



CONTEST
APPLICATION PACKET
NUMBER ONE

A local preliminary to International
Mr. & Ms. Leather

Dear Contestant:

Congratulations on taking your first step to becoming a Phoenix Leather titleholder, and a contestant for International Mr. Leather (IML) or International Ms. Leather (IMSL). We are proud to have you as a contestant and await the receipt of your application form. You will find that application form starting on page 5 in this package. After you complete the application and submit it along with your \$25.00 entry fee, we will provide you with another packet giving more specific information about the times and structure of this year's contest.

The structure of this contest will be similar to the IML/IMSL contests. On Thursday evening we will hold an informal cigar social. Friday evening we will hold a more formal meet and greet social for the contestants and judges. It is a good idea to wear what you would normally wear to a leather bar and conduct yourself in a social manner at these events. On Friday evening you will be introduced to the audience as a contestant and will publicly draw your stage appearance number, which will also determine your interview time for Saturday.

On Saturday morning, contestants will have a private interview with the judges. Interviews will last approximately 30 minutes each to allow the judges to become familiar with the contestants and their views of leather and the leather lifestyle. You will be asked your opinion on many topics during the interview. International contest judges have put heavy emphasis on speaking ability and the ability to spontaneously and confidently answer questions about topics such as leather sex, illegal drug issues, HIV/AIDS issues and politics; therefore these may be an emphasis at our Phoenix Leather contest.

On Saturday afternoon, contestants will set up and display silent auction items. These items should reflect who the contestant is personally and in their leather life. You can display individual items, or group your items together as a basket or other form of display. You will have an area of approximately two feet by two feet to display your items and proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the Mr. and Ms. Phoenix Leather travel fund. All items displayed in the silent auction become property of the contest for use in current and future fundraising efforts.

On Saturday night, we will hold the Mr./Ms. Phoenix Leather contest, which includes the "formal leather and speech" category and the "sexy-wear and on-stage question" category. During the "formal leather and speech" portion contestants should appear wearing full leather, a uniform, or another choice of formal leather attire. Each contestant will make a short speech to the audience concerning the image of leather, how they would represent leather, or a similar appropriate topic of choice. There is a time limit of 90 seconds, which is strictly enforced both at the local contest and at IML & IMSL.

For the "sexy-wear and on-stage question" portion, it is important that your attire show you off at your sexiest. You are required to pass through public areas between the dressing room and the ballroom. If your attire for sexy-wear is not street legal, you must make sure that you have something with which to cover yourself between the dressing room and the stage that makes you street legal. If you are unsure whether your attire meets this requirement, please check with the contest coordinator or den staff.

Ms. contestants will also perform an on stage fantasy. The performance may not exceed 3 minutes and must be completely performed within a 10'x10' area on the stage. More details will be given in the second packet of information.

There will be a panel of judges for this contest, which will consist of respected members of the leather community with a range of political, geographical, and social backgrounds. Contestants are scored as follows: Saturday Interview 0-60 points, Silent Auction Display 0-30 points, Formal Leather and Speech 0-50 points, Sexy-wear and On-stage Question 0-30 points, Overall weekend attitude and personality 0-30 points, Fantasy (for Ms. Contestants only) 0-50 points. You should note that the overall weekend category will be judged throughout the weekend whenever the contestant has contact with or around the judges.

In addition to these contest requirements, contestants should be available on Saturday afternoon for possible rehearsal, last minute instructions and stage planning.

The winner must be available to host at least two fund raisers before the IML/IMSL contest to raise money for the travel fund, hold charity fund raisers throughout their title year and must be available to judge next year's Phoenix Leather contest. They will also represent the community at events locally and nationally as their schedule and finances permit.

The Mr. winner of the Phoenix Leather contest will represent Phoenix at the International Mr. Leather contest, the Ms. winner will compete at the International Ms. Leather Contest. More information on the details will be provided by the producers in another document.

Money from the travel fund will be used to secure hotel accommodations and airfare for the winner.

Applications are due no later than the date noted on page 4. Your application, biographical and sponsorship information, photo release and \$25.00 registration fee, must be completed and turned in by this date.

There will be a mandatory meeting as noted on page 4 for all contestants. If for any reason you cannot attend, please contact an event producer, Stephen Bloom or Kenneth Anthony, in advance. At this meeting, a second packet of information, detailing your responsibilities for the weekend will be given to you.

Please remember throughout the weekend to relax, breathe, have fun and get to know your fellow contestants.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call on Stephen or Kenneth.

In Leather Pride...

Stephen Bloom
Mr. Phoenix Leather Producer
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Kenneth Anthony
Mr. Phoenix Leather Producer
kenneth@a-pah.org

Applications are due no later than April 25. Your application, biographical and sponsorship information, photo release and \$25.00 registration fee, must be completed and turned in by this date.

Questions? Please contact us to arrange for application submission at the above noted contacts or as noted below.

A contestant meeting will be scheduled and communicated to contestants after all applications are accepted. It is generally the Wednesday before the contest events.

Please return your completed application materials to:

MPL Contest
c/o Kenneth Anthony
3322 E Belleview St.
Phoenix, AZ 85008

Or contact us at
info@mrphoenixleather.com to arrange
delivery

Please remember the following items for a complete application:

- The Contestant Agreement, Contestant Photo Release and Biographical Information
- All Documents MUST be signed.
- Enclose your \$25.00 Registration Fee.
Include a photocopy of your legal photo ID (driver's license, state issued ID or passport).

Contestant Information

PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Contestant's Name

Current Title

Address

Phone number

City, State, Postal Code, Country (if other than USA)

E-mail address

Date

Contestant Agreement

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry as a Contestant, I hereby waive any and all claims for 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 **Phoenix Leather** or against **Phoenix Leather**, its owners, agents, operators, employees, volunteers, lessors, lessees or any other subsidiaries or affiliates thereof. I release all claims to the use of my name, likeness or photograph in connection with the **Phoenix Leather** Contest. In addition, if I am declared the winner, I hereby agree that no commercial use may be made by me of my **Phoenix Leather** title without the prior permission of the **Phoenix Leather** producers.

Signature

Date

Photo Release

For and in consideration of my being allowed to pose, perform, and/or appear on the stage as a contestant during the **Mr./Ms. Phoenix Leather** contest weekend, I hereby give the producers, their legal representatives, assigns, photographers, employees, or persons for whom they are working, the right and permission to copyright and/or use, reuse, broadcast, and/or publish and republish photographic pictures or portraits of me in conjunction with my name, including audio and video tapes, made through any medium, or reproductions thereof, in color or black and white, made through any medium at any studio, for any purpose whatsoever including the use of any printed matter in conjunction therewith.

I hereby waive any rights to inspect or approve the finished photograph or advertising copy or printed matter that may be used in conjunction therewith, or to the eventual use that it might be applied.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to save harmless the producers, their photographers, representatives, assigns, employees or any person(s), corporation(s) for whom the producers might be acting, including any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product, in whole or in part, from and against any liability as a result of said publication, or 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 finished product, its publication or distribution of the same.

I hereby warrant that I am over twenty-one years of age, and competent to contract in my own name.

I have read the foregoing release, authorization and agreement before signing my name below, and warrant that I fully understand the contents thereof.

CONTESTANT'S LEGAL NAME (Print)

CONTESTANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Biographical Information

NOTE: Please print or type! This is the **ONLY** sheet the judges will be given, so do not use "see attached."
If you want to provide the judges with additional information, you must bring **7COPIES** and give them to the Contest Coordinator during the Registration/orientation meeting.

Name: First Last (any pronunciation hints)

Current Title

Other titles held (title, year)

Current City, State of Residence

Current Profession

Date of Birth

Current Age

Height / Weight / Hair Color / Eye Color

Community Involvement (past 3 years):

Club Membership/Affiliations:

Hobbies/Skills/Interests:
