

Dear Local Directors,

Please be aware that there have been changes in the competition areas and scoring for competitions for the 2007-08 pageant year. There is not academic competition at the local level, however it will remain a weighted competition at the state pageant in 2008. The 5% of the score that was assigned to academic judging has been added to the interview score.

Another important change is that the interview format and time has changed. At the direction of Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization, teen interviews on the local level are to be 6 minutes with NO opening or closing statement. Simply 6 minutes of interview. At the state level the interviews will follow the same format and be 8 minutes.

Fitness is Sportswear: State's option. You may have the contestants compete in aerobic wear or follow the guidelines that are given for national competition on the local level. State will continue to follow the national guidelines.

- Franchise Fees: Teen is \$200
- Teen judging panels must have 5 judges
- It is the responsibility of the director to make sure their pageant is in compliance and that competition follows current guidelines. Failure to do so may result in your winners not being allowed to compete at the state pageant.
- If you are a new pageant, you should pay your franchise fee in advance.
- You are required to give the "Official Local Outstanding Teen Crown" to your teen winner. The new vendor for official local teen and miss crowns is K.A. Concepts and you can find a link to their store at <http://www.maoteen.org/resources/>
- Each contestant must have a "Local Release and Indemnity Agreement". This document should be notarized and copies provided to the local director prior to competition. This document (original) will be required for eligibility at MLOT 2008.

**IMPORTANT:** Please mail your teen franchise fee and pageant report to **MLOT, PO BOX 6620, LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, 70606**. If you have already conducted your competition, please make sure that we have received your titleholder's information, and your franchise fees. Your winners will not be recognized as official local titleholders until all paperwork due and franchise fees are received.

I will be glad to address any questions or concerns you may have. If I don't have the answer, the national office has been more than helpful in providing me with necessary information. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Don Humble, Teen Committee Chairman  
Miss Louisiana Organization