



## CONTESTANT GUIDELINES FOR MISTER LEATHER EUROPE CONTEST 2013 9TH NOVEMBER, 2013

### I. Generalities

1. The contestant must be 18 years old on the day of the contest (9 November 2013) and meet the minimum age requirements of his country of residence.
2. Participation in the contest is reserved to male contestants that meet one of the following conditions:
  - a. The contestant is the titleholder of a contest organised by an ECMC club
  - b. The contestant is the titleholder of a contest organised by a club that is not yet a full member of the ECMC (would-be applicant, applicant or provisional member)
  - c. The contestant is the titleholder of a contest organised by a recognised and ECMC-friendly European leather businessAn ECMC club, an organization or a business can be represented in the contest by one contestant only.
3. The contestant must be a member of a full or provisional member club of the ECMC.
4. With his application to the Mister Leather Europe 2013 Contest, the contestant must send a picture of himself wearing the sash of his current title. He must at the same time authorise Leather Friends Italia and the ECMC to use that image for the websites and for promotional purposes of the event.
5. The contest will be presented in English. If a contestant needs an English-speaking interpreter or a sign language translator, he must organize the translation by himself.



6. The application fee amounts 85 Euros (contestant full package) that must be paid upon registration to the contest and at the latest one calendar month before the event. The deadline is 9th October, 2013.

Applications received after 9th October, 2013 will be accepted at the sole discretion of Leather Friends Italia

7. During the week-end, the contestant will bear the travelling costs and the costs of his accommodation as well as the costs of his participation to other events.

8. All the contestants of the Mister Leather Europe 2013 Contest authorise Leather Friends Italia and the ECMC to use their original official picture and all the pictures taken during the contest to be used with their names (or nicknames) on the Leather Friends Italia and ECMC websites and in press releases for newspapers, newsletters and magazines. This implies that all pictures and statements of the contestants will be used for free and under Leather Friends Italia authorisation and that the contestants will renounce any rights on such use.

## II. Application to the Contest and the Contest

1. The rehearsals for the contest will start on Saturday, 9th November, 2013 at 14:00. The contestant must be present as from the beginning of the rehearsals. On Friday afternoon there will be a meeting for all candidates.

2. On Saturday, 9th November, 2013, during the gala dinner, the contestants will be presented to the audience. There he will have the opportunity to introduce himself, his local community and his supporting club/organization in a statement prepared in advance.

3. The election of Mister Leather Europe 2013 will take place on Saturday, 9th November 2013

4. The contestant will be interviewed in English during a maximum 2 minutes  
If a contestant needs an English-speaking interpreter or a sign language translator, he must organize the translation by himself.

5. After the interview, the contestant will have maximum 3 minutes to present an act of his own. All necessary material must be brought by the contestant. Upon request a calendar month in advance, Leather Friends Italia will try to provide the necessary equipment on a best effort basis.

6. Life performances (speech or singing) are compulsory. Dubbed singing or recorded speeches are not allowed. Sexually explicit performances or performances not recalling safe sex practices will not be allowed. Full nudity is not allowed.

7. The contestants must remain available throughout the whole week-end, including the farewell brunch on Sunday, regardless of the outcome of the contest.



### III. Judging

1. The Jury of judges will represent two thirds of the ballot; the public will represent one third of the ballot.
2. The jury is composed by the judges invited at the sole discretion of the organizing club of the ECMC Annual General Meeting, i.e. Leather Friends Italia.
3. Mister Leather Europe 2012, the ECMC Secretary and the Presidents of each club physically present at the ECMC AGM will be invited to be judges in the Jury. A President can delegate his role as a judge to another person of his own club only. The judges will be invited immediately as jury members after registration of their club for the ECMC AGM.
4. By doing this, Leather Friends Italia would like to involve all ECMC clubs present at the AGM in Padua in the election of our new Mister Leather 2013 and indicate that the winner will be genuinely the person chosen by the ECMC clubs to represent the title.

### IV. Prize and Prize money

The Winner of the Contest will receive the title of Mister Leather Europe 2013 that he will bear for a period of maximum one year, ending with the election of Mister Leather Europe 2014 or at the date of the organization of the ECMC Annual General Meeting if the contest is not organized in 2014.

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. There will be no other ranking for the contest.

If the titleholder of Mister Leather Europe 2013 resigns or is no longer able to assume his duties, the title can be transferred neither to the 1st or 2nd Runner-up nor to a previous titleholder. In this case, the title will be vacant until the election of Mister Leather Europe 2014.

Leather Friends Italia assumes no responsibility in financing the travels of Mister Leather Europe 2013.

Mister Leather Europe 2013 will be able to represent his title at International Mister Leather (IML) contest held in May 2014. Neither Leather Friends Italia nor the ECMC will bear any cost associated with his participation at IML.

At the sole discretion of the Annual General Meeting of the ECMC, a travel wallet will be determined for the new titleholder to help him visiting ECMC clubs during their respective ECMC events of 2014. The amount of the travel wallet and the conditions will be approved at the AGM and will be announced during the contest.

