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## MISS PHILIPPINES-AUSTRALIA® & CHARITY QUEEN AUSTRALIA®

### Section 1: Objectives

1. To encourage young people to participate in and appreciate Filipino Australian culture and tradition.
2. To be a vehicle for personal development such as self-esteem, public speaking ability, community involvement, self-awareness and self-confidence.
3. To engage in charitable work to help the less fortunate Filipino and Australian communities.
4. To promote and maintain friendship and strengthen community relations.

### Section 2: Trademarks

The following trademarks are the property of PASC Inc and are protected under applicable laws:

Miss Philippines-Australia® Charity Queen  
Australia®

### Section 3: Policies, Rules & Regulations

Candidates agree to look solely to the PASC Inc Directors and Pageant Committee members with respect to all matters relating to the application, rules, regulations, policies, preparation, rehearsal, performance and all other matters relating to the pageant.

Candidates are required to comply with all set guidelines, rules and conditions of the pageant as set out by the Pageant Committee and approved by the PASC Inc. Board of Management.

The candidate's application entry deadline is on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Applications will be assessed and finalized by 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 and successful candidates will be contacted and asked to attend the MPA Committee "Meet and Greet" and Q & A session. Interstate candidates can join via video call. Formal Presentation Night of the candidate will be on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017 to be held in Sydney.

Candidates must be sponsored by an organisation or can enter independently with family support.

#### Candidate Criteria

- Both or either one parent of the candidates must be of Filipino origin.
- Must be single and never married as of the start date. Must remain unmarried during her reign. Must not have ever had a child.
- Must be 16 years to 25 years of age in the year of competition. The Miss Philippines-Australia® and Charity Queen Australia® as part of the Grand Philippine Fiesta Kultura Sydney, is self-supporting and relies upon the sale of door/raffle tickets and advertisements to cover operational expenses. It is a condition of entry that each candidate is to help raise at least \$2000 through the sale of door/raffle tickets, advertisements or a combination of both. This must be met on the first counting of the Miss Charity Queen.

The reign of Miss Philippines-Australia® and Charity Queen Australia® will commence immediately after crowning and will end immediately following the crowning of their successor.

If, for any reason, a candidate is disqualified or relinquishes any title awarded to her, all prizes must be returned in full, and in the same condition received. If, for any reason, the Miss Philippines- Australia® or Charity Queen Australia® winners resign or are disqualified, the 1st runner-up or the Charity Princess will assume the title and all prizes.

Any candidate who withdraws after participating in rehearsals shall automatically forfeit all the prizes she is entitled to. The sponsoring club will also forfeit their 10% commission.

The Candidate's Sponsor on the application form is the contact person with PASC and Commission will be paid through them. Anyone claiming an interest on the commission will be notified by the Sponsor to PASC.

Any PASC Director who have a daughter or niece who joins the MPA candidacy must take a leave of absence from the time the application is accepted until after coronation.

## Social Media Code of Conduct

Although, the use of social media in your campaigning is not compulsory we would like to help you think of Social media as being a valuable resource in your promotional efforts. Social media outlets such as; Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube can be used to increase exposure for yourself as you look for supporters and sponsors for your charity efforts.

Remember that a wide range of people, including but not limited to; children, family members, potential sponsors, work colleagues, school peers, can view social media accounts. Do not post anything on Social media that you do not wish these people to see.

Please limit remove/hide anything (including but not limited to photo's/ videos/ statuses) on your accounts that show:

- Holding/ consuming alcohol or drugs,
- Public displays of affection,
- Overly strong/offensive political or religious views,
- All other inappropriate/ dangerous activities that may place you in a negative light.

Please ensure that you monitor your security settings and set your account to approve all tags and posts about you. In the instance you are tagged in something that may cause controversy please ensure that it is removed as soon as you can.

Any misconduct will be subject to disciplinary actions or possible disqualifications

- Grammar matters, make sure you spell check your posts.

## Other Requirements

### Rehearsals

Candidates are expected to be on time and present for all scheduled rehearsals and events leading up to and during the pageant. Strict adherence to rehearsal schedule is required due to participation of candidates from outside metropolitan Sydney. Four whole consecutive days of intensive rehearsals are planned prior to the pageant (usually on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the pageant on Sunday or on majority agreed days/dates). Dates and rehearsal venue will be advised.

### Photography

Candidates must submit 6 headshot photos to be used for publicity in local newspapers, the PASC Inc website, also for the official souvenir program and judging for Miss Photogenic. The photos submitted must be in colour and must be of good quality and clarity.

### Attire

Candidates, with assistance from their sponsoring club, will provide their own attire for each segment of the pageant, unless otherwise advised. Accessories are also the responsibility of the candidates. Specific requirements are sent out separately in August. In the event that PASC Inc provides the costume for a particular segment, a small payment may be requested to partially cover the cost.

### Travel

Candidates make their own travel arrangements to and from rehearsals and on the day of the pageant.

## Section 4: Judges and Judging

### Charity Queen Australia®

The winner of this title is the highest fundraiser based on door/raffle ticket sales and advertisements. Candidates with their sponsoring club must adhere to the following due dates for the remittance of all monies from proceeds of sold door/raffle tickets and advertisements. Any unsold door/raffle tickets are likewise returned on the final day of counting.

First Counting – Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017 - advertisements in souvenir program & door/raffle tickets; candidates must remit \$1000 or half of the minimum requirement of funds to be raised

Second Counting – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - additional advertisements & door/raffle tickets; candidates must remit the remaining \$1000 or the other half of the minimum requirement of funds to be raised

Final Counting – Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – final solicited advertisements & door/raffle tickets

Any monies received after 27 September 2017 will not be counted towards Charity Queen Australia®. Candidates and their sponsoring club will not receive their commission unless ALL proceeds of sold door/raffle tickets are remitted and ALL advertisements are paid for.

## Corporate Sponsors

1. Candidates must be aware that PASC Inc currently have major sponsors participating in the event with special discounted sponsorship packages. Candidates are advised to refer to past souvenir programs to familiarize themselves with who these sponsors are. Please defer from approaching these sponsors as there is NO COMMISSION or Charity Queen Australia points awarded to them. In the event that an agreement is reached between a candidate and PASC sponsor. TWO separate payments or levels of corporate sponsorships will be payable.
2. Candidates must not mention verbally or announce any of their corporate sponsors in any of the segments or parts of the Miss PA beauty pageant program. They can only mention ONE supporting association or ONE supporting Family.
3. Candidates are allowed to introduce major corporate sponsors who are new or first time sponsor but refrain from mentioning a past corporate sponsor.

Any changes to the above due dates or details for the remittance of monies will be advised separately.

## Commission for Participation

Commission for participation will be as follows: 10% for Raffle Ticket Sales, 10% for Door Tickets Sales, 10% for Advertisements on the souvenir program and sponsorship. These commissions are applicable for both the organization supported and family supported candidates.

Commissions are given to assist participating organizations to cover their participation expenses Miss Philippines-Australia®

Any candidate who withdraws after the Presentation Event will be forfeited of commission already remitted to the beauty pageant committee. All unsold tickets should be surrendered back to PASC. Candidate Sponsor on the application form is the contact person with PASC and commission will be paid through them. Anyone claiming an interest in the commission will be notified by the sponsor to PASC. All Ads submitted will be printed anywhere in the Souvenir Program at the editor's discretion. All Ads must be submitted at print ready format on or before the deadline.

The winner of MPA title is decided by a panel of judges. The Pageant Committee selects a fair-minded judging panel that is diverse in terms of cultural background and profession. They are worthy individuals who are in a position to judge each candidate based upon their merits according to the criteria specified on the score sheets.

The decision of the board of judges is final and non-contestable.

## Areas of competition:

### Filipiniana - 25%

Celebrating the true beauty of a Filipina / Australian. Refer to a candidate's general appearance and stage presence.

Scoring criteria: Judges will score based on poise, grace and charm.

### Swimsuit - 30%

Refer to a candidate's physical attributes— one's body, its shape and proportion which highlights the body beautiful.

Scoring criteria: Judges will score based on body proportion, display of energy, charisma, expression and sense of confidence.

### Evening Gown - 30%

"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder". Stunning in her chosen gown, one candidate will stand out in beauty – both in face and body. Likewise, her inner glow is shown through her grace and charm. Scoring criteria: Judges will score based on overall first impression, sense of style, sense of attractiveness, beauty and charm, walk, posture, carriage and grace.

### Interview - 15%

"Beauty and brains". Refer to a candidate's composure when under pressure and the depth and significance of her answer.

Scoring criteria: Judges will score based on appropriate, sensible answer, ability to communicate, voice and confidence and poise.

## Special Awards:

Special awards will be given on-stage the night of the pageant.

These are:

- Miss Popularity: This award will be given to the candidate with the most votes as determined by the public. An official ballot form is included in the souvenir program. Facebook poll will be added to the Miss Popularity count with five votes equivalent to 1 point  
Closing time for the counting of votes is 4pm on the day of the Grand Philippine Fiesta Kultura.

- Miss Photogenic: This award will be chosen by your headshot in the souvenir program. This will be judged by the Grand Philippine Fiesta official photographers.
- Miss Friendship: The candidates will vote for this award and it will be presented to one deserving candidate for the best overall representation of pageantry and camaraderie.
- Best in Filipiniana: Celebrating the true beauty of a Filipina / Australian, this is awarded based on judges' scores
- Best in Swimwear: Highlighting the body beautiful, this is awarded based on judges' scores.
- Best in Evening Gown: Stunning in her chosen gown, this is awarded based on judges' scores.

## Section 5: Prizes

The following is a list of prizes and awards that can be won by candidates. Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash or transferred, sold or exchanged for anyone else. PASC Inc reserves the right to replace a prize with another prize of equivalent value if the prize cannot be awarded in the manner described. As more sponsors are added, the prize list will be updated and printed in the souvenir program.

Prizes must be claimed within the financial year, 30 June 2017, otherwise prizes are forfeited.

1. The Miss Philippines-Australia® and Charity Queen Australia® will each receive :
  - One round-trip airfare Sydney-Manila, five (5) nights shared hotel accommodation and \$500.00 spending money; OR
  - One return airfare ticket Sydney – Los Angeles or San Francisco; OR
  - One return airfare ticket Sydney – London; OR
  - One return airfare ticket Sydney – Vancouver
2. Monumental winning trophy to Miss Philippines-Australia® and Charity Queen Australia®.
3. Runners-up for Miss Philippines-Australia® and Charity Queen Australia® will each receive:
  - One return airfare ticket (Sydney – Gold Coast or Adelaide or Melbourne or Hobart) and two nights' accommodation; OR
  - One return airfare ticket Sydney – Auckland and two nights' accommodation
4. All candidates, except the winners and runners-up of Miss Philippines-Australia® and Charity Queen Australia® will each receive \$300.
5. Special trophy awarded to Miss Popularity, Miss Photogenic, Miss Friendship, Best in Filipiniana, Best in Swimsuit, and Best in Evening Gown.
6. Portable TV set or equivalent entertainment unit to Miss Popularity.
7. All sponsoring organisations of the candidates shall each receive a plaque of appreciation.
8. All candidates will each receive a recorded copy of the beauty pageant.