



Terms of Participation

for the title

Mister Leather Europe 2027

This document is a generic and persistent version of the previously used "Terms of Participation" template for the Mister Leather Europe election. Unlike the earlier version, which included placeholders and required annual adjustments, this version has been restructured to eliminate year-specific elements. Instead, it references a separate briefing document - customizable by the hosting club - that includes the schedule of events and additional details for both the selection committee and the contestants. This approach ensures consistency across years while maintaining flexibility for event-specific customization.



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1 General

The association *European Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ECMC)* grants the title of *Mister Leather Europe (Year)*. The association(s) *hosting the ECMC's Annual General Meeting in the election year* will organize the election of *Mister Leather Europe* on behalf of the *ECMC*.

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 with full or provisional *ECMC* membership status may present one candidate for the competition. The candidate must hold a European fetish title. There is no minimum time requirement for holding the title before applying. At the discretion of the sponsoring club, a former titleholder may be selected as the candidate.

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 and contribution

To take part in the *Mister Leather Europe* selection, the applicant must submit the following documents:

- the completed application form
- photographs for publication wearing leather (include pictures with clearly visible face!), including an official portrait and a full-length photo with sash of the title used for application. Consent of the photographer must be confirmed.
- a short bio and self-presentation, and a statement outlining their background and purpose in participating (max. 400 words)
- supporting letter of the *ECMC* member club sponsoring your application

The application must be received by the *ECMC Secretariat* by the specified deadline. The application will be forwarded to the organizing association. Applications received after the deadline will be rejected.

The candidate 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



organizing 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. This implies that all media assets and statements of the contestants will be used for free under the organizing association's and *ECMC*'s authorization. Contestants expressly waive their rights to such use.

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

The public part of the election will focus on presence and personality. It is not obligatory to provide different outfits during the program. However, contestants are expected to respect that nudity is not allowed. Contestants will discuss their plans for public appearance with the *Artistic Director/organizing committee*. All costume changes and performances are subject to the approval of the *Artistic Director/organizing committee*.

4 Costs for participation

Participation in the contest is free of charge, but the contestant must purchase an event package, which must be paid 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 organizing 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 organize these for the contest.

All necessary materials must be brought by the contestant. Any supporting actors will be required to purchase a ticket to access the event at the regular price. Discounts for packages or free tickets are granted at the sole discretion of the organizing association.

5 Code of conduct

The organizing association is committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment for all participants. The association also recognizes the importance of upholding a positive image and reputation for their association, the *ECMC*, the title *Mister 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 behavior, language, or actions.



The organizing association, the *ECMC* and the title *Mister 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 guidelines will result in disqualification by the selection committee or by the organizing association on behalf of the *ECMC*.

6 Title and insignia

The winner of the contest will be awarded the title *Mister Leather Europe (Year)* and a sash.

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.

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 *ECMC*. The medals become the property of the contestants. The sash remains the property of the *ECMC* and must be returned at the end of the title holder's term.

The title holder is responsible for the care and maintenance of the sash during their term. The sash must be kept clean and in good condition. Any damage or stains should be reported to the *ECMC* immediately.

The sash should be stored in a safe and secure location when not in use and handled with care to avoid damage. If the sash is lost or damaged, the title holder must notify the *ECMC* as soon as possible.

The sash must be returned to the *ECMC* in the same condition as it was received, barring normal wear and tear. In the event of loss, damage beyond normal wear and tear, the title holder will be required to compensate for a new sash and will be held liable for the full cost of any repair or replacement.

Non-compliance with these regulations may result in the title holder being disqualified from future awards.

7 Eligibility for international titles

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



8 The Role of *Mister Leather Europe*

Mister Leather Europe proudly represents the values of the *ECMC* in Europe and abroad. *Mister 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 *Mister Leather Europe* combines personal passion with a broader vision. *Mister 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 Passionate Advocate

Mister Leather Europe serves as a passionate advocate for their own fetish interests, demonstrating a deep understanding, enthusiasm, and commitment to their particular area of interest. This passion becomes a driving force behind their representation within the community.

8.2 Embracing Diversity

Beyond their personal passion, *Mister Leather Europe* embodies the ethos of inclusivity by embracing and celebrating the vast diversity of fetishes within the community. They recognize and respect the multitude of interests and preferences that individuals hold, regardless of whether they align with their personal preferences.

8.3 Understanding and Openness

Mister Leather Europe strives to understand various fetishes, even those that differ from their own, with an open mind and respectful curiosity. They engage in dialogue, listen attentively, and empathize with the experiences and perspectives of individuals across different fetish interests.

8.4 Bridging Communities

Mister Leather Europe's role extends to bridging gaps between different fetish communities, fostering connections, and encouraging mutual respect and understanding. *Mister Leather Europe* acts as a unifying figure, advocating for a cohesive and supportive environment that transcends individual preferences.



Mister Leather Europe strives to represent the community in a positive light, challenging stereotypes, and misconceptions. *Mister Leather Europe* showcases the richness, creativity, and individuality present within the diverse tapestry of the fetish community.

8.5 Advocacy for Consent and Respect

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

8.6 Support and Guidance & Commitment to Growth and Unity

Mister Leather Europe provides support and guidance, especially to newcomers or individuals exploring their interests within the community. *Mister Leather Europe* offers a welcoming and non-judgmental space for discussions, education, and advice.

Mister Leather Europe remains committed to the growth, unity, and well-being of the entire fetish community. *Mister Leather Europe* actively works towards creating an environment where everyone feels valued, accepted, and empowered to express themselves authentically.

9 The Duties of *Mister Leather Europe*

Important Note: *Mister 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.

The duties of *Mister Leather Europe* should reflect the values and goals of the community and promote positivity, inclusivity, and respect. The following list contains some key points and suggestions that should serve as a guideline of what can be done during the tenure of the title.

9.1 Representation

- Serve as an ambassador or representative of the event, community, or organization that conferred the title.
- Act as a positive and inclusive role model within the community.

9.2 Advocacy

- Advocate for inclusivity, diversity, and respect within the fetish community and beyond.



- Use the platform to address relevant social issues and promote understanding and acceptance.

9.3 Engagement

- Engage with the community through events, discussions, and social media platforms to foster connections and dialogue.
- Participate in community outreach efforts and support relevant causes.

9.4 Leadership

- Take a leadership role in promoting a safe and welcoming environment within the community.
- Encourage others to embrace their individuality and express themselves freely while respecting others.

9.5 Education

- Provide guidance and support to newcomers or those seeking information about the community.
- If possible: Offer educational sessions or workshops on topics related to the community's interests, focusing on consent, safety, and healthy practices.

9.6 Support

- Offer support and guidance to individuals within the community, especially those facing discrimination or struggling with self-acceptance.
- Collaborate with organizations or groups working towards the well-being of the community.

9.7 Integrity

- Uphold the values and principles of the community and the event, maintaining a high level of integrity and ethical conduct.
- Act as a mediator or advocate in case of disputes or issues within the community.

9.8 Growth and Innovation

- Encourage innovation and evolution within the community, fostering new ideas and approaches while respecting its traditions.
- Collaborate with others to create opportunities for growth and development within the community.



9.9 Continued Engagement

- Remain involved with the community even after the title tenure ends, contributing support and guidance as an esteemed member.

10 Schedule for application and selection 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 organizing association will appoint a Den Daddy to assist and guide the contestants to ensure they are aware of when they are required and what is expected.

Mandatory events for all contestants:

What?	Description
Handing in complete application	Submit complete application as per requirements prior to the application deadline
Personal preparation (prior to presenting to jury and audience)	Prepare for an interview with the Jury incl. a little speech for the selection committee and election ceremony that shows your personality and/or motivation.
Candidate promotion	Participate in creation promotional content for offline and online publication. This may include a brief interview and contributions to a presentation video.
Jury Interviews	Participate in interviews with the selection committee (if organized). Interviews may be recorded for judges that are not able to attend. The footage will be discarded one month after the new title holder is announced.
Rehearsals	Participate in stage rehearsals with the Artistic Director/organizing committee and Master of Ceremony.
Election Show	Participate in the election show.
Election weekend	Attend framework program on the award weekend (if organized): apéro, dinner, party, public photo point with organizers and audience, brunch. Make sure to mingle with the audience and the selection committee. Your public appearance and interaction with the crowd will be part of the selection process!



Additional mandatory events might be scheduled by the hosting association(s). The complete schedule and all necessary preparation information will be provided at least 14 days before the event weekend.

11 Costs and funding for *Mister Leather Europe* their 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 *Mister Leather Europe* to help them 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.

12 End of term

The tenure of the title ends ordinarily or extraordinarily.

Ordinary:

- upon the regular election of a new *Mister Leather Europe*
- if no subsequent election is scheduled after the regular one-year tenure, the *ECMC* delegate meeting may, at any time, decide to end or extend the current titleholder's tenure. An extension is possible if the titleholder is willing to continue, and the decision is taken by a simple majority of the participating delegates.

Extraordinary:

- by resignation
- by revocation

If *Mister 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 *Mister Leather Europe* title is requested to explain the facts of the case within a reasonable period.

A renewed nomination for the election of *Mister 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.

13 Final provisions

These regulations are drawn up by the *ECMC* Secretariat in consultation with the member clubs' spokespersons and apply for the respective contest and tenure of the *Mister Leather Europe* title.

This regulation was last modified on 5 September 2026.