



# **MR. PALM SPRINGS LEATHER 2025**

## **Contestant Application & Code of Conduct**

**Thank you for your interest in the Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest. Please fill this out completely, so we can get to know you better.**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City/State:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**Birth Date:**

**Height:  
Color:**

**Weight:**

**Hair Color:**

**Eye**

**Why do you want to be Mr. Palm Springs Leather?**

**How long have you lived in the Greater Palm Springs area?**

**What brings you to Leather community?**

**Clubs, charities, volunteer, and/or Group affiliations:**

**Tattoos, piercings &/or miscellaneous info:**

**Hobbies and Interests:**

**Share your Leather or Kink fantasy. (This will inspire what will be read and used at the contest.)**

***Please note:* If chosen as Mr. Palm Springs Leather, you agree to enter and compete in the International Mr. Leather Contest, in Chicago.**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

## **Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest**

On Saturday, October 26, 2024 the Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest for 2025 will be held at Hotel Zoso. You have agreed to compete as one of the contestants. In doing so you are consenting to having your image reproduced in video, print, social media and the promotion of all related PSLOD events.

### **Schedule and Guidelines for contestants are as follows:**

On Thursday Oct 24, check in and ticketing will begin at Hotel Zoso in the afternoon, Noon -6pm. There you will pick up your registration package, gift bag, and wristband for the weekend's events. That evening, you will be expected to attend the Contestant Meet and Greet at the Encore Patio at the Zoso Hotel at 5pm where you will have an opportunity to meet and interact with the judges. At around 6:30pm, everyone will move to Hunters on Arenas to the Alpha/Private's Welcome Party. As contestants, you are unofficial hosts, so please socialize at will. At approximately 8pm you will be called on stage to draw your contest order numbers. This ordinance is the one you will keep going forward through the contest process. For this event you should wear a bar look that best represents you as this will be our first impression of you.

Friday, Oct 25, you will meet at the Hotel Zoso at 12pm (lite lunch provided) for your personal interviews with the judges. There, you will have a Q & A and the first part of judging occurs. For this session, attire should be a look you feel best represents you as a leatherman and contestant. Contestants will be limited to 15-minute question/answer sessions, and 100 possible points will be awarded for overall presence, answers and attitude.

Friday Evening, Oct 25: The Formal Dinner will take place at Hotel Zoso, at 6:00-9:00pm, you are asked to attend as you will be introduced at the event and your pre-recorded fantasy video may possibly be played. A formal attire look is encouraged. Immediately following is Dark Alley at ToolShed, at this event you should plan to attend although there will not be any staged announcements or introductions. This will be your opportunity to speak further with the judges, etc., in a more social setting. Attire style is optional.

On Saturday, October 26, arrive at the Hotel Zoso by noon, for a brief rehearsal of the contest. You will be released as soon as possible. Feel free to bring your gear and looks for the contest to the staging room and organize yourself with your Den Daddy. Den Daddy and PSLOD Club Mentors will be on hand for any questions you may have or last minute tweaks.

The Mr. Palm Springs Leather contestants are expected to return to the Hotel Zoso by 5:00pm on Saturday, October 26, to the contestant room for the contest.

There will be 3 appearances on stage, **each look should not take more than 10 minutes to change into.**

1. Personal choice / Cruising wear. 2. Jock wear 3. Formal Leather attire (Winner Attire)

**You will be judged in the following Categories:**

**First appearance Judging will be done in Personal Choice / Cruising Wear.**

Personal choice or Cruising wear is anything that you deem presents the real you in the best light as Mr. Palm Springs Leather. Something that makes you look and feel good. Something you would wear to a bar for a night out on the town. Remember to be comfortable and enjoy what you are wearing. You will be asked various questions including why you would like to be Mr. Palm Springs Leather, this is your chance to make a good impression and showcase your charisma (worth 50pts).

**Second appearances will be Jock / Erotic Wear.** Your fantasy video will be presented prior to your stage appearance. Once on stage, you will be asked a humorous question. This is your chance to show the audience your "assets" as well as demonstrate your level of comfort in your own skin. 50 points possible for jock strap presentation and for stage presence.

**Third appearances will be Formal Wear.** Following the Jockstrap portion, you'll change into Formal Wear. This can be anything from uniforms, Sam Brownes, hats etc. Dress to impress. You will give your 90 second speech (worth 100 pt.'s). Anything over 90 sec points will be deducted. You will remain in this attire for the announcement of Mr. Palm Springs. This is your opportunity to share your platform, in other words, why you are in the contest and what you intend to do with your title.

**A total of 300 possible points (includes Q & A Interview points) per contestant can be awarded.**

If chosen as Mr. Palm Springs Leather, you are expected to make a public appearance (all contestants are encouraged to attend as well) at The PSL0D/Desert Studs Victory Party/Beer Bust at the Tool Shed Sunday October 27 in the afternoon.

**Additional duties included as Mr. Palm Springs Leather:**

Attend IML as PSLOD sponsored Mr. Palm Springs Leather.

Additionally you will be asked to assist with fundraising efforts with your sponsor PSLOD, and act as a general goodwill ambassador for our community during your one-year reign.

**Expectation**

The contestant supplies a copy of state or federal identification with a photo. High resolution images should be a minimum of 300 dpi or jpg format are requested: there should be a head shot, full length. At least two photos are requested, a contestant can submit up to five (5) photos of their choice.

**Sponsor Information**

All sponsor information, if applicable will be used in connection with the contestants on our website and throughout the full calendar year of Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert, PSLOD. A high-resolution logo image (jpg, gif) format is required for each sponsor. In submitting your photos, logos and application all relevant parties agree to the following:

I understand that it is my responsibility to obtain consent from my photographer(s) for the use of photographs in connection with my PSLOD contestant application. It is my responsibility for ensuring the photographers who created any image I am submitting to PSLOD waive in perpetuity any rights that they or I may have to inspect or approve any product, in original or modified format used for PSLOD advertising copy or any other related PSLOD related matter or media that may use or may be applied to images now and in perpetuity. I, nor my photographer will receive any type of payment from PSLOD or agent acting under PSLOD authority for use of the contestant images that I am submitting as part of my PSLOD contestant application materials.

Each contestant and their sponsor, if applicable, is to sign and date this Disclosure and Release along with the Contestant Application.

**We very much understand that the title holder's term is on a volunteer basis, and we respect the fact that you have lives and other commitments to attend to during that time period. As such, we would never demand, but are always appreciative of your support when practical.**

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**Mr. Palm Springs Leather will adhere to the following:**

- I will not place my personal interest in conflict with the mission, purpose, vision, or interests of Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert or Mr. Palm Springs Leather (PSLOD/MPSL), and will avoid any conduct that may impair my judgment with respect to PSLOD/MPSL.
- I will not take any actions or make any promises related to a third party that conflict with the mission, purpose, vision, or interests of PSLOD/MPSL.
- I will not exploit or personally benefit from any donor or funding relationship, volunteer relationship, vendor relationship or organizational committee relationship as PSLOD/MPSL.
- I will not use any funding or promise of funding received by any source to improperly influence or coerce any constituencies of PSLOD/MPSL or any third party.
- I will not use my position with PSLOD/MPSL to obtain special advantage or gain to myself, any person related to me or any other related party.
- I will not enter into business transactions on behalf of PSLOD/MPSL
- I will not, directly or indirectly, benefit improperly from my position or from any sale, purchase, contract or other activity of the organization or cause a benefit to any person related to me or any other related party.

- I will not make any payment or provide anything of value to any public official in exchange for or because of any official act performed or to be performed (that is, provide any bribe or unlawful gratuity to anyone).
- I will not ask for, accept from or give to any past, current or potential supplier, advisor, vendors, speaker, customer, competitor, or donor any payment, service, gift, or favor other than gifts of a value less than \$100 or that amount allowed by law unless explicitly approved by the President. All gifts; offered, accepted or given; must be reported to PSLOD.
- I will avoid any outside business relationships with donors, vendor other businesses or competitors if that relationship creates a conflict of interest by influencing decisions made by me in the performance of my regular duties for PSLOD/MPSL or benefiting any person related to me or raises a reasonable inference or appearance of influencing decisions made by me. I will disclose any and all such relationships prior to entering into that outside relationship.
- I will ensure that travel, entertainment and related expenses are incurred on a basis consistent with the mission of PSLOD/MPSL and not for personal gain or interests or benefit of any other related party.
- I will reveal to PSLOD/MPSL, any perceived, potential or actual conflicts of interest.

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# Ethical Code of Conduct for PSLOD/MPSL

## **Integrity**

Having integrity means being totally honest and truthful in every part of your role as PSLOD/MPSL. By making the commitment to become a totally honest person, you will be doing more to ensure your success and happiness as PSLOD/MPSL.

## **Respect**

Being respectful towards people is a key aspect in PSLOD/MPSL in order to form and maintain positive relationships in order to become successful.

## **Open-mindedness**

Open-mindedness means you have a willingness to listen to other ideas and opinions and consider the possibility that you are wrong or may change your own perspective. Open-mindedness can advance mutual understanding, which accommodates the ideal of PSLOD/MPSL working constructively and cohesively toward achieving common goals, despite intense disagreement.

## **Discipline**

The ability for an individual to have self-restraint allows them to behave in a consistently stringent and controlled manner. A lack of this ability can have disastrous results.

## **Tolerance**

Tolerance can be seen as the willingness to accept feelings, habits, or beliefs that are different from your own. Tolerance means how to see the world from the perspective of others, not just your perspective.

## **Team spirit**

Team spirit can be defined as when the members of a group want the team to succeed. Team spirit improves the ability of individuals to work together and boosts morale.

## **Sense of responsibility**

Responsibility is one of the traits of PSLOD/MPSL, which means that a person is able to respond for his actions and to face certain consequences of the actions that may occur.

**Failure to do so could result in forfeiture of the title.**

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