



## 2017 Contestant Packet

### *Welcome!*

We're very excited that you've decided to compete in our pageant this year! We are committed to a fair and honest competition where you are rewarded for the hard work that it takes to walk away with our crown.

Please take a moment to completely read through the information about contestant scoring and category rules, and completely read the 2017 Contract for Participation. You must sign this document and return it at Orientation, and the act of doing so defines your obligations as a competitor, but also as Winner of the pageant, should you earn the crown.

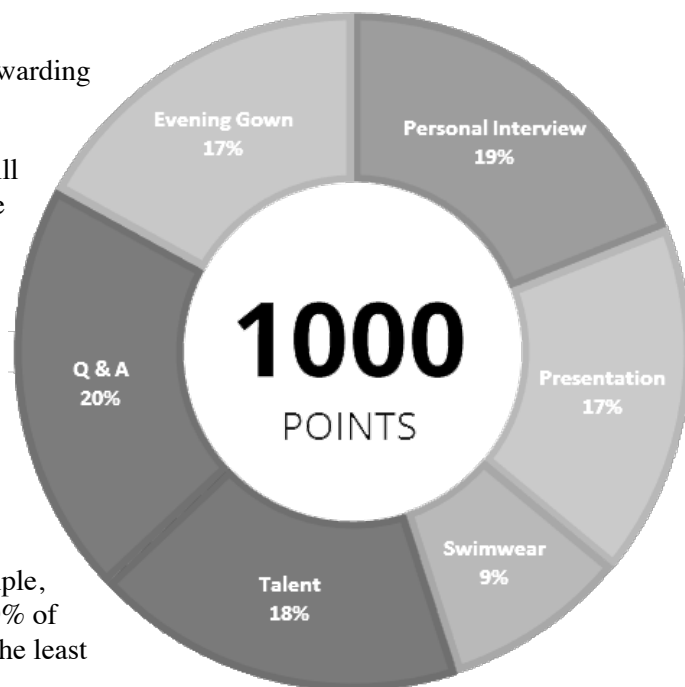
### *Categories & Scoring*

This section is an overview of how judges will be awarding their scores within each adjudicated category.

At the end of each round, the judges' scoresheets will be collected, and the Tabulating Judge will calculate the Contestant's mean score, recording it as the Contestant's official score for the category. At the conclusion of all scored rounds, the Tabulating judge will add each Contestant's category scores to determine their Total Score, out of a maximum 1000 points. The contestant with the highest Total Score shall be declared Winner.

The maximum possible score is 1000 points. Each category is weighted by point value to comprise a portion of this total, based on importance. For example, Q&A is the most important category, comprising 20% of your overall total. Conversely, Swimwear is worth the least number of points toward your overall score.

For each category, you will be scored by a panel of judges in several sub-areas. The head judge will tally the points awarded within each category and compute the contestant's mean score. At the end of the pageant, the contestant with the highest total score (minus any deductions) is awarded the crown and the title of Miss Premier International.



## **FEMALE PERSONAL INTERVIEW**

Miss Premier is looking for the next generation of professional queens. The Personal Interview category is quite literally a job interview. You are encouraged to dress appropriately for a job interview as a female, including hair, makeup and nails.

We encourage you to relax and be yourself while conducting yourself professionally. We want to get to know you, so giving thoughtful, honest answers to the questions posed by the judges is a much better strategy than trying to guess what we want to hear.

Hair, Makeup, Outfit, Speaking

## **PRESENTATION**

Presentation is the first category where you will be introduced to the pageant audience. Our official colors are Aqua and White, and your presentation must be either one or a mixture of both of these colors.

Hair & Makeup, Speaking, Use of Presentation Colors

## **SWIMWEAR**

Make sure your accessories match your swimwear concept. Think: elegant (generally speaking, less is more).

Hair & Makeup, Accessories, Swimwear

## **TALENT**

Please see the Official Rules section for the list of rules and restrictions pertaining to your talent presentation.

Hair & Makeup, Costume, Movement. Lip Sync/Live Performance

## **EVENING GOWN**

Your gown must be floor-length. Suits, pants, shorts and wedding gowns are not permitted in this category. You must wear nails or gloves while on stage.

Hair & Makeup, Gown

## **ON-STAGE QUESTION & ANSWER**

The top 5 competitors by score will participate in the Question and Answer category. Contestants will randomly draw their question, and have three minutes to provide their answer.

Answer Content, Speaking

# *Contract for Participation in the 2017 Miss Premier International Competition*

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## Section 1: Introduction

Jermaine Brown and the MISS PREMIER ORGANIZATION operate a program of artist development and community service, including the MISS PREMIER INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT competition.

The Competition is important, and the single most visible and widely recognized element of the Program.

The winner of the competition shall be designated as the reigning “MISS PREMIER INTERNATIONAL” and shall be entitled to that title until her successor is named at the competition in 2018.

During this period (the “Year of Reign”), the duties of MISS PREMIER INTERNATIONAL may include travel and participation in personal appearances throughout the country. These activities are designed, scheduled, arranged and supervised by The Miss Premier Organization in order to reflect the values and standards of the Program, to enhance its visibility, and to maintain its public acceptance.

The Miss Premier Organization has developed standards that govern the activities and conduct of Miss Premier International during her Year of Reign. These standards are intended to protect and enhance the public acceptance of the Program, and to assure that the Program will continue to operate for the benefit of the artists who seek to participate in the Program in future years.

In seeking to participate in the competition, each Contestant must understand and accept the requirements of the Program, including the rules for the contestants and the guidelines and

limitations that will be applicable to Program activities during the Year of Reign, if selected as the Winner.

Each Contestant must understand and accept that the Contestant’s participation in the competition and, if selected, service as Miss Premier International 2017, will be specifically based upon the representations and agreements in this Application and Contract and its attachments.

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## Section 2: Contestant Regulations

### **2.1 Introduction to Contestant Regulations**

Contestant must read and agree to participate in the competition subject to the regulations in this section of the contract. Contestant’s signature on this contract indicates that Contestant has read and agrees to be subject to the rules of competition as described herein.

### **2.2 Contestant Qualifications**

1. All contestants for the title of Miss Premier International must be anatomically male and twenty-one years of age or older as of March 25, 2017 in order to compete.
2. The Miss Premier International Pageantry System does not discriminate against entertainers with silicone and/or hormones. Judges will not consider the use of silicone and/or hormones in the scoring of the pageant.
3. The Contestant must present a valid, non-expired, government-issued photo ID at the

time of registration on the first day of the pageant. Contestants without a valid ID will not be allowed to compete.

4. Contestant must pay their registration fee, which includes admission to the backstage area for the contestant and one designated assistant.
5. Contestant must pay the “additional performer” fee for each additional person in their Talent. This ticket permits the additional performer to the backstage area only during the Talent portion of the competition, and shall permit general admission to the audience area during the remainder of the competition.

### **2.3 Contestant Behavior**

Miss Premier International is a professional title, and those representing the brand are expected to carry themselves in a professional manner.

1. While on stage, contestants are required to cover any tattoos or body piercings.
2. For all categories, contestants must wear nails, with the exception of Evening Gown, where a contestant may wear gloves if desired.
3. Backup performers are only permitted in the backstage area during the talent portion of the competition. Contestants are otherwise only permitted to have one designated assistant in the dressing room area throughout the competition. Contestants and their retinue must adhere to the direction of venue and pageant staff. Failure to adhere to these restrictions will result in an administrative point deduction per violation.
4. The use or dispensing of illegal substances will not be tolerated while a contestant is participating in the Miss Premier International competition. Immediate disqualification from the pageant will result for those that break this rule and the violator will be immediately removed from the pageant venue.

5. Weapons of any kind are not permitted at the pageant venue. The venue security operator reserves the right to search contestant’s bags. Any contestant found in violation of the no-weapons rule will be removed from the pageant venue.
6. For safety and compliance obligations, the contestant and their entire retinue are required to follow posted placards and the direction of venue and pageant staff.
7. Any contestant or member of a contestant’s retinue that are caught in the act of stealing, tampering with or damaging another person’s possessions will be immediately disqualified and removed from the pageant venue.
8. No illegal behavior of any kind will be tolerated. Illegal behavior will result in disqualification from the competition for the violator and immediate expulsion from the premises without a refund.

### **2.4 Pageant Contestant Obligations**

1. Contestants are responsible for the behavior of their designated backstage assistant and additional performers.
2. All contestants are required to remain on stage during the crowning ceremony and after the pageant to participate in publicity photos. Failure to fulfill this obligation will result in a loss any earned titles, awards and prizes.
3. Contestants must pick up any earned awards and prizes within thirty minutes of the conclusion of the pageant.

### **2.5 Pageant Registration and Orientation**

1. All contestants must be at the orientation venue to register and attend a brief orientation at the date and time published on misspremier.com and in the contestant packet. This applies to all competitors, including those that have pre-registered online.

2. Contestants will draw a number at orientation. The contestant number determines the order of appearance in each of the judged categories.
3. Failure to arrive by the listed time will result in an administrative point deduction.

## 2.6 Competition Rules

### 2.6.1 Female Personal Interview

1. On the day prior to the pageant, all competitors will report to the orientation venue in professional interview attire at the time published on misspremier.com and provided at orientation. You will be interviewed individually by the panel of judges for a period of approximately twenty minutes.
2. Failure to report on time will result in administrative point deductions.

### 2.6.2 Creative Presentation

**TIME LIMIT: 3:00**

1. Presentation colors are limited to either aqua, white, or a combination of these two colors.
2. The contestant is responsible for providing their own presentation music as the first track on an audio CD, clearly labeled with the contestant's name and the word "PRESENTATION."
3. There is a three-minute time limit for your Presentation. At the end of three minutes, both the music and the contestant's microphone will be cut. Failure to yield the stage at the end of this time will result in an administrative point deduction. As a courtesy, the control booth will turn on a red light as a signal that the contestant has 30 seconds remaining.

### 2.6.3 Swimwear

**TIME LIMIT: 0:30**

1. You must wear nails or gloves on stage.

2. Competitors will have 30 seconds to display their swimwear, after which time they must yield the stage. Failure to comply will result in an administrative point deduction.

### 2.6.4 Evening Gown & Question/Answer

**TIME LIMIT: 5:00**

Please note that these are two separately judged competitive categories that will be held simultaneously.

1. Evening gowns must be floor length, and must not be suits, pants, shorts or wedding gowns.
2. You must wear nails or gloves on stage.
3. Competitors will have up to 30 seconds to model their gown, after which time they will be asked a question and must give an extemporaneous answer. The total time for modeling your gown and giving your answer must not exceed five minutes. The time it takes the moderator to pose your question to you will not be counted against your five minute time limit.
4. Failure to comply with these time limits will result in an administrative point deduction.

### 2.6.5 Talent

**TIME LIMIT: 7:00 total (see below)**

1. Contestants must supply their own music for Talent. Music should be provided as the first track on an audio CD, clearly labeled with the competitor's name and the word "Talent."
2. If you will be performing live, you must notify the Pageant at the time of registration if you will require a live microphone. Venue microphones may not otherwise be used as props.

**TALENT TIME LIMITS**

3. The total time for your talent presentation, including set-up, take-down and your performance, must not exceed 7 minutes.

4. The total amount of time required for set-up and take-down should not exceed 3 minutes total.
5. The contestant and contestant's backup performers must be in the appointed place at their assigned times.
6. Failure to adhere to the timing limits described above will result in administrative point deductions.

#### **TALENT CONTENT RESTRICTIONS**

7. Any type of talent presentation is acceptable within the following guidelines:
8. Gospel numbers are not permitted.
9. Contestant is permitted up to four backup performers for their talent.
10. A talent performance may not risk or cause injury to the audience or any other person.
11. No fire or water may be used during the performance.
12. No live animals of any kind are permitted in the performance.
13. Competitors and Performers may not engage in illegal activity while on stage.
14. Excessive use of glitter or confetti is prohibited. The contestant is responsible for ensuring the complete cleanup of any glitter or confetti used during their talent presentation within the time limits stated above.
15. Failure to adhere to the content restrictions described above will result in a zero score for the competitor within the talent category.

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### Section 3: Adjudication

#### **3.1 Scoring**

Points shall be awarded by individual judges to each competitor in each of the competition categories. The head judge will be responsible for

calculating the average of all judges' scores for each competitor in each of the judged categories, rounded to the nearest whole number.

The competitor's final score will be the sum of their averaged categorical scores, less any administrative point deductions for rules violations.

#### **3.2 Score corrections**

In the event that a judge needs to revise a score already given, the judge will draw a single diagonal line through the original score and write the corrected score immediately to the right on the affected scorecard. Both the awarding judge and the head judge will initial the updated score.

#### **3.3 Administrative Deductions**

At the discretion of the head judge, administrative point deductions may be made if the competitor or a member of the competitor's retinue violate the standards of behavior, content restrictions or time limits described in this Agreement.

Any such deductions will be reflected on the final score sheets, and the penalized competitor will receive the original penalty card detailing the reason that it was assessed.

#### **3.4 Tiebreaking**

In the event that two or more competitors are tied in their final combined score, the title of Miss Premier International 2017 shall be awarded to the competitor with the highest individual score in the Female Personal Interview competition category.

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### Section 4: Awards and Titles

#### **4.1 Awards**

The title of Miss Premier International 2017 and the associated prize package shall be awarded to the competitor with the highest total combined score.

Recognition Awards may be provided to one or more competitors to acknowledge their efforts, but these competitors do not win any prizes.

## 4.2 Prize Package

The Miss Premier International 2017 prize package is awarded as follows, subject to the Winner's Obligations outlined in this agreement:

### UPON WINNING THE COMPETITION

Contestant shall be awarded the title of Miss Premier International 2017, and:

1. Miss Premier 2017 crown with coordinating costume jewelry set
2. custom cut-crystal trophy
3. embroidered Miss Premier 2017 sash
4. gift certificate for a custom-fit, fully embellished evening gown furnished by The House of Black
5. promotional photo session with a professional photographer
6. cash award of \$600, provided as follows:
  - a. \$400 upon crowning
  - b. \$200 upon successful completion of Contestant's one-year reign

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## Section 5: Winner's Obligations

### 5.1 General Obligations

The winning competitor ("Winner") agrees to the following obligations as a condition for award of the title and associated prize package:

1. Within seven days of signing the contract, Winner must demonstrate a working personal email address and working telephone number (which may be demonstrated by phone call or SMS). Winner must maintain functional access to their email and telephone during the year of their reign.
2. Winner must submit professionally taken promotional pictures within 45 days of accepting the crown and the title, by May 10, 2017. Winner is responsible for obtaining a quote for their promotional photo session and

obtaining prior approval before booking. Miss Premier Organization will wire Winner the money for the session, and shall retain the rights to use resultant images for promotional purposes in perpetuity.

The winning competitor must appear at a minimum of one paid Miss Premier booking during their Year of Reign. Booking will be scheduled by the Miss Premier Organization in consultation with the Winner.

3. The winning competitor is expected to conduct themselves professionally and courteously when representing the Miss Premier International title and brand.
4. The winning competitor is bound to adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws.

### 5.2 Forfeiture of Earned Titles and Prize Awards

In the event that the crowned winner is unable or unwilling to fulfill their obligations, the Miss Premier Organization reserves the right to strip the infringing competitor of the Title and Crown, and shall appoint the first runner up to serve the remainder of the Year of Reign of Miss Premier International 2017, with all of the privileges and obligations outlined in this document.

Should the first runner up be unwilling or unable to fulfill their obligations, the title and prize package shall be awarded to the second runner up.

Any titleholder stripped of their title and prize package immediately forfeits the \$200 cash prize due upon successful completion of their Year of Reign, and must return their crown and costume jewelry set, sash and crystal award within 60 days of written notification of their loss of title for cause. Any titleholder stripped in this manner shall also forfeit any unfurnished in-kind prizes.

The Miss Premier Organization reserves the right to pursue legal action against any stripped competitor refusing to return their awarded prizes,

including, but not limited to the 2017 Miss Premier International crown and costume jewelry set, sash and crystal award.

## *Participant Agreement - Your Copy*

Therefore, by signing this Application and Contract and submitting it to the Miss Premier Organization for approval, the Contestant represents and agrees that (1) all facts and representations contained in this Application and Contract and its attachments are true and accurate; (2) the Contestant agrees to abide by all rules and regulations of the Miss Premier Organization described in this Application and Contract and its attachments, in the period before and during the Year of Reign; and (3) the Contestant meets each requirement for eligibility set forth in this Contract; and (4) the Miss Premier Organization shall have the sole discretion to determine whether, in its judgment, the Contestant may continue to participate in the Miss Premier Program in the event that the Miss Premier Organization determines that any statement or representation by the Contestant is not true and accurate or that any action by the contestant is inconsistent with the rules and regulations of the Program.

I hereby agree to and release to hold harmless the Miss Premier International Pageant, hereafter referred to as "Pageant," their agents, servants and employees from any liabilities whatsoever arising from my participation in the Pageant and/or the title of Miss Premier International. This includes, but is not limited to, personal injury or damage to personal property preceding, during or after my participation in the Pageant or any related act.

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By my agreement below, I affirm and attest that I have read the official Pageant Rules published online at [misspremier.com](http://misspremier.com) and provided to me at the time of registration, including the media release clause, and agree to the terms and conditions therein.



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Contestant Signature

Print Legal Name

Date

Jermaine Brown, Miss Premier Organization

Date



# Miss Premier I Contestant Registration Form

## Directions

Please complete this form using legible printing. If you have additional performers in your Talent package, please complete one Additional Performer Registration for each and submit them along with this form, your registration fee, and your additional performer fee. Please present your valid, non-expired, government-issued photo ID at the time of registration.

First Name	
Last Name	
Date of Birth	
Email	
Cell Phone	
Mailing Address	
Stage Name	
Total Number of Additional Talent Performers (up to 4)	
Name of Designated Backstage Dresser/Assistant	
Talent Type (choose one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lip Sync <input type="checkbox"/> Live Performance <input type="checkbox"/> Dance <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
If you chose "Live Performance" above, will you need a live microphone for your Talent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



# Miss Premier International | Additional Performer Form

First Name	
Last Name	
Date of Birth	
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Mailing Address	
Competitor Stage Name	

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