

## **2017-18 Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest Information and Application EXPECTATIONS OF THE WINNER OF MR PALM SPRINGS LEATHER.**

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The Contest is open to gay male residents who live year around within an approximately 50 mile radius of Palm Springs at the time of The Contest, who has won a feeder contest in the current season or who has been appointed by a gay business or organization and who will be able to actively represent Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert and the greater Palm Springs Leather Community. We expect you will:

- Enter and attend the IML contest in Chicago in May of 2018.
- Must have one major fundraiser prior to IML
- Represent Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert at various fundraisers/functions insofar as your schedule permits.
- Represent Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert and the Leather Community in a positive manner.
- When appearing in any capacity as our titleholder, or wearing the titleholder sash, medal or back patch, represent us in a positive light by refraining from inappropriate behavior (public intoxication, public sex, public use of illegal substances, etc.).
- Be a judge for the next Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest in October 2019.
- Consider becoming a member of Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert.
- PSLOD WILL PROVIDE YOU: Your title patch, a title medallion, up to \$2500 to cover the cost of your trip to IML and the Mr. Palm Springs Leather Title Sash for your use during your title year.

Above all the contest is about fun and brotherhood. We hope that the contest will be a positive experience for everyone, and that, no matter who becomes our titleholder, all the contestants will come away with new friends, and a desire to remain friends and co-workers with their brother contestants.

We truly believe that anyone who enters the contest is automatically a winner.

### **CONTEST WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

**PLEASE CHECK IN WITH YOUR CONTESTANT HANDLER, MICHAEL REFKY OR RANDY CARMENATY AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE AT EACH EVENT**

**All Contestants are required to participate in the following events Thu-Sat.**

**The new Mr. PSL is required to attend the Victory Dance and the Pool Party/BBQ all contestants are encouraged and welcomed to attend.**

#### **Thursday, October 26, 2017**

**8:30 pm – Midnight** – Meet and Greet at Hunter's, 302 E. Arenas Road, Palm Springs

#### **Friday, October 27, 2017**

**6:15 pm** – Formal Leather Dinner with introductions at Horizon Ballroom at the Palm Springs Hilton Hotel, 400 E Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

Afterward you are encouraged (but not required) to go to the Tool Shed for the Cruise Party/Vendor Market.

#### **Saturday, October 28, 2017**

**9 am – 11 am** – Personal interviews with the judges at he LGBT Center, 1301 N. Palm Canyon

**noon – 1:30 pm** – Contest Rehearsal at the Palm Springs Air Museum, 745 N Gene Autry Trail

**4:30 pm** Contestant Call time – Contest starts at 7 pm

**10 pm** – Leather/Fetish Victory Dance at The Barracks (attendance required by the new Mr. Palm Springs Leather, all other contestants welcome and encouraged to attend.)

#### **Sunday, October 29, 2017**

**10:45 am – 3 pm** – Pool Party/BBQ at Inn Exile. Wet T-shirt Contest will be hosted by the new Mr. Palm Springs Leather, all other contestants welcome and encouraged to attend.

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## Contestant Scoring

### Personal Interview 100 points

Each contestant will meet privately with our judges Saturday afternoon for a personal interview. Bar wear/cruise wear (clothing/items that you would normally wear to the bar on any given day) is appropriate attire. You'll be judged on your confidence, communication skills, overall appearance and general knowledge of the leather lifestyle.

### Introduction of Contestants: 50 points

Each contestant will introduce themselves to the audience using the highlighted sections of the application at the start of the contest. You'll appear in your favorite bar wear/cruise wear (clothing/items that you would normally wear to the bar on any given day) and will be judged on your introduction, stage presence, your overall appearance, and free form interaction with the MC.

### Jock Strap & Humorous Question: 50 points total

You will be asked a question that is humorous in nature. As a reminder, due to nudity laws bare butts are not allowed! (You must have a one-inch strap down the rear center of your jock.) You'll be judged on your stage presence and your ability to think on your feet (30 points), and your overall appearance (20 points)

### Formal Leather and Speech: 100 points

Formal wear can be anything from full leather to uniforms; whatever you feel would be your formal presentation wear as our titleholder. You are required to give a 90 second speech about a topic of your choice. Topics centered on the Leather or GLBT community are encouraged. You'll be judged on your confidence, communications skills and the content of your speech.

**The 90 second rule is strictly enforced, it starts with the first word you speak. The microphone will be turned off at the 90 second mark.**

Scoring will be done using the Olympic method. After each section, each contestants high score and low score for that section is discarded, and the remaining points added together to make the total score for that section. At the end of the contest the 4 individual section totals are added up, and the contestant with the highest score becomes Mr. Palm Springs Leather 2017- 2018.

## Order of categories for Saturday Evening, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

- Contestant Introduces themselves and talk with MC – Casual Bar Wear
- Jockstrap section with a humorous question
- Formal Leather (with 90 second speech)
- Announcement of 1st Runner-up and our 2017 - 2018 titleholder

**Please fill out PAGES 3, 4 and 5 completely, place in a sealed envelope, ATTENTION PSL0D – then email to [media@pslod.org](mailto:media@pslod.org) so that we can arrange to pick it up.**

**THE APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017.**

The information contained in this application will be a major source of the information the judges will use during the personal interview. You may attach more sheets, if necessary, to fully explain your answers, but please keep your answers to the indicated word lengths.

**Please mark any confidential information with an asterisk.**

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<b>Name:</b>				
<b>Address:</b>				
<b>Email Address:</b>			<b>Birthday (Only Day and Month necessary):</b>	
<b>Telephone: (Please list all contact numbers)</b>			<b>Best Time to Call:</b>	
<b>Height:</b>	<b>Weight:</b>	<b>Eye Color:</b>	<b>Hair Color:</b>	<b>Age:</b>
<b>Club Affiliations:</b>			<b>Hobbies/Interests:</b>	
<b>What does leather mean to you? (maximum of 250 words)</b>				
<b>What would be your plan to promote a positive leather image in your community? (maximum of 250 words)</b>				

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**If chosen as our 2017- 2018 titleholder, what are your goals? (maximum of 250 words)**

**Please tell us about your proudest moment(s) (maximum of 250 words)**

**Please tell us something about your life that played a major part in making you the man you are today (maximum of 250 words)**

**Describe your favorite fetish, or your hottest fantasy (maximum of 250 words)**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**YOU MAY ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS BUT PLEASE KEEP TO INDICATED WORD LENGTHS.**

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**AGREEMENT, INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS**

In consideration of the acceptance of my application to participate as a contestant in the Mr. Palm Springs Leather 2017- 2018 Contest

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby  
(PRINT NAME)

waive any and all claims for injury or damage to my person, property, or reputation, that may occur now, or in the future, for any reason whatsoever due to my participation with the Contest, and to hold harmless the Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert, its Board of Directors, agents, operators, employees, volunteers, lessors, lessees or any other subsidiaries or affiliates thereof from any claim of injury or damage to my person, property, or reputation that may occur now, or in the future for any reason whatsoever as a result of my participation with the Contest.

I release all claims for the use of my name, likeness or photograph in connection with this contest and any compensation for injury, accident or theft in connection with my participation with the Contest. In addition, if I am declared the winner, I hereby agree to that a) I will participate in a professional photo shoot provided by PSLOD for images to be used in future advertising and b) while I may use the resulting photos to promote myself at IML or other venues no commercial use may be made of my title or image. (photographic or otherwise) either by myself or by ANY business, organization or entity without prior written permission of Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert.

I attest that the information on the Contest forms is accurate and I authorize use of this information (legal name will not be divulged if I have so indicated on the entry form). I understand that my address and telephone number will not be released, nor will any other personal information that I have designated as confidential (by marking said entry with an asterisk.)

I certify that I have read and agree to all the provisions contained in all pages of this application, that I have read the schedule, and that I am able to attend all of the required events.

**NAME Please Print** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_