

Mr. & Ms NJ Leather 2026

Contestant Rules & Obligations

REQUIREMENTS

This contest is an event of the LGBTQ+ kink community. All contestants should be American (U.S. citizen or permanent resident) and must be at least 21 years of age and should self-identify as LGBTQ+. The Mr. NJ Leather Contest is open to all members of the LGBTQ+ community who will proudly represent the title of and wear the sash of Mr. NJ Leather 2026 and the Ms NJ Leather Contest is open to all members of the LGBTQ+ community who will proudly represent the title of and wear the sash of Ms NJ Leather 2026. Contestants must be full-time or part-time residents of the State of New Jersey. Contestants who have been convicted of a crime or have pending charges against them must disclose this information to the Producers. It is mandatory that all contestants are available from 8 pm on Friday, March 27 until the end of the contest on Saturday, March 28 (around 10 pm). DRAGONSLAIR Productions does not provide hotel accommodations for contestants.

SUGGESTIONS

Some contestants will have a sponsor helping to defray some or all their expenses. Some contestants do not have sponsors and may find that even the relatively modest expense of attending the contest weekend to be a financial burden. If you wish to be a contestant, it is recommended that you try to find a sponsor to help you with your expenses. Your local bar, local leather club, or other community business or organization may be interested in becoming your sponsor. It is an easy and relatively inexpensive way for your sponsor to get publicity - sponsors are mentioned on stage. The sponsor of a titleholder gets even more publicity as the titleholder travels. Sponsoring a contestant can also serve as a focal point for unifying an organization's members and patrons.

BASKET AUCTION REQUIREMENT

Each contestant is responsible to provide a basket of donated items to be auctioned over the contest weekend with proceeds to be designated to the Titleholder Travel Fund. Items may include art, leather/fetish items, toys, liquor, coffee/tea/sweets, memorabilia, event packages, etc. Please be creative. Contestants are encouraged to solicit from the community, sponsors, clubs, businesses and friends. Baskets should include a legible list of contents to be read during auction. All baskets should be brought to the Friday evening Meet & Greet event.

JUDGING METHOD

The judges are titleholders and/or other prominent members of the leather and greater LGBTQ+ communities. In order to ensure fairness in selecting the winners of the contest, the Olympic Scoring System will be used. In the event of a tie, the non-Olympic scores (without the high/low exclusions) will be used to determine the winner. If both the Olympic and non-Olympic scores are tied the judging panel will meet to break the tie. Final scoring may be sent to contestants by request within 30 days of the event. Contestants and judges will be identified on the scoring sheets only by their numbers. Keep in mind that judges do not necessarily look for the most aesthetically pleasing face, most muscular and/or erotic body, but rather the person who best typifies the ideal candidate. This involves the personal subjective judgment of each contestant's leather image, physical appearance, attitude, personality, self-assurance, and presence.

The producers reserve the right to limit the number of contestants and/or impose an early elimination cut based upon partial judging to ensure the contest will be completed within the time frame allowed at the contest venue.

FRATERNIZATION WITH JUDGES

Contestants and judges may socialize in public situations. Private meetings between judges and contestants during the contest weekend are absolutely prohibited. Any personal sexual contact between judges and contestants during the contest weekend is absolutely prohibited. Any behavior that might create the appearance of bias will be brought to the attention of the producers who will decide if the disqualification of the judge and/or contestant would be prudent. To avoid impropriety, all contestants and judges must display their respective identification badges whenever they are in public places during the contest weekend. In the tradition of our previous competitions, the outgoing Ms NJ Leather will score only Mr. NJ Leather contestants and the outgoing Mr. NJ Leather will score only Ms NJ Leather contestants.

CONTESTANT CATEGORIES

Under State of New Jersey law, no genitalia shall be shown in public or in pre-judging interviews.

At no time are any contestant handlers allowed backstage or in the dressing room.

There will be 6 judged categories - 200 points maximum.

Friday Meet & Greet: (30 points)

Contestants will be observed by judges during the Friday evening Meet & Greet event to learn how each behaves and reacts in a social situation with other members of their community.

Interview and Pre-judging: (60 points)

Contestants will meet individually with the full panel of judges and respond to all questions asked. This interview will take place in private (off stage) without an audience. Attire should be comfortable and casual.

On-Stage Contestant Introduction: (30 points)

Contestants will appear on stage in bar wear of their choice. They will be introduced to the audience and make a brief statement (2 minutes max.) about themselves, their involvement in the leather community and how they would represent their new title if chosen.

Fantasy On-Stage: (30 points)

Contestants will appear on stage in the leather wear or simple fantasy costume of their choice. Contestants may act out or recite their fantasy to the audience. Contestants are allowed no more than two (2) minutes to set up the props and two (2) minutes to remove the props. No more than five (5) additional people may be included on stage in contestant fantasies. The fantasy enactment or recital should take at least two (2) but no more than five (5) minutes. This will be strictly enforced - practice to ensure timing! Set-up and breakdown will not count toward the time limit. The fantasy may be erotic, comedic or make a statement. If a contestant has music or video to go with their fantasy, they should provide their media to the stage manager as soon as possible.

Additional Fantasy Comments & Constraints

Violation of these constraints may disqualify your fantasy score and may also disqualify you from the contest.

We strongly suggest that you practice the timing of the stage set-up, fantasy, and break-down. We would hate to have to interrupt a fantasy or disqualify a contestant's fantasy score because the time limits were exceeded.

All on-stage helpers must sign a photo release. Anything that could create a safety hazard or alter the stage condition after the clean-up **MUST** be discussed with the producers in advance of the contest. The producers reserve the right to require additional precautions or to disqualify any fantasy, which may create a safety hazard or alter the stage conditions. No open flames, firearms, or other weapons are permitted. Smoke or fog generators of any kind require advance permission. The use of water or any other substance that may alter the condition of the stage requires advance permission for the producers to ensure 100% cleanup can be accomplished in the allotted time frame. Large and bulky props are strongly discouraged as they cannot be stored at the contest venue. Contestants will be responsible for all hauling, transport, and storage of their props. Props of any kind may not be discarded at the contest venue. Use of minimal props is encouraged. Effective, clever, and appropriate use of minimal props may impress judges more than costly or bulky props.

Hot Wear On Stage: (20 points)

Contestants will appear in what they feel to be their hottest leather/BDSM/fetish attire. This is not an exotic fashion show or body competition, but an exploration of our leather lifestyle and will be judged as such. Each contestant should choose garments that best reflect their leather/kink background and attitude to convey a clear message about themselves and their desires to the audience and judges.

Image: (30 points)

Contestants will appear on stage in what they consider to be formal attire, will be asked a predetermined question by the emcee and will give an answer not to exceed two minutes.

Single Contestants

In the event either the Mr. or Ms NJ Leather competitions are limited to a single contestant, that contestant must score a minimum of 75% of the total possible points (150 out of 200). Should a contestant in this situation fail to earn the minimum number of points required, a title will not be awarded. The producers reserve the right to deviate from this procedure if they feel the circumstances warrant further consideration.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF WINNERS

The primary duty of the winners is to represent the Leather/BDSM and LGBTQ+ communities of New Jersey and promote the Mr. & Ms NJ Leather titles as traveling ambassadors. The winners of Mr. & Ms New Jersey Leather may choose to advance to regional, national, and/or international competitions upon completion of their title year. Neither Mr. nor Ms New Jersey Leather are allowed to compete for any titles which would be considered below the state level. This includes but is not limited to bar, city, and campground titles.

While DRAGONSLAIR Productions would be pleased to have our titleholders advance to a higher level of competition within the greater leather community, it is also understood that issues of employment, finance, health, etc. may preclude titleholders from doing so responsibly or comfortably. The title year experience should be a positive one for both the titleholder and the community. The most important obligation of our titleholders is to actively work to promote the leather lifestyle and the community within New Jersey.

DRAGONSLAIR Productions expects winners to conduct themselves as positive role models during their title year. Flagrant violation of this may result in forfeiture of title.

In addition to raising funds to cover their own travels, winners are encouraged to help with fund raising projects for worthy causes. Both Mr. & Ms NJ Leather are expected to produce at least two benefits for a non-profit organization of their choice. Please keep us in the loop of your plans - maybe we can help!

During title year, titleholders are expected to attend the New Jersey LGBTQ+ Pride event and all DRAGONSLAIR Productions fundraisers and events wearing sash or other appropriate title gear denoting their status as Mr. or Ms NJ Leather.

DRAGONSLAIR Productions reserves the right to remove any Contestant from the competition at any time, and for any cause.

Mr. & Ms NJ Leather 2026 Contestant Application

INSTRUCTIONS

Applications received prior to and including Wednesday, March 25, 2026 must be accompanied by a fifty dollar (\$50) Contestant Fee. Contestant applications presented after March 25, 2026 require a seventy-five dollar (\$75) Contestant Fee. Contestant applications may be accepted on Friday, March 27, 2026 at the discretion of the producers. Application fees are to be paid by cash or electronically via Zelle to lthrdragon@gmail.com.

Do not mail the application form after Wednesday, March 18, 2026. In person contestant registrations must be arranged with the producers in advance. If you have any questions, call Sal before 9 pm at 732-857-0781 or Email lthrdragon@gmail.com.

I am running for Ms NJ Leather Mr. NJ Leather

STAGE NAME

(Name by which you wish to be announced on stage)

PRONOUNS

PREVIOUS TITLES

SPONSOR (optional)

CITY

STATE

DATE OF BIRTH

AGE

HEIGHT

WEIGHT

HAIR COLOR

EYE COLOR

SPECIAL FEATURES (tattoos, piercings, etc.)

CURRENT RELATIONSHIP

(single, lover, master, slave, daddy, boy, mistress, puppy, handler, dom, sub, etc.)

OCCUPATION

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT

HOBBIES

SOMETHING ELSE ABOUT YOU PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

(Will not be announced on stage)

LEGAL NAME

STREET ADDRESS

MAILING ADDRESS (if different)

E-MAIL ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER _____

PHOTO RELEASE WAIVER

By signing this application, I am giving the producers of The Mr. / Ms New Jersey Leather Contest my permission to use my photos and likenesses in publicity, and on the Internet. I also release the Producers, Judges and Staff of the Mr. / Ms NJ Leather Contest as well as the Management and Staff of the host venue of any liability that may occur during the contest and in the future. I testify that I am over the age of 21.

By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the terms and conditions set forth in the Contestant Rules.

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE (legal name only) _____

DATE _____

WITNESS (printed name) _____

WITNESS SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____