



## RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR MISS PENTICTON AMBASSADOR CANDIDATES

1. Candidates must be a resident of Penticton or any surrounding municipalities, and a student in Grade 10, 11, 12 at Penticton Secondary, Princess Margaret Secondary, Summerland Secondary School or any other secondary school in the City of Penticton or surrounding areas.
2. Candidates must be at least 15 years of age and no older than 19 years of age by September 1, 2025.
3. Candidates must be unmarried; never have been married or divorced, never had a marriage annulled, and not living in nor having lived in a common-law relationship.
4. Candidates must never have been, are not, and will not become pregnant for the duration of the candidacy and reign of Royalty if elected.
5. There will be no drinking, smoking, cannabis use, drug use, vaping, vulgar language, or online dating (such as Tinder, Bumble, Bumble Friends, Hinge or any other platforms) permitted during any time the Candidate is involved with the Royalty program.
6. Candidates under the Provincial legal age will be disqualified immediately when known to have entered bars or clubs, or known to have been drinking alcoholic beverages, unless the committee has given permission in advance.
7. Candidates will be disqualified immediately if found using or known to be under the influence of any soft or hard drugs.
8. Candidates will be disqualified immediately if found to have been charged with or convicted of any offense under the Criminal Code of Canada, The Food or Drug Act, or the Narcotics Control Act.
9. All Candidates are required to attend all training sessions, meetings, and Royalty functions as requested. The Royalty Committee will provide as much notice as possible for upcoming events.
10. All Candidates are expected to be prepared for all training sessions and meetings (i.e. arriving with any homework, prepared speeches, proper attire, etc.). It is expected that Candidates arrive a minimum of five minutes early to the commencement of all events and meetings.
11. Talent must be decided upon as soon as possible, and approved by the Royalty Committee. Talent must be a solo performance to the maximum of 3 minutes. Props should be kept to a minimum. Commentary on your talent may be requested and is to follow the provided guidelines if applicable.
12. Speeches will be prepared in advance.  
First Speech (Candidate's Debut) - 2-3 minutes on the candidate's Sponsor  
Second Speech - 5 minutes on a topic of the candidate's choosing  
These speeches must be original and written by the candidate. Copying a speech from another source or having another person write the speech is not permitted.
13. The Royalty Committee must be informed of any personal invitations extended to individual Candidates and Royalty (e.g. by their sponsor, other ambassador teams, etc.)

- and it will be decided on by the Committee if said person will be allowed to attend.
14. Banners are not to be worn at any function other than an official Royalty function, unless the Committee has given permission.
  15. There will be no jeans allowed at any Royalty functions, unless previously authorized by the Royalty Committee. This includes at weekly meetings. Candidates are expected to dress in a mature and professional manner, and keep hair, makeup, and nails tidy.
  16. Banners are not to be worn by anyone other than the Candidates representing their correct sponsors. Crowns and royalty banners are only to be worn by reigning royalty.
  17. No boyfriends/girlfriends, friends, or family will be allowed to attend any Royalty function except as audience participants or members of the general public. Candidates will be expected to remain with the other candidates until dismissed of official duties. Candidates' supporters, friends, and family are asked to behave appropriately and responsibly when attending such events.
  18. Any inappropriate behaviour, harassment, or rude comments made towards the Committee and other candidates by Candidates and/or their supporters, friends, family, etc will not be tolerated and may result in the Candidate being removed from the program.
  19. A chaperone will accompany all Candidates on all Royalty Functions when deemed necessary by the Committee. This applies to out of town events as in town events do not require a chaperone unless deemed necessary by the Committee.  
A chaperone is described as: a Royalty Committee Member, a designated chaperone selected by the Royalty Committee, or a parent or legal guardian of a candidate. If all of the above are unavailable, another chaperone will be designated by the Chair of the Royalty Committee.
  20. While attending Royalty functions, Candidates will be accompanied at all times by the designated chaperone, if applicable, and abide by the requests of the chaperone and the itinerary laid out. The chaperone is expected to behave appropriately and act as a safe, sober, point of contact for the Royalty and Candidates.
  21. A panel of Judges acts independently of the Royalty Committee. The decisions of the judges are final and are in no way affected by the Royalty Committee members. Judges are, however, provided with a record of attendance, preparedness, attitude, and general writeup of each Candidate throughout the course of the program.
  22. The Candidates will be asked to select the title of Miss Congeniality by secret ballot, prior to Pageant Night. Miss Congeniality in no way affects the results of the Judges. The title of Miss Congeniality is an honour title only, and is not official royalty, however Miss Congeniality may also be elected as Royalty. If Miss Congeniality is not elected Official Royalty, she may occasionally be invited to accompany the Official Royalty to events.
    - i. In voting for Miss Congeniality, candidates should consider the fellow candidate who they feel is the most agreeable, kind, conscientious, and supportive. To be "congenial" is to be friendly, welcoming, and helpful.
  23. There will be up to three Candidates selected by the Judges and crowned royalty. Miss Penticton and up to two Penticton Princesses. The Princess(es) will be asked to accompany Miss Penticton to all events, and may be asked to temporarily fill in when the Queen is unable to attend a function.
    - i. The Queen and the Princess(es) are expected to work well together as a team for the duration of their reigning year.
    - ii. The Committee and Judges will decide the number of royalty crowned based on the number of Candidates.
  24. In case of any injury to any Candidate or selected Royalty, the Royalty Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Penticton Peach Festival, City of Penticton, and/or any

volunteers/employees of the aforementioned organizations, and/or designated chaperone will not be held responsible.

25. It is understood that should a Candidate consent to participate, they must fulfill their terms as a Candidate. This includes all Peach Festival events following the crowning, even if they are not elected Royalty.
  - i. This includes but is not limited to the Post Pageant Reception on Friday night and the Peach Festival Grand Parade on Saturday morning.
26. The Candidates and Royalty understand that the venues or organizing bodies that the Royalty Committee works with may be required to enforce various Covid-19 safety protocols, including requiring proof of vaccination. Because mandatory Royalty Events will take place in public venues and elected Royalty may have the opportunity to travel, it is strongly suggested that all candidates remain up to date on vaccinations and understand current public health mandates. If a Candidate is exempt from any public health orders due to legitimate medical or religious reasons, we ask that they please let the Royalty Committee know privately as soon as possible, so we can ensure the Candidate will be able to participate in all events. The Royalty Committee will take all steps necessary to protect the Candidates' privacy in this case.
27. In the event of resignation from the program, a letter must be submitted to the Committee and the Candidate's Sponsor outlining the reasons for resignation. **A candidate resigning for any reason other than medical reasons will be responsible to repay the sponsor fee to the club or organization that sponsored her. A candidate choosing to resign because she is unwilling to comply with Covid-19 mandates that the Committee is required to enforce (see Section 23) will not be considered to be resigning for medical reasons.**
28. In the event of non-compliance with the above rules and regulations, the Royalty Committee has the right to determine the appropriate disciplinary actions. **If it is decided the Candidate is to no longer be allowed to participate in the program for reasons of not following the above rules or for other actions of misconduct, the Candidate will be asked to leave the program and will be responsible to repay the sponsor fee to the club or organization that sponsored her.**

It is the duty of the candidate to be prompt, professional, and prepared for all functions. As a candidate, it is your duty to conduct yourself in a correct and appropriate manner at all times, to represent your sponsor and your community proudly. Details and briefing are the responsibility of the royalty committee. Any questions from the Candidates must be addressed before events. Please consider strongly the commitment this program will require!