



# MR. PALM SPRINGS LEATHER 2026

## CONTESTANT APPLICATION & CODE OF CONDUCT

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions.

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

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

What sings to you about the Leather community?

Do you have any group affiliations, clubs, charities or volunteer hours?

Do you have any piercings or tattoos?

Do you have any hobbies or interests?

Please share with us your Lether or Kink fantasy. This will inspire what will be read and used during the contest.

Please remember: If chosen as Mr. Palm Springs Leather 2026, you agree to enter and compete in the International Mr. Leather Contest 2026 in Chicago, Illinois.

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

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

**Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest**

On Saturday November 1, 2025 the Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contest for 2026 will be held at the Hotel Zoso. Having agreed to compete as one of the contestants, you are consenting to have 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 October 30<sup>th</sup>, the check in and ticketing will begin from noon to 6 p.m., at Hotel Zoso. There you will pick up your registration package, gift bag and wristband for the weekend's events. That afternoon, you will be expected to attend the Contestant Speed Meeting on the Encore Patio at the Zoso at 3:30 p.m. You will have an opportunity to meet and interact with the judges, (lite fare will be provided). At around 6p.m., everyone will make their way over to Hunters for the Welcome Party and introduction of Contestants and number drawing. As contestants, you will be the unofficial hosts please socialize fully with the audience. Around 7:30p.m., you will be called on stage to draw your contest numbers. These numbers are to be worn at all times throughout the contest process. For this event, you should wear a bar look that best represents you as this will be our first impression.

Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>, you will meet at the Hotel Zoso at 11:30 a.m. for a lite lunch (provided) and your personal interviews with the judges. The Q & A with the judges are your first scored portion of the contest. For this session, attire should represent you as a Leatherman. Do Not wear your formals to this portion. Contestants are timed from 7-10 mins of question and answers. There is a possible 100 points to be awarded for overall presence, answers and attitude.

Friday evening October 31<sup>st</sup>, is the Formal Dinner which takes place at the Hotel Zoso, from 6-9 p.m. This is an official dinner and your presence is required. A formal attire look is encouraged. Immediately following is Dark Alley at the Toolshed. At this event you should plan to attend, although there will not be any introductions or stage announcements. This will be your opportunity to further speak with the judges in a more social atmosphere. Attire style is your own choice.

On Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>, you will arrive at the host venue by noon for a rehearsal of the night's contest. Feel free to bring your gear and looks for the contest to the staging room and organize your space. Your Den Daddy and Contest Organizer will be on hand to answer any and all questions you may have. You will be released as soon as possible.

The Mr. Palm Springs Leather Contestants are expected to return to the host venue by 5p.m. on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. All contestants will be sequestered in the staging area until the contest begins. Under **NO** circumstances will alcohol be allowed to contestants until after the contest.

**PLEASE NOTE: ANY CONTESTANT LATE TO THE START OF ANY OFFICIAL FUNCTION SUCH AS SPEED MEETING, INTERVIEW, DINNER, REHERSAL AND THE CONTEST WILL BE DEDUCTED 25 POINTS PER 15 MINS YOUR LATE OR A FRACTION THERE OF.**

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

1. Personal choice or Cruising wear.
2. Jock wear.
3. Formal Leather attire

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

**First appearance; Personal Choice or Cruising Wear**

Personal Choice or Cruising Wear is anything you feel that represents the real you in the best possible light as Mr. Palm Springs Leather. Something that makes you feel good. Something you would wear to a bar for a night out. Remember to be comfortable and enjoy what you're wearing. During this portion you will be asked a question where in you have 60 seconds to answer. This is your chance to make a good impression and showcase your charisma and uniqueness. (worth 50 points)

**Second appearance; Jock**

During this portion, your fantasy will be read. Make subtle hints and suggestions as it is read. Once on stage you will be asked a humorous question, you have 60 seconds to answer. This is your chance to show your assets to the audience and judges. Demonstrate how comfortable you are in your own skin. (worth 50 points)

**Third appearance; Formal Wear**

Following the jock strap portion, you will change into your Formal Leather Wear. Dress to impress. You will also give your 90 second speech about your platform or anything else you wish the audience and judges to know. In other words, why are you in the contest and what will you intend to do with your title. Anything over 90 seconds points will be deducted. You will remain in this attire for the rest of the contest. (worth 100 points)

**A total of 300 possible points (including personal Interview) per contestant can be awarded.**

If chosen as Mr. Palm Springs Leather 2026, you are expected to make a public appearance at the PSLOD Victory Party and Beer Bust at the Toolshed on Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> in the afternoon. All contestants are encouraged to attend as well.

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

Mr. Palm Springs Leather will attend and compete at International Mister Leather 2026 sponsored by PSLOD and any other sponsors he would like to include.

Additionally you will be asked to assist in fund raising efforts with your sponsor PSLOD, and act as good will ambassador for our community throughout the area and nationally during your 1 year reign.

**EXPECTATION:**

The contestant will supply a copy of his state or federal identification with a photo. Also, the contestant will provide both a head shot and a full-length photo to be used during the contest. For further proof of residency in the Coachella valley, a bill will be submitted if requested.

**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 the Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert, henceforth 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 for the use of photographs in connection with my PSLOD contestant application. It is my further 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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Contestant signature for Mr. Palm Springs Leather

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Sponsor signature and Business name

**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 judgement 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 \$100.00 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, vendors other business 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 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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Sponsor Signature and Business Name

# **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 you 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 disagreements.

## **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 shows you how to see the world from the perspective of others, not just your own 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 to boost 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 for those actions that may occur.

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

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Contestant for Mr. Palm Springs Leather

Date

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July 8, 2025

To the Palm Springs Business Community:

It is that time of the year, and pride season will be upon us. The Palm Springs Leather Pride celebration will take place from October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year, we will be featuring several new events and venues, as well as bringing back some old favorites. Thousands of people from all over the world come to participate in the joyous fun.

One of the linchpin events of Leather Pride, is the competition for Mr. Palm Springs Leather. Each year, contestants representing themselves or various businesses and local organizations come together on the Saturday of Leather pride to compete for the title.

If you are reading this, you are no doubt connected to the Palm Springs Leather community in some way, and I encourage all local businesses and organizations to consider fielding a contestant.

Our Local title holders receive a great deal of attention and profile, both leading up to Leather Pride, as well as during the celebration. Fielding a contestant is a great way of promoting your own business or organization, as well as demonstrating your commitment and support for our Palm Springs community. It's as simple as appointing one or perhaps having a feeder contest of your own.

It's easy, and a great opportunity to be a real partner with the Palm Springs Leather family.

Should you have interest or any questions about how to get involved, go to our website [pslod.org](http://pslod.org) or reach out to me directly at [president@pslod.org](mailto:president@pslod.org)

This year the theme for Leather Pride is "Gods of Leather", and I am looking forward to the participation from our Palm Springs community.

Very best regards,

David Dunn

President,

Palm Springs Leather Order of the Desert

