**Rules and Regulations & Loss of Title and Benefits**

**Age Divisions RULES**:

**Teen – ages 14-17 (girls who are students in either public, private or home schooled)**

**Miss – ages 18-24 (never married & no children)**

**Ms – ages 18-49 (divorced, single, widowed, legally separated & can have children)**

**Mrs - ages 18-49 currently married & not separated**

**Ms Lady – ages 50-60 (married, divorced, single or widowed)**

All contestants must be of natural born female. Age at competition will determine your division.

 Any title holder with the United Southern States America Pageant who does not comply with official pageant rules, behavior and proper moral conduct will be dismissed of their title and benefits. Each title holder and their family members must NOT defame the Pageant system, the Pageant

Directors and/or Committee, and/or ANY of the Pageant contestants, current and past Queens or will be grounds for immediate forfeiture of title and benefits.

 The Pageant Directors and Committee expect each contestant and title holder to display the highest

degree of sportsmanship during their reign and or at any appearance or competition activity. Each

contestant should be mindful that they are representing themselves, their family, the pageant system, and community. Unsportsmanlike conduct could result in the disqualification and affect future eligibility to compete in any United Southern States Pageant. Any Contestant and/or family member, friend or guest, showing unsportsmanlike behavior will lead to the disqualification of the contestant.

We will not tolerate anyone making negative remarks about another contestant, the staff, the United

Southern States Pageant system, the judges or title holders and will be at the sole discretion of the

United Southern States Pageant Management and/or Committee right to forfeiture title and benefits via notification by certified mail.

**Conduct:** Contestant agrees to be a person of good moral character, now and at all times during the Pageant competition and during Contestants reign as a titleholder for the Texas United Southern States Pageant. Titleholders shall not knowingly or intentionally engage in nude, lewd, or lascivious media. At all times Contestant will be courteous, polite and act in a professional manner during the competition and while representing a city or state title. Contestant will be respectful of everyone’s time and be punctual to all Pageant scheduled events.

**Social Media**: Contestant agrees that if she maintains or is involved in electronic networking sites such as Websites, Twitter, Facebook, blogs, message boards etc, she will present a positive image which will not contain behavior such as negative postings, inappropriate photos or inappropriate language. Any Contestant found publicly posting slanderous remarks on public forums will be immediately disqualified. This also includes any form of Social Media.

**Appearance Duties:** Occasionally the pageant system will receive request for title holders to make an appearance. The United Southern States Pageant America system will review the appearance request and select the title holder’s best suited to make the appearance. Title holders are also encouraged to schedule own appearances to support their own platform and must do so with high moral standards. The United Southern States Pageant system has the right to disqualify any title holder from making an appearance at such a venue not suitable for their age division. We are not responsible for cancellations or changes of any appearance event, as well as transportation and/or accommodations for family and friends of the title holder. Title holders and their family and/or guest should conduct high moral standards during all scheduled appearances. A contestant must not use or consume any illegal controlled dangerous substances or abuse the use of alcohol or other dangerous substances.

**Platforms:** The USS America Pageant is platform based. Each title holder

should promote their own platform throughout their reign to support their own cause or charity. Each contestant should expect to make 6 appearances during her reign.

Judges: The decisions of the Judges panel are final. Contestants are not to engage in a conversation with any of the Judges at any time before or during the pageant. If a contestant is engaged in conversation with any of the Judges prior to or during the pageant, the delegate will be disqualified immediately based on the sole discretion of the United Southern States America Pageant. Judges decisions are FINAL and indisputable.

**Refunds:** Should a delegate decide to withdraw from the pageant at any time, under NO circumstances shall she be entitled to a refund, either in full or in part that she and/or any sponsor or advertiser has paid.

The United Southern States America Pageant prohibits discrimination or harassment of any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, physical or mental disability and medical condition.

**DRESS CODE DURING APPEARANCES AND EVENTS:** Professional and conservative attire is required at all times during public appearances. No dresses or shorts above mid thigh or title holder will be asked to leave event and will not be allowed to return until dress code is honored. No excessive showing of breast cleavage will be tolerated. Sash must be worn at all times during appearances.

I hereby understand agree to the terms of rules & regulations and loss of title & benefits.

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Signature (parent or guardian if under 18)

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