



CONTEST

**APPLICATION PACKET
NUMBER ONE**

A local preliminary to International Mr. Leather

Dear Contestant:

Congratulations on taking your first step to becoming Mr. Phoenix Leather, and a contestant for International Mr. Leather (IML). 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 contest. 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 afternoon, 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. IML judges have recently 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 the Mr. Phoenix Leather contest.

On Saturday night, we will hold the Mr. Phoenix Leather contest, which includes the "formal leather and speech" category and the "skin-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 masculine attire. Each contestant will make a short speech to the audience concerning the image of leather, how he 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.

For the "skin-wear and on-stage question" (aka pecs and personality) portion, it is important that your attire show off your best physical features while still remaining legal to wear in a bar in this state. If you are unsure whether your attire meets this requirement, please check with the contest coordinator. No contestant may compete if their attire is not legal.

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: Friday Leather Image and Interaction 0-30 points, Saturday Interview 0-60 points, Formal Leather and Speech 0-50 points, Skin-wear and On-stage Question 0-30 points, Overall weekend attitude and personality 0-30 points. You should note that the final 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 Friday 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 contest to raise money for the travel fund, hold charity fund raisers throughout his title year and must be available to judge next year's Mr. Phoenix Leather contest. He will also represent the community at events locally and nationally as his schedule and finances permit.

The winner of the Mr. Phoenix Leather contest will represent Phoenix at the International Mr. Leather contest, which will take place Memorial Day weekend in Chicago, Illinois. 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...

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Kenneth Anthony
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“Keep in mind that the most handsome face or more muscular body may not make the best Mr. Phoenix Leather. Rather, the man who most typifies the ideal leatherman, someone whose poise and self-assurance, whose very presence is imbued with that special unidentifiable quality that we recognize as Leather, is the man who will represent the Phoenix Leather Community as Mr. Phoenix Leather.”

-Adapted from International Mr. Leather 2000 contestant instructions

Please return your completed application materials to:

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

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. (If sponsored by one of our partners, enclose an entrant waiver form, available from that partner, instead.)
 - Include a photocopy of your legal photo ID (driver's license, state issued ID or passport).
 - The absolute deadline for applications to be postmarked is on the schedule above.
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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 **Mr. Phoenix Leather** or against **Mr. 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 **Mr. 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 **Mr. Phoenix Leather** title without the prior permission of the **Mr. Phoenix Leather** sponsors.

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. 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:
