

# **New England Leather Weekend - 2024 Title Contest**

## **Rules, Guidelines, & Sequence of Events**

Thank you for being a contestant in the New England Leather Contest!

The winner of the New England Leather title contest will represent the region at the International Mr. Leather contest or International Ms. Leather contest in Chicago, IL the following May during their New England Leather title year. An airfare and lodging stipend will be awarded to the winner in addition to their New England Leather title sash and back patch. The winner will represent the leather community of New England for one calendar year.

Each contestant will complete and submit an application that will contain information to be given to the Judges and MC.

On Friday evening of the New England Leather Weekend, contestants will pick their numerical order on stage during the Meet & Greet, hosted at The Vault.

All contestants are required to be at the Meet & Greet by 10pm Friday of New England Leather Weekend.

Contestant interviews will begin at 5pm Saturday.

The New England Leather Contest show will begin at 9pm Saturday night; contestants are required to be at the NEL Contest show venue by 8:30pm Saturday.

The interviews and contest show both occur at Paramount Nightclub.

Contestants are expected to be prompt for Friday's Meet & Greet, Saturday's interviews, and Saturday's show staging.

Final variations in schedule may occur.

An exact agenda will be provided to registered contestants.

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### **Requirements for Competing & NEL Contest Winner's Package**

The winner of the New England Leather Contest will represent the region at the International Mr. Leather contest or International Ms. Leather contest in Chicago the May following their NEL Contest win.

A prize package including IML/IMsL airfare and lodging will be awarded to the winner in addition to a title patch and sash, a prize package guaranteed by Full Kit Gear and The Crown & Anchor.

The New England Leather Contest winner will represent the leather community of New England for one year, compete at International Mister Leather or International Ms. Leather, participate in a minimum of three charitable events in at least three different New England states during their title year, and represent Full Kit Gear and Crown & Anchor as sponsors during IML/IMsL.

Mirroring the guidelines of International Mister Leather and International Ms. Leather:  
To compete for the New England Leather title, contestants must be 21 years of age or older as of May 1<sup>st</sup> the following year to qualify for IML/IMsL registration.

The New England Leather contest welcomes contestants of any and all gender identities, bodies, and experiences. In following the IML/IMsL contest guidelines:

New England Leather contest winners identifying as male will be sponsored to compete in International Mr. Leather;

NEL contest winners identifying as female will be sponsored to compete in International Ms. Leather;

NEL contest winners identifying other than male or female may choose the International (IML or IMsL) contest in which they wish to compete.

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## **Contest Judging**

The New England Leather Contest will have a voting panel of five-to-seven judges, plus an appointed nonvoting Tally Master who manages calculation/results of the vote tally.

The scores of the judges will be added for each category, with the highest and lowest scores eliminated.

There are five contest categories with a maximum of 100 points obtained from each judge per category.

After all categories of the contest are judged, the scores of each section are totaled.

The contestant with the highest score is the New England Leather contest winner.

The next highest score is the First runner-up;  
the next is the Second runner-up.

In case of a tie for first place, all judges will take a closed ballot to break the tie.

All contestants and judges are asked to be at The Vault by 10pm Friday for the Meet & Greet, where the contestant numbers will be picked on stage at 11PM.

The New England Leather Contest show will take place on Saturday evening, starting promptly at 9pm at Paramount Nightclub.

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## **Judged Categories**

**(in order of occurrence)**

### ***ACT I***

#### **1. Individual interviews (0 – 100 possible points maximum per judge)**

Starting at 5pm Saturday, each contestant will meet privately with the panel of judges to be asked question about lifestyle, your interests, your community involvement, and your availability to represent the leather community.

Contestants will be scored for attitude, intelligence, personality, and ability to communicate. This further applies to aptitude as a spokesperson for the leather community in New England, and to represent New England at the IML/IMSL contest in Chicago.

#### **2. Leather Image & Introductions – (0 – 100 Points per Judge)**

Each contestant will be introduced and will walk the stage in cruising attire or apparel of his choice. This sets the tone for the image you wish to present as the titleholder of New England Leather.

All contestants will return to the stage after the introductions.

Contestants are required to accurately fill out an information sheet on themselves, which the MC will use to introduce you 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. Time will be given for a quick change if desired.

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## Judged Categories (in order of occurrence)

### *ACT II*

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

Each contestant will be individually introduced wearing as little as is allowed by law or as the contestant so wishes to present themselves.

The contestant must move about the stage to display, to the judges, their *physique*.

The contestant may use props to exhibit and sexual kink or fetish.

#### **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 New England's leather community or perform a talent? That's your call.

(No use of pyrotechnics, please.)

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!

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## Contestant Data Sheet – Page 1

Name you wish to use for the contest: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Legal Name, if different (C): \_\_\_\_\_

Current & Previous titles: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (C): Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (C): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (C): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date (C): \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnic background (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_ Boot size: \_\_\_\_\_

Hair color, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

Facial Hair: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Hair: \_\_\_\_\_

Top / Bottom / Switch / Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Body Modifications (Tattoos, Permanent Piercing, etc.):

“Leather” or fetish club membership:

**Answers marked “(C)” will be kept confidential.**

Please place a similar mark by other information wish not to be stated to the NEL Contest Show audience, posted on social media, stated in news articles, or otherwise publicly visible.

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## Contestant Data Sheet – Page 2

Current employment [optional]:

Current relationships (single, have lover, have slave, etc.) [optional]:

Background (education, employment, etc.) [optional]:

How long have you been into “leather”:

Why do you want to represent New England Leather?

What else would you like the judges and audience like to know about you?

**Answers marked “(C)” will be kept confidential.**

Please place a similar mark by other information wish not to be stated to the NEL Contest Show audience, posted on social media, stated in news articles, or otherwise publicly visible.

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## Contestant Entry Form & Waiver

I wish to enter the 2024 New England Leather Contest being held on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Provincetown, MA. I have read and agree to abide by the rules and guidelines for contestants. I declare that I am over 21 years of age and am otherwise eligible to enter this contest. I further agree that if I am selected as the winner of this contest I will participate as a contestant in the International Mr. Leather contest or International Ms. Leather contest in Chicago, IL in May 2024, and will fulfill the guidelines and requirements set forth for event participation and representing of IML/IMSL sponsors as stated earlier in this document.

I hereby waive all rights to photos, negatives, video, or other images taken of me during the Contest including rehearsals, receptions, and associated related activities before and after the contest per se. These photos, etc. become property of contest producers and venue owners and may be printed, reprinted, published or reproduced in any way or context the owner wishes.

If I am selected as New England Leather, I agree to participate in special photo sessions arranged by the New England Leather and/or the International Mister Leather / International Ms. Leather producers, I realize that I **may be asked** to pose nude during one or both of these sessions but may decline per personal choice. Photos taken during these sessions are the property of New England Leather and/or the International Mister Leather / International Ms. Leather producers and I waive all rights to them.

I shall receive no compensation for these modeling sessions other than the prizes due me as a contest winner. All photos, negatives, video or other images resulting from such modeling sessions or from any and all contest activities may be used by the owner for event promotion purposes or other purposes arranged and agreed upon.

I release all claims for compensations for injury, accident and theft from the New England Leather Contest sponsors, that organization's owners/officers, New England Leather producers, Full Kit Gear, Full Kit Inc., The Crown & Anchor ownership (including venues Vault, Paramount, Central House, etc.) and/or the International Mister Leather / International Ms. Leather producer, its officers and agents.

New England Leather Contest producers reserve the right to cancel the competition for any reason and without notice, legal or financial obligation to contestants.

I attest that the data on this form is accurate, and authorize use of this information in news articles, social media posts, or other publicly visible media about me. (Legal Name will not be divulged if you so indicate. Address and phone will not be given out, nor will any information so marked as "confidential.")

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*This waiver must be kept on file by the New England Leather Producers.*

Please email your completed application to [MrNEL2016@gmail.com](mailto:MrNEL2016@gmail.com)  
and bring a signed copy of the waiver with you for our records.

Thank you and good luck!