

MR. SAN FRANCISCO LEATHER 2018 CONTEST



Contestant Packet

The SF Bay Area Leather Alliance is pleased you have chosen to compete in the Mr. San Francisco Leather 2018 Contest. Note that contestants are required to provide all information requested and execute all documents so please review the documents thoroughly before submitting them to us. The five documents included in this packet plus the Contestant Data Form constitute the Contestant Application.

The information that you provide is for administrative purposes. The ONLY items that the judges will see are the Contestant Data Form and your photo.

REQUIREMENTS: Contestants must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident of California.
- Be 21 years of age or older.
- Be the winner of a San Francisco feeder contest or sponsored by a San Francisco leather, kink, fetish or gear business, club or organization or be an independent, reputable leather man from the community.
- Attend the Leather Alliance events listed in the Contestant Agreement.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete and sign the Contestant Agreement.

Read and sign the Winner Agreement.

Read and sign the Standard of Behavior Agreement.

Read and sign the Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement.

Read and sign the Contestant Photo Release.

Complete and sign the Contestant Data Form (Google doc).

Provide a photo (face shot, minimum 3"X5")

Photocopy of legal identification used as PROOF OF AGE.

Include the applicable registration fee via check made out to the "Leather Alliance" or to <http://leatheralliance.org/paypal/>.

Please turn in signed completed agreements to weekend-chairs@leatheralliance.org or via mail to 584 Castro St Unit 660 San Francisco, CA 94114.

The completed application must be received by January 20, 2018. Upon receipt of your application, the Contestant Den Daddy, Nate Burris, nate@leatheralliance.org and Den boy, Jesus Nunez jesus@leatheralliance.org will contact you with further instructions. If you have any questions, please contact the Contest Executive Producers, Dahn and Angel, weekend-chairs@leatheralliance.org. **A shortened bio of 200 words or less must also be provided to the den staff. This bio can be submitted via email.**

Note: The Contestant fee is \$50.00.

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JUDGING METHOD

The judges are prominent members of the leather/fetish/kink community whom we feel best represent the ideals and character traits that we expect to see in our titleholder. Each represents a different portion of the local, national or international community. All exhibit the sense of citizenship, community work ethic and independent character that makes a strong titleholder.

There are five judges for the Mr SF Leather contest. The contest is scored using straight scoring. All judges scores are counted. The personal interview will also be judged by SF Bootblack judges. Their score will be combined to add a 6th judges score for the personal interview. Final category scores for each contestant will be added together and the individual with the highest total will be declared "Mr. San Francisco Leather 2018."

Contestants must reach 70% to be awarded the title. In the rare event of a tie, the winner will be determined by only using the Personal Interview and Speech. Scoring and Judges feedback will be made available to contestants within 60 days of the end of the contest.

Contestant Judging Categories

Personal Interview in Street/Casual Wear (100 points): Contestants will have a 20 minute personal interview where they will answer questions posed to them by the Judging panel. The questions may be about any aspect of leather history, BDSM, or personal questions about the contestant. Contestants are not required to have a 'platform,' but questions from the judges may include plans for the contestant's title year if they were to win. The interview is open to the public. Additionally the personal interview will be scored by the SF Bootblack judges. The scores of the SFBB judges will be averaged for an additional 100 point score

Speech and Formal Wear (100 points): Contestants will give a speech no longer than two minutes on a topic of their choice. The Contestants will also be judged on their formal leather look during this time.

On Stage Pop Question and Physique (75 points): Each contestant will randomly select one pop question to answer on stage. Questions will be submitted by the judges and emcees. The appropriate dress for this section is your briefest (jock) sexy best.

Leather Image (100 points): Contestants will be judged on their overall leather image while on stage. This will include formal wear when first introduced and bios are read and an overall impression from the judges of their "total" leather image throughout the contest. This category should be scored last. (Not to include what is worn during the meet and greet or the pre-judging interviews)

Presentation Skills (25 points): Contestants are judged in this category by how they present and carry themselves overall, from interview, and throughout the on stage contest, including speech and pop question.

Total Points Possible

400 Points per Mr SF Leather judge. 100 points for the Personal Interview scored by the Bootblack judges. Total points possible 2100. Must score 1470 points to win the title.

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Contestant Agreement

I enclose with this application, a photocopy of my legal Photo ID (Driver's License, Passport, or State I.D.)

I enclose the non-refundable entrance fee of _____ payable to The Leather Alliance. I also enclose a recent photo that shows my face clearly. I understand this photo may or may not be the one used for publicity purposes.

As a contestant, I agree to appear at all official events relating to the Mr. San Francisco Leather Contest, including but not limited to:

Contestant/Judges Meet and Greet

Formal Leather Dinner

Contest

"Meet The New Mr. San Francisco Leather" After Party

Victory Beer/Soda Bust

Failure to appear as scheduled may result in disqualification. The SF Bay Area Leather Alliance reserves the right to remove a contestant from the competition at any time, for any cause.

Contestants are provided a den staff in the Den Daddy and Den boy, therefore, no extra assistants, spouses etc are allowed back stage or in the contestant dressing. (Some contest staff may be the exception).

As a contestant I agree to all the terms and obligations in this application including those terms and responsibilities I may incur if selected as Mr San Francisco Leather or first runner up.

Contestant's Legal Signature: _____ **Date** _____

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WINNER'S AGREEMENT

If I win, I agree to the following:

- 1) Compete at International Mr. Leather Contest in Chicago, IL over Memorial Day Weekend.
- 2) Be a role model and representative as well as a visible member of the SF Leather/Fetish/Kink Community and agree to attend a minimum of 10 Bay Area Leather/Fetish/Kink events or meetings during the course of my title year. **Leather Alley, the Pride Parade, the Leather Alliance Weekend, Progressive Dinner, Folsom Street Main Stage, and the Ms San Francisco Leather Contest are compulsory.**
- 3) Maintain contact with the Leather Alliance Board of Directors or their designee throughout my title year to keep them informed of my titleholder activities. I will maintain an online blog of my title events and appearances. The Leather Alliance will provide assistance with the blog as needed.
- 4) Produce at least one fundraising event during the course of my title year to support the Leather Alliance activities and one fundraising event to support my title activities.
- 5) Assist with contest publicity as well as the publicity for any events associated with the Mr. San Francisco Leather Contest or the Leather Alliance throughout my title year.
- 6) Demonstrate support and encouragement to future Mr. San Francisco Leather titleholders and understand that I am invited to assist my successor as a part of his support team for the following title year in an offering of continuity and camaraderie.
- 7) Understand that if I am unable or unwilling to complete the expectations of my title year, the Leather Alliance, at their discretion, may require me to step down and pass the title to the Mr. San Francisco Leather First Runner-up.
- 9) Understand and agree that no commercial use may be made by me, or anyone, of my Mr. San Francisco Leather title without the prior written permission of the Leather Alliance

Should I win the IML title and retain the Mr. San Francisco Leather title, I agree to fulfill the requirements of the Mr. San Francisco Leather title. I understand that retention of the Mr. San Francisco Leather title is at the discretion of the Leather Alliance. **If I am selected as the First Runner-up, I agree to be ready and willing to step in to assume the responsibilities of the titleholder should the current titleholder be unable to continue.** I also understand that I may be called upon to assist, support and participate in events produced by Mr San Francisco Leather in fulfilling his title obligations.

Contestant's Legal Signature: _____ **Date** _____

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INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS:

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry as a Mr. San Francisco Leather 2018 contestant, I hereby waive any and all claims to injury or damage to my person, property or reputation that may arise, now or in the future, from any cause whatsoever, in connection with my participation in the Mr. San Francisco Leather contest, or against the Mr. San Francisco Leather contest and its owner, the Leather Alliance.

I release all claims to the use of my name, likeness or photograph in connection with the Mr. San Francisco Leather contest, for compensation, injury, accident, and theft from the contest and its owner, the Leather Alliance.

I attest that the information given on the Mr. San Francisco Leather Contestant Application is accurate, and I authorize the use of this information.

Contestant's Legal Signature: _____ Date _____

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Standard of Behavior Agreement

As a contestant and/or titleholder, I will conduct myself with a standard of Behavior that includes but is not limited to proper and courteous behavior to fellow contestants, contest Staff, judges, and all present. I will not partake of drugs or excessive alcohol during the contest or while engaging in Titleholder business, or while representing the title of Mr. San Francisco Leather.

Contestants and judges may “fraternize” informally in public situations. Private meetings between judges and contestants during the events are absolutely prohibited. Any behavior which might create even the appearance of bias will be brought to the attention of the entire judging panel and the Mr. San Francisco Leather Contest Producers. The Producers will decide if disqualification of a judge and/or a contestant would be prudent.

I will not solicit the judges or the contest staff with money or sexual favors. I will not solicit or engage in sexual behavior of any kind with fellow contestants, judges, contest Staff or others during the events. I understand that any violation of the standard of behavior under which this contest is conducted will result in my immediate dismissal from the contest and/or forfeiture of the title.

Contestant’s Legal Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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CONTESTANT PHOTO RELEASE

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE & WAIVER

I, the undersigned, hereby give the Mr. SF Leather Contest, its owners, agents, employees, producers, their photographers, legal representatives, agents or assigns, the right and permission to copyright, use, reuse, broadcast and/or publish any and all Photographic Pictures of me which shall be taken during the Mr. SFL Contest or as a result of my preparation for the Mr. SF Leather Contest, or as a result of my having participated in the Mr. SFL Contest. The term "Photographic Pictures", as used herein shall include portraits, or reproductions thereof including audio and videotapes, made through any media. Further such rights shall include the right to use such Photographic Pictures in conjunction with my name and through any media, for any purpose whatsoever.

I HEREBY WAIVE any right to inspect or approve the finished Photographic Pictures, or the method of their eventual use, including any related audio or printed copy which may be used in conjunction therewith.

I HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and agree to hold harmless Mr. SF Leather Contest, its owners, agents, employees, producers, their photographers, legal representatives, or assigns, including those publishing and/or distributing the finished product, in whole or in part, from and against any liability or claim as a result of the use or publication of said Photographic Pictures' including from any distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion, or its composite form, either intentionally or otherwise that may occur or be produced in the taking, processing or reproduction of the Photographic Pictures' their publication or distribution.

I HAVE READ the foregoing Release and Waiver before signing my name below, and I warrant my full understanding of its contents and that I am of legal age to give my consent in this state.

Contestant's Legal Signature: _____ **Date:** _____