



## **Miss Czech-Slovak US Court Expectations**

The Miss Czech-Slovak US 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up is a prestigious role that carries expectations and responsibilities. These are guidelines to ensure consistency and appropriate representation of the Miss Czech-Slovak US organization.

The determination of a successful reign includes:

1. Number of contestants
2. Sponsors/Donors

*The Miss Czech-Slovak US organization reserves the right to amend these at any time.*

1. Miss Czech-Slovak Royal Court member (She) should attend at least 4 heritage events during her reign. In-state events do count towards this goal although; we recommend a variety of events.
2. She shall send a regular update to the National Pageant Director (NPD): December 1 and June 1. Include in your update what you have accomplished.
3. She shall send letters of appreciation and gratitude to all award sponsors within 1 week of the pageant. Once mailed, please contact pageant director to notify that “thank you’s” have been sent.
4. She shall contact the NPD on all events she is attending as national court member.
5. She shall contact the NPD if invited to an event and is unable to attend.
6. She shall participate in all Board of Director’s conference call, if applicable.
7. She shall not have a webpage/blog outside of the national pageant website.
8. She is not allowed to wear her national crown/sash, unless wearing kroj
  - a. She shall not drink alcohol or smoke tobacco products during national queen appearances.
  - b. Rule 8 applies to current and post reign
9. She shall email a report to the NPD after each heritage event within 24 hours.
10. She shall make no dramatic changes to her appearance without pageant consent.
11. She is allowed to utilize pageant recruiting materials at all heritage events.
12. She is expected to make contact with all at-large contestants and offer assistance prior to July 1. You may be assigned as a mentor to contestants.
13. She shall return to Wilber, NE for the following Miss Czech Slovak US Pageant.
14. She shall create list of contacts collected from heritage events.
15. She may ride through parades with other members of the Royal Court and/or her national Little Sister. She should not share a parade vehicle with state or local royalty.

**Prize Money Information:**

- Court Member will receive 50% of cash prize following crowning. She will receive second 50% upon returning to Wilber for the following year Miss Czech Slovak US National Pageant. Failure to return will result in forfeiture of “second half” 50%.

**Crown and Sash Information:**

- National Pageant will provide the court’s sashes.
- Court member retains her crown.
- Court members can only wear national crown and sash if in kroj for appearances.

**Potential Contestants:**

1. If the potential contestant resides in a state, with the state pageant, please contact the state Board of Director Representative.
2. If above does not apply, collect contestant’s contact information and send to NPD.

**Tips:**

- Communicate often with the NPD. She should know all events you plan on attending and receive post-event report.
- Business cards are helpful for handing out your information or using the backs to write down the contact information of potential sponsors, candidates, or others you want to stay in contact with.
- When traveling, study and research the news on where you are going. It is important understand current Slovak and Czech events and how they may effect conversation.
- Keep you kroj as clean as when you competed. Make sure you don’t “cut corners” always wear full kroj.
- You sometimes have to juggle a conversation and a group of people snapping candid photos of you. Do your best to be polite and accommodate everyone. Not everyone knows if they are allowed to take a picture with you
- Not everyone knows about our wonderful pageant. Be prepared to explain your title several times, sometimes more than once to each person, to those who ask or look puzzled.
- Don’t be afraid to get outside you “bubble.” If you want to travel to a place you have never been, people are very inviting and you can find a ride or host home pretty much anywhere.
- Thank you cards: bring blank ones on your trips. You never know when someone will do something nice. Also, be sure to thank the people who invite you to their events or house you.