

Mr LEATHER SL♥UT

Rules

2019 - Edition

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Mr. Leather SL♥UT contest is to promote leather culture among the Salt Lake City community. We are looking for leather men that can act as an ambassador to work with various segments of both LGBTQ community as well as various segments of the radical sex communities.

We are looking for men who are passionately interested in activism, charity, and community building. We are seeking titleholders that can articulately express their own platform and excite those around them to get involved.

Contest Rules

Deadlines

All required content must be delivered by the deadlines outlined in the Mr Leather SL♥UT Deadlines documents. Producers reserve the right to extend the deadlines if there are errors in communication or publication. It is not the responsibility of the producers if a contestant does not read, understand or remember a deadline. As a general rule, the deadline is one week prior to the competition date at 11:59:59 PM Salt Lake City Time. If less than two competitors have submitted applications the deadline will be extended until we have two contestants or the contest begins.

Contest Eligibility Requirements

Mr. Leather SL♥UT is open to both trans and cis-gendered men. Gay, Bi-Sexual & Straight men are all eligible to compete however winners will be selected based on their abilities to represent and support the needs of the the communities outlined in the mission statement. We would advise that if you are a straight man that isn't actively involved in LGBTQ community activities that this may not be the title for you. You must be 21 years of age to compete. You may not be a convicted sex offender, or in court proceedings accused of offenses that would place you on the sex offender registry.

Regional Eligibility

In order to compete for Mr. Leather SL♥UT competition you need to reside within 100 miles of Salt Lake City, UT. Contestants should have no plans to move further away during the planned title year. In the event that a winner moves further than 100 miles from Salt Lake City, UT it must be communicated to the contest producer prior to the intended move. The producer at their discretion may require the winner to step down, the decision will be based on the winner's ability to effectively represent the title as defined by the mission statement.

Term of commitment

The winner of the Mr. Leather SL♥UT competition will serve as a titleholder for one year, that year being defined as from the date of the competition until the following years competition. For example, if

the 2018 contest is held in May and the following year's competition is held in March, the year would only be 10 months. If however the following years competition is held in October the title year could last 17 months. The maximum length of any Mr Leather SL♥UT title term is 18 months even if no competition is held.

Consent and Identification

Contestants will be required to provide photocopies of a State or Federal issued photo identification of themselves with their application form.

Agreement to Compete in All Categories

By submitting an application form, each contestant agrees to participate in all of the categories of the Mr. Leather SL♥UT competition. Including: Fetish Wear (Formal, Bar, Boots & Backroom), Speech, Interview, Pop Questions & Crowd ballot.

Monetary Exchange

There is no fee to compete, and no prize money, travel fund or other monetary benefit promised or implied. Mr. Leather SL♥UT producers will not be held responsible for any title related expenses outside the contest production. The winner of Mr. Leather SL♥UT is allowed to fundraise during their title year for any travel, or to compete in additional title competitions such as Rocky Mountain Person of Leather or International Mr. Leather, for charitable causes or any other worthwhile endeavour. Mr. Leather SL♥UT titleholder shall not use the title for personal financial gain, and should keep detailed financial records in regards to any money fundraised and where/how those funds were applied. Those financial records should be available for inspection at the request of the contest producers. Misrepresentation or misappropriation of funds may be cause for removal of the title. Funds raised during the competition will be used to offset production costs, with the remainder donated to charity.

Hold Blameless

Each contestant agrees to hold blameless Mr. Leather SL♥UT producers, staff, hosting venues and their staff, for any injuries, economic loss, or liability regarding their voluntary participation in the contest. Contestant agrees to pay all court costs in any litigation that may arise from legal action taken by the contestant against the aforementioned as applicable under Utah State Law.

Model Releases & Liability

Contestant must sign a standard model release and liability waiver prior to the competition.

Winners Responsibilities

Each contestant agrees to represent the title for their full title year should they be selected as the winner. Mr. Leather SL♥UT producers have no requirements to travel, speak or do any fundraising though they may be asked to do so by clubs, organizations and businesses in the community. Mr Leather SL♥UT titleholders do so of their own volition, it is not a requirement of the title. The title holder is asked to attend at least one function by all major leather groups in the Salt Lake City area (within 100 miles of Salt Lake City) to represent the title, so long as attending one of their functions does not incur any direct financial cost to attend. While attending aforementioned events the current year Mr Leather SL♥UT is asked to wear the title patch. A list of potential organizations and events will be provided by the producers of Mr Leather SL♥UT upon request.

Runner-up Responsibilities

The first runner-up agrees to assume the title, privileges and responsibilities of the winner, should the winner resign or have their title removed.

Contest Format

Fetish Wear (200 Points)

The producers of Mr. Leather SL♥UT believe all body types are sexy and want you to show your own personal sex appeal. The Fetish Wear section will be broken out into four categories.

1. Bar wear (50 Points)
2. Formal wear (50 Points)
3. Backroom (50 Points)
4. Boots (50 Points)

While there will be four categories scored this will be done on stage during three segments. All attire must conform to state law, venue preferences and contest policies.

Bar wear: This is defined by casual wear that you might wear to a bar to show your connection to the leather community. This could be a vest that contains representations of club associations, or simply leather designed to cruise on a casual bar night.

Formal wear: This is defined as leather that might be worn to a more formal function, a pride gala, a leather wedding, or a place where we want to represent as leather but must do so in as formal and as respectful a way as possible. An example of this might be full or partial leather uniform.

Backroom: Backroom leather is defined as what you might wear while having hard core leather sex. Attire must conform to venue policy, contest policy and with state law (read no bare genitals or asses). Examples might include Leather Shorts and a harness. During the backroom segment, you'll pick music to present to, your job will be to work the crowd, get them excited and convince them to give their ballots to you. You are allowed to have additional performers but this segment should strongly feature you. Your music will need to be selected 48 hours in advance, or we will pick something for you. We will not accept music day of. You'll need to start your backroom segment on stage, you are however allowed to leave the stage to work the crowd for tickets, in fact if you don't leave the stage it's unlikely you'll reach all of the potential voters. You're allowed to make it as much of a production as you'd like, however you should not plan on having stage setup time, or time to clear the stage.

Boots: Boots will be graded based on their presence and display in the above three categories and will not get it's own separate stage time.

Time permitting Judges may be allowed to further inspect contestant attire.

It is not a requirement of the Mr. Leather SL♥UT contest that a contestant owns their own leather gear, borrowed leather is acceptable.

Speech (100 Points)

Each contestant is asked to prepare a two(2) to four(4) minute speech. Judges are to score based on the contestants ability to articulate their views and communicate their passions. Judges are also permitted to judge based on their perceptions of the content of the speech. Judges are not permitted to score based on time. Rather the tally master will be instructed to time each speech and automatically deduct 20 points for every thirty seconds they are over or under. This is to be rounded up to the next thirty seconds. (1 to 30 second counts as 30, 31 to 60 seconds counts as 60) Point deductions will be taken off the grand total after all judges scores are combined. Anything between two minutes and Four minutes will not have any deductions made to the judges total score. Actual time of the speech should be documented for full explanation of scoring upon review. Example: If the judges score a speech with the scores 70,80,85,60,75 the judges total would be 370 points. If the speech meets the time requirements it will remain unaltered. If the speech goes over by 30 seconds, 20 points will be deducted and the new total would be 350. Time is counted from the first word spoken until the last word.

Interview (200 Points)

Each contestant will participate in a Judge's interview that will take place prior to the stage contest. The contestant interview should last between 20 and 40 minutes. The Judges are to score based on their perception of the contestants ability to meet and support the mission statement of the contest.

Pop Questions (100 Points - 50 each question)

On stage in front of the audience each contestant will be asked two pop questions. One question will be a light hearted or funny question designed to show the contestants personality, their wit and how they think on their feet. The other question will be a serious question designed to show they understand the issues facing the LGBTQ, sex positive and leather communities of Salt Lake City.

Crowd Ballot (200 points)

The value of a titleholder most often is in their ability to get people involved. To promote activism. The crowd ballot is about more than popularity, it's about your power as a spokesperson or activist. Bring your people to the contest, change the minds of those who were brought by others. Audience members will have the opportunity to buy additional ballots for \$5 each. Those tickets can be deposited towards a particular contestant at any point during the contest, up until your backroom segment is finished, at that point your total will be counted up. During your backroom stage segment you'll have the opportunity to work the crowd to try to get additional ballots. We will also accept cash, each \$5 will count as an additional ballot. Some method, weight, computers or ticket takers will be used ensure a proper and rapid count of ballots. The ballot master will deliver the count totals to the tally master and the tally master will register the final total scores to the head judge and the Mr Leather SL♥UT producers. If everything looks in order the winner will be announced on stage. If there appears to be any anomalies the data will be reviewed before announcing the winner.

1st place in the ballot receives 200 points.

2nd place in the ballot receives 175 points.

3rd place in the ballot receives 150 points.

4th place in the ballot receives 125 points

And so on until you get to zero points..

In the event of a tie, both contestants will receive equal points in this category based on where they collectively fall. This is 200 points total, not 200 points per judge.

Judges Panel

The contest producers will select a panel of a head judge and four additional judges. Scoring will use a straight line method, all scores will count.

Judges scored cards will be collected and totalled by the Tally master at the end of each segment. In the event of a tie, the interview scores will be used to determine the winner. If a tie still remains the speech scores will be used to break the tie. Finally If a tie still persists the tie will be announced and the head judge will select a single winner live on stage.

Judges will be asked to score based on the following logic: 70% means the contestant met their expectations. Below 70% means the contestant did not meet the judges expectations of a Mr. Leather SL♥UT title holder. Any score above 70% should mean the contestant exceeded the judges expectations of a Mr. Leather SL♥UT titleholder.

A contestant must score a minimum of 70% of the possible points to place. If no contestants meet the 70% minimum no winner will be selected.

Categories

- Fetish Wear : 200 Points
- Speech : 100 Points
- Interview : 200 Points
- Pop Questions : 100 points
- Crowd Ballot : 200 Points.

Total possible points per judge 600, All judges total = 3000 + 200 ballot. Total points required to place 2325.