

MISS AMERICA ORGANIZATION

SICK JUDGE PROCEDURES

The “sick judge procedures or rules” refer to when one of the judges is not able to complete his or her duties throughout all of the competitions.

Case 1 – No Change in number of judges throughout all of the competitions

- ❖ In this case, all judges complete all phases of competitions.
- ❖ Judges score each phase of competition, with each contestant’s high and low score in each phase of competition dropped by the auditors.
- ❖ The remaining scores are added together and multiplied by the weight of the competition (a phase of competition worth 30% of the score is multiplied by 3; 25% by 2.5; 2% by 2, 1.5% by 1.5, 5% by 0.5).
- ❖ The judging process determines the Top Five contestants – this will be different for Local and Single and Multi-Night State Pageants and pageant officials and auditors should follow all prescribed rules.
- ❖ Once the Top Five contestants have been determined, each judge will rank the contestants on a Final Ballot. Each judge will take all phases of competition into consideration and rank the Top Five contestants in the order the judge believes the top five contestants should place. Each contestant’s high and low score ARE NOT DROPPED on the Final Ballot and the points for each placement have been predetermined.
- ❖ Only the points from the Final Ballot will determine the outcome of the pageant.

Case 2 – A Judge does not complete the first phase of competition

- ❖ The auditors must discard the scores of the judge who had to leave DURING the FIRST phase of competition.
- ❖ If the original panel had only five judges, the high and low scores ARE NOT dropped and the pageant proceeds with four judges. If the original panel had either six or seven judges, the high and low scores ARE dropped.
- ❖ The remaining scores are added together and multiplied by the weight of the competition (a phase of competition worth 30% of the score is multiplied by 3; 25% by 2.5; 2% by 2, 1.5% by 1.5, 5% by 0.5).
- ❖ Follow the last three bullets in Case 1 regarding the Final Ballot.

Case 3 - A judge completes at least one competition but does not complete any others

- ❖ The scores of the “sick judge” are NOT discarded for those COMPLETED phases of competition. However, if the judge had to leave in the middle of a competition, all scores for that particular competition would be discarded.
- ❖ All remaining competitions are adjusted to represent the original number of judges. Please see the three scenarios below to learn how to properly adjust the scores for the particular number of judges of the panel in question.
 - ❖ If the Original Panel had Five Judges – In the remaining phases of competition, the high and low scores are NOT dropped. All scores are added together and multiplied by 0.75 and then multiplied by the weight of competition (a phase of competition worth 30% of the score is multiplied by 3; 25% by 2.5; 2% by 2, 1.5% by 1.5, 5% by 0.5). The reason for this is because, in a normal situation with 5

judges, the high and low score for each contestant would be discarded and that would leave three scores. In this case, the high and low have not been dropped and all four scores have counted. The auditor must multiply the score by 0.75 to adjust those points to equate those four scores to the three judges' scores that are necessary to duplicate the results of a five judge panel.

- ❖ If the Original Panel had Six Judges – In the remaining phases of competition, the high and low scores ARE dropped. The remaining scores are added together and multiplied by 1.33 and then multiplied by the weight of competition (a phase of competition worth 30% of the score is multiplied by 3; 25% by 2.5; 2% by 2, 1.5% by 1.5, 5% by 0.5). In a normal situation, the high and low scores for each contestant would be dropped and the auditors would add together the four remaining scores. When a judge leaves after completing at least one phase of competition, each contestant's high and low score in each phase of competition are dropped, leaving three scores for the auditors to add together. Once these three scores are added together, the auditors will then multiply that total by 1.33 to equate those three scores to the four scores that are necessary to duplicate the results of a six judge panel.
- ❖ If the Original Panel had Seven Judges – In the remaining phases of competition, the high and low scores ARE dropped. The remaining scores are added together and multiplied by 1.25 and then multiplied by the weight of competition (a phase of competition worth 30% of the score is multiplied by 3; 25% by 2.5; 2% by 2, 1.5% by 1.5, 5% by 0.5). In a normal situation, the high and low scores for each contestant would be dropped and the auditors would add together the five remaining scores. When a judge leaves after completing at least one phase of competition, each contestant's high and low score in each phase of competition are dropped, leaving three scores for the auditors to add together. Once these four scores are added together, the auditors will then multiply that total by 1.25 to equate those four scores to the five scores that are necessary to duplicate the results of a seven judge panel.
- ❖ Follow the last three bullets in Case 1 regarding the Final Ballot.

Rules Regarding Final Ballot

- ❖ UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are the point totals of the Final Ballot affected by the sick judge rule. Regardless of the number of judges the pageant originally started with, the final outcome of the pageant is determined by adding together the points from the Final Ballot. The highs and lows on the Final Ballot are never dropped and never multiplied by any weighted factor.