AND \$500.00 FOR THE LOSS OF THE SCEPTER.**

- 7.) I WILL BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF 20 EVENTS THROUGHOUT MY REIGN. THESE WILL CONSIST OF LOCAL APPEARANCES, FESTIVALS, PAGEANTS AND BEING PRESENT WHEN THE FESTIVAL PRESENTS THE DONATIONS TO THE VARIOUS CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. AFTER MY OBLIGATIONS FOR THE YEAR ARE FULFILLED, I WILL RECEIVE A \$1,000.00 CASH SCHOLARSHIP.**
- 8.) I WILL BE EXPECTED TO MAKE AS MANY LOCAL APPEARANCES AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITHIN REASON. ORANGE FESTIVAL EVENTS ARE MANDATORY EVENTS WITHIN THE PARISH. I WILL BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS & FESTIVALS QUEEN'S PAGEANT TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 6-9, 2025 IN BATON ROUGE. PLAQUEMINES DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE IN BATON ROUGE IS ALSO ANOTHER MANDATORY EVENT USUALLY HELD IN MAY. SEAFOOD FESTIVAL 2025 WILL BE MANDATORY.**
- 9.) I UNDERSTAND THAT UNLADYLIKE BEHAVIOR AND LANGUAGE WILL NEVER BE TOLERATED.**
- 10.) I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST REPORT TO THE PAGEANT QUEEN'S COMMITTEE ON A MONTHLY BASIS ALL ACTIVITIES THAT I AM INVOLVED IN BOTH FESTIVAL AND PAGEANT RELATED.**
- 11.) I UNDERSTAND THAT ILLEGAL DRUG USE OF ANY KIND WILL NEVER BE TOLERATED.**
- 12.) CONTESTANTS MUST BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17 -23.**
- 13.) A CONTESTANT MAY NOT HOLD ANY ANOTHER FESTIVAL TITLE AT THE TIME OF COMPETITION UNLESS PERMISSION IS GRANTED BY THE PAGEANT DIRECTOR. PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED IN VERY RARE CIRCUMSTANCES.**

- 14.) **SCORE SHEETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO THE CONTESTANTS, HOWEVER, COMMENTS CAN BE REQUESTED. THE JUDGES DECISION IS FINAL. POOR SPORTSMANSHIP IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.**
- 15.) **I UNDERSTAND THAT VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE IS GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF MY TITLE TO THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH SEAFOOD FESTIVAL PAGEANT DIRECTOR.**
- 16.) **I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE EXPENSES INCURRED WHILE TRAVELING.**
- 17.) **TARDINESS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT ANY TIME. IF YOU ARE EXPECTED SOMEWHERE AT A CERTAIN TIME BE THERE. YOUR TARDINESS COULD THROW OFF AND ENTIRE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS. ONCE AT AN EVENT, YOU ARE REQUIED TO STAY TILL THE EVENT IS OVER UNLESS YOU HAVE PERMISSION FROM YOUR DIRECTOR OR THE VISITING EVENT COORDINATOR TO LEAVE EARLY. FOR THE PAGEANT, IF YOU ARE LATE, YOU WILL LOSE A POINT FOR EACH MINUTE UP TO 5. AFTER 5 MINUTES, YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
- 18.) **SOCIAL MEDIA-----KEEP IT CLEAN AND RESPECTFUL TO ALL. I UNDERSTAND IT'S PERSONAL, BUT ONCE YOU ACCEPT THIS CROWN, YOU BECOME AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL AND YOU REPRESENT US EVEN WHEN NOT WEARING THE CROWN AND BANNER.**

**\*\*I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES SET FORTH IN THIS APPLICATION PACKET. I WILL NOT HOLD THE PLAQUEMINES PARISH SEAFOOD FESTIVAL, SPONSORS, PLAQUEMINES PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PLAQUEMINES PARISH GOVERNMENT, FESTIVAL DIRECTORS, EVENT COORDINATORS, VOLUNTEERS OR ANY OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EVENT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY OR ANY PERSONAL INJURIES, NOR WILL I BE PARTY TO ANY LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE SAME\*\***

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Contestant's Signature	Date
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Parent Signature	Date
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Pageant Directors Signature	Date