



CONTESTANT HANDBOOK

New Mexico Leather Bear / Cub Titleholder Code of Conduct

- I will be a role model and representative as well as a visible member of the Leather, Bear, and LGBTQ+ communities.
- I will act with dignity and be respectful, presenting and carrying myself in a manner that is not disrespectful to the Leather, Bear or LGBTQ+ Communities or the Albuquerque Leather Daddys, the producers of Mr. Leather Bear.
- I will conduct myself in an honorable and trustworthy manner, which includes not participating in gossip or deceitfulness.
- I will conduct myself in a responsible manner any time I am representing the Title or organization; and I shall be accountable for my actions at public and private events. This includes not consuming excessive amounts of alcohol, not using illegal drugs, and no verbal, written or physical abuse of others, including on social media.
- I will maintain regular communication with the producers, the Albuquerque Leather Daddys, during my Title year.

During their title year, the titleholder will conduct themselves in proper protocol and dress at any time that they are representing the title or the Albuquerque Leather Daddys. Flagrant violation of this code of conduct may result in the removal of the title. If the producers remove a title, the offender will surrender all Mr. Leather Bear materials, to include but not limited to medallions, sashes, patches, and trophies.

All contestants for the Mr. Leather Bear Contest must meet the following requirements upon submitting their application and agree to the following:

- Each contestant must be at least 21 years of age,
- Contestants will be required to sign the code of conduct and provide if requested a government-issued photo identification of themselves.
- Each contestant must agree to appear onstage wearing appropriate leather bear/fetish gear. This can include rubber, neoprene, or other gear, but leather is preferred.

Each contestant agrees to hold blameless the Albuquerque Leather Daddys, Sidewinders Ranch bar, weekend volunteer personnel, judges, and/or sponsors for injuries, economic loss, or any liability; and to pay all court costs in any litigation that may arise from any legal action taken by the contestant against the aforementioned.

Notice: FRATERNIZATION WITH JUDGES, TALLY MASTERS, AND STAFF

Contestants shall be prohibited from having private meetings or engaging in sexual activity or leather scene play with the judges, tally person(s) and/or staff prior to the announcement of the results.

Any behavior that might create even the appearance of bias will be brought to the attention of the head judge, who will decide if the disqualification of the judge and/or contestant is warranted. To avoid accidental violation of this policy, all contestants, judges, and tally persons should display their identification badges or otherwise make themselves known at all contest events.

New Mexico Leather Bear/Cub Contest Judging Criteria

- 1. Individual interviews (0 – 100 possible points maximum per judge)**
Starting at a time to be announced on Saturday Morning, each contestant will meet privately with the panel of judges to be asked question about lifestyle, your interests, community involvement and availability to represent the community. You will be scored for intelligence, attitude, personality, and ability to communicate. This also applies to aptitude as a spokesperson for the community. The Interview last approximately 15-20 minutes.
- 2. Leather Bear Image – Introductions: (0 – 100 Points per Judge)**
Each contestant will be introduced and will walk the stage in cruising attire or apparel of your choice. This sets the tone for the image you wish to present as New Mexico Leather Bear/Cub. All contestants will return to the stage after the introductions. Contestants are required to accurately fill out a data sheet on themselves so the MC can read parts to the audience.
- 3. Question – (0 – 100 points per judge)**
Each contestant will be introduced and have the microphone to speak to the audience for no more than 90 seconds. This is where contestants will answer a lighthearted question give to you by one of the judges. Time will be given for a quick change if desired.

4. Physique – (0 - 100 points per judge)

Each contestant will be individually introduced wearing as little as is allowed by law (no bare female nipples or uncovered ass crack) or as you choose. You must move about the stage for no more than 90 seconds to display to the judges your physique. The contestant may use props to exhibit your favorite sexual kinks or fetishes.

5. Who are you? – (0 – 100 points per judge)

Each contestant will be given 90 seconds on stage to express themselves. Do you want to speak to a personal stance in the community, make a pitch for why you'd like to represent the Leather Bear community in your respective city or perform a talent? That's your call. Show the judges and audience who you are. Make them smile, make them take notice, make them laugh, make them fall in love with you!

In the event of a tie, for non-Olympic scoring, the interview score will determine the winner. If there is still a tie, the judges will be asked to vote for one winner based on those tied. The one with the most votes will win. There will only be one vote per judge.

With Olympic scoring to break the tie the following method will be employed: The high scores that were previously discarded for the tied contestants will be added and the contestant with the most points will win. If a tie still remains, the low scores will be added. If a tie still remains, the scores for the interview from all judges will be added and the contestant with the most points will win.