

# MISS AMERICA ORGANIZATION

## 2007 STATE PAGEANT AND 2008 LOCAL PAGEANT JUDGING MECHANICS OVERVIEW

### Preliminary Night of a Multi-Night Competition

Private Interview	25%
On-Stage Question	5%
Talent	35%
Evening Wear	20%
Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit	<u>15%</u>
Total	100%

All competitions are scored on a scale of 1 to 10 using whole numbers with each contestant's high and low score in each category dropped by the auditors.

### For Final Night of a Multi-Night State Competition

Composite Scoring is required in all multi-night competitions. Composite Scoring is done on a scale of 1 to 10 using whole numbers with each of the semi-finalists' high and low scores dropped by the auditors.

States with 30 or more Locals may, at their discretion, award Composite Scores to the fifteen contestants with the highest preliminary scores. The ten contestants with the highest total composite scores (with highs and lows dropped) will advance to the final night of competition. States with less than 30 contestants are required to go with the ten contestants with the highest preliminary point scores (or the number of contestants who will advance to the final night of competition as some states have a Top Eight).

States with a Multi-Night Competition, at their option, may conduct a structured judge's discussion of the contestants advancing to the Final Night of Competition. *The rules regarding the way in which this discussion may take place are included in **State-Local Mechanics of Judging.doc**.*

### Final Night Scoring of a Multi-Night State Pageant

Composite	30%
Talent	30%
Evening Wear	20%
Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit	<u>20%</u>
Total	100%

### **Final Night Top Five Finalists**

On the final night of a multi-night competition, Talent, Evening Wear, and Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit will all be scored on a scale of **6 to 10** using whole numbers with each contestant's high and low scores dropped in each phase of competition.

*From this 100%, the Top Five Finalists will be named. The Top Five Finalists enter the final round of competition with zero points. The judges will then rank the contestants in the order they individually believe the contestants should finish on a Final Ballot. Instructions on staging the Top Five competitions are included in **State-Local Single Night Show Script.doc**.*

Each judge will rank the Top Five contestants on a Final Ballot. A first place vote is worth ten points, a second place vote is worth five points, a third place vote is worth three points, a fourth place vote is worth two points and a fifth place vote is worth one point. **The total of the Final Ballots alone will determine the outcome of the pageant. The high and low scores on the Final Ballot will NOT be dropped. All judges' votes count on the Final Ballot.**

Tie breaking procedures are included in the attached information.

### **Single Night 2007 State Pageants and 2008 Local Pageants**

All competitions scored on a scale of 1 to 10 using whole numbers only with each contestant's high and low score dropped from each phase of competition with the exception of the Final Ballot.

Interview	25%
On-Stage Question	5%
Talent	35%
Evening Wear	20%
Lifestyle and Fitness in Swimsuit	<u>15%</u>
Total	100%

These competitions will select the Top Five. The Top Five will compete in the Top Five competitions described in **State-Local Mechanics of Judging.doc** with the same point value for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place votes.

States which do not believe that they can announce a Top Five may simply have the auditors hand back to each judge a Final Ballot listing the Top Five contestants in competition order, then have each judge rank the contestants on their Final Ballot. This would be appropriate for a State Pageant with fewer than 10 to 12 contestants.