



# Terms of Participation

for the title

*Mr Leather Europe 2026*

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## 1 General

The association *European Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ECMC)* grants the title of *Mr Leather Europe 2026*. The association *Motor Sportclub Amsterdam (MSA)* is organising the election of *Mr Leather Europe 2026* on behalf of the *ECMC* in 2025.

The selection process and voting regulation is detailed in the document *Voting Regulation* and serves as the basis for the selection process and should be considered by the contestants for preparation.

## 2 Who is allowed to apply for candidacy?

Each association which has full or provisional *ECMC* membership status is allowed to present a contestant who must hold a European fetish title. The contestant does not need to have served a minimum time with that title before applying to enter the competition. It is possible to apply with a former title at the discretion of the sponsoring club.

Contestants must have reached the age of majority by the election day.

We invite titleholder contestants who identify and present as male. This includes cis men, trans men, as well as those with male- or androgynous-presenting non-binary identities.

## 3 Candidacy submission

To take part in the *Mr Leather Europe* contest, the applicant must submit the following documents:

- the completed application form



- photographs for publication wearing leather (with clearly visible face!), including an official portrait with sash and a full-length photo with sash. Consent of the photographer must be confirmed.
- supporting letter of the *ECMC* member club sponsoring your application

The application must be received by the organising association by the specified deadline. The application will be forwarded to the *ECMC Secretariat*. Applications received after the deadline will be rejected. If the contestant application is accepted an email will be sent confirming acceptance and requesting a short video. Details of the video will be contained in the email.

The contestant transfers all rights to the media assets (pictures and video footage) provided for the application, taken during the events, and during their potential tenure to the organising association and the *ECMC*. The aforementioned parties are entitled to publish these assets on their websites, in any press releases, newsletters, magazines, and social media along with their names (or nicknames) and they remain property of the aforementioned parties.

The public part of the contest will include a brief interview and speech.

The public part of the election will focus on stage presence and personality. It is not obligatory to provide different outfits during the program. However, it should be remembered that nudity is not allowed.

## **4 Costs for participation**

Participation in the contest is free of charge, but the contestant must purchase an event package, which must be paid for no later than 10 days before the start of the election weekend. Please ensure timely payment to avoid disqualification. Discounts for packages are granted at the sole discretion of the organising association.

The contestant will bear the travel costs, accommodation costs, and the cost of participation in other events.

The contest will be presented and conducted in English. If a contestant needs an English-speaking interpreter or a sign language translator, it is their responsibility to organise these for the contest.

## **5 Code of conduct**

The organising association is committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all participants. The association also recognises the importance of upholding a positive image and reputation for their association, the *ECMC*, the title *Mr Leather Europe* and the other persons involved.



We expect all contestants to respect the boundaries and comfort levels of others, and to refrain from engaging in inappropriate or offensive behaviour, language, or actions.

The organising association, the *ECMC* and the title *Mr Leather Europe* must not be associated with any content that depicts or encourages drug use, or that is pornographic or discriminatory in nature.

Any violation of the code of conduct or event's guidelines will result in disqualification by the organising association on behalf of the *ECMC*.

## 6 Title and insignia

The winner of the contest will be awarded with the title *Mr Leather Europe 2026* and a sash. The top three contestants receive medals with the place achieved, the year and the location of the election. Sash and medals are provided by the organising association and remain the property of the association until the end of the title year after which they become the property of the contestants.

The contestant arriving at the second place will bear the title of 1st Runner-up.

The contestant arriving at the third place will bear the title of 2nd Runner-up.

## 7 Eligibility for International titles

The winner will be able to represent the Mr Leather Europe title at the *International Mr Leather* (IML) contest held the following year in Chicago, USA.

## 8 The Role of *Mr Leather Europe*

*Mr Leather Europe* is a voluntary engagement and not a paid job. Health and well-being always come first. Contestants should think carefully about how the title will affect their lives before applying, to avoid any problems or regrets for themselves and the community.

*Mr Leather Europe* proudly represents the values of the *ECMC* in Europe and abroad. Mr Leather Europe should promote inclusivity, and equally importantly, address the unique needs of fetish communities, which may align with but are sometimes also specific to this subset within the larger queer community.

The role of *Mr Leather Europe* combines personal passion with a broader vision. *Mr Leather Europe* will need to navigate their own identity and preferences while championing inclusivity and understanding within and across the communities, ensuring every voice is heard, valued, and respected.



## 8.1 Embracing Diversity

Beyond their personal passion, *Mr Leather Europe* embodies the ethos of inclusivity by embracing and celebrating the vast diversity of fetishes within the community. They recognise and respect the multitude of interests and preferences that individuals hold.

## 8.2 Bridging Communities

*Mr Leather Europe's* role extends to bridging gaps between different fetish communities, fostering connections, and encouraging mutual respect and understanding. Mr Leather Europe acts as a unifying figure, advocating for a cohesive and supportive environment that transcends individual preferences. *Mr Leather Europe* strives to represent the community in a positive light, challenging stereotypes, and misconceptions. Mr Leather Europe showcases the richness, creativity, and individuality present within the diverse tapestry of the fetish community.

## 8.3 Consent

*Mr Leather Europe* embodies and promotes the principles of consent, safety, and respect within the community

## 8.4 Support and Guidance & Commitment to Growth and Unity

*Mr Leather Europe* provides support and guidance, especially to newcomers or individuals exploring their interests within the community. *Mr Leather Europe* offers a welcoming and nonjudgmental space for discussions, education, and advice. *Mr Leather Europe* remains committed to the growth, unity, and well-being of the entire fetish community. Mr Leather Europe actively works towards creating an environment where everyone feels valued, accepted, and empowered to express themselves authentically.

# 9 Schedule for application and contest process

The election takes place on a weekend (Friday to Sunday). Contestants must be present throughout the whole weekend according to the details in the event schedule. The organising association will appoint a Den Daddy to assist and guide the contestants to ensure they are aware of when they are required and what's expected.

### Mandatory events for all contestants:

When?	What?
Prior to application deadline	Submit completed application as per requirements



Prior to interview (personal preparation)	Prepare yourself for an interview with the Jury either online or in person.
After application deadline until 1 week before the election weekend	Contestants will be invited for a jury interview either online or in person.
Friday, 17 October 2025	Attend the <i>Mr Leather Netherlands contest</i> where you will be able to mingle with the audience and the Jury.
Saturday, 18 October 2025	Contestants will be introduced at the AGM of the E.C.M.C.
Saturday, 18 October 2025	Participate in the Contest Rehearsals
Saturday, 18 October 2025	Participate in the Contest
Saturday, 18 October 2025	Attend party
Sunday, 19 October 2025	Attend MSA 55th anniversary lunch
Sunday, 19 October 2025	Attend Fetish Socials United



## 10 Costs and funding for Mr Leather Europe during the tenure

It is at the discretion of the *ECMC* member club or business supporting the winning contestant to bear any or all costs of travel and representation.

At the sole discretion of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the *ECMC*, a travel wallet will be determined for the new Mr Leather Europe to help visit *ECMC* member clubs during their respective *ECMC* events during the tenure. The amount of the travel wallet and the conditions will be approved at the AGM and announced during the contest. The titleholder will apply to the *ECMC* Secretariat for reimbursement.

## 11 End of term

The tenure of the title ends ordinarily or extraordinarily.

### Ordinary:

- ☐ with the regular election of a new Mr Leather Europe
- ☐

### Extraordinary:

- ☐ by resignation
- ☐ by revocation

If Mr Leather Europe behaves in such a way that the reputation of the title itself or the reputation of the fetish community is damaged, the *ECMC* can revoke the title. An extraordinary online meeting of the *ECMC* delegates must be held no later than seven days before this step to explain the misconduct of the title holder. The title is revoked by a simple majority of the participating delegates. The circumstances leading to this step must be communicated in writing. The person holding the Mr Leather Europe title is requested to explain the facts of the case within a reasonable period.

A renewed nomination for the election of *Mr Leather Europe* is forfeited.

- ☐ on the death of the title holder

If the title year is terminated by one of the above-mentioned points, there will be no replacement by the second or third-placed person. The title is suspended until the next regular election.



## 12 Extension of term

- at the discretion of the ECMC delegate meeting at any point in time after the regular tenure of one year if no subsequent election is scheduled and Mr Leather Europe is willing. to extend the tenure. The decision is taken by a simple majority of the participating delegates.

## 13 Final provisions

These regulations are drawn up in consultation with the *ECMC* Secretariat and apply for the respective contest and tenure of the Mr Leather Europe title.

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