

Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather (MAL)

Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend – January 16-19, 2015

CONTEST INFORMATION

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the second largest Leather Contest in the United States. The Centaur Motorcycle Club has made every effort to address everything you need to know about participating in this Contest.

SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION

Advance Application (preferred) by January 1, 2015.

1. Mail your **signed application**, including the **Audio/Visual Media Release and Waiver** to:

Contest Chair
Centaur MC
PO Box 34061
Washington, DC 20043

2. **Email a digital photograph of yourself** to contest@leatherweekend.com.
Judges will receive a copy, so it should be of good quality.

On-site Application.

1. Applications not submitted by January 1, 2015 must be submitted **in-person to the Contest Coordinator** at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill on **Friday, January 16th, between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm**.
2. **Provide a copy of photograph of yourself at that time.**
Judges will receive a copy, so it should be of good quality. The copy will not be returned.

The Centaur MC reserves the right to limit the number of Contestants.

CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS

The Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather Contest is open to all gay Leathermen. Contestants must be: 1) male, 2) a resident of North America, 3) at least 21 years of age, and 4) self-identified as gay. While everyone is welcome to attend Leather Weekend events, women or heterosexual men are not accepted as Contestants.

Mr. MAL 2015 must be prepared to represent this esteemed title as a contestant in the International Mr. Leather (IML) Contest in Chicago, IL, Wednesday through Monday of Memorial Day Weekend 2015.

There is no fee to enter the Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather Contest.

Contestants must arrive at the Washington Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill 400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20001 no later than 6:00 pm on Friday of MAL Weekend. Any Contestant who will be arriving later than 6:00 pm on Friday must contact the Contest Coordinator prior to January 1, 2015. Contestants must attend an orientation at 7:00 pm on Friday and all official events throughout the Weekend (at least through 11:00 pm on Sunday). In addition, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be expected to remain until 11:00 pm on Monday morning (to appear at the REACTION tea dance). Contestants are **REQUIRED** to be on-time for all scheduled events. Tardiness indicates a lack of commitment and is unfair to others. A Contestant who continually disrupts preparations or is persistently late may be disqualified and removed from the competition.

Due to limited space in the dressing areas, Contestants are not permitted to have an assistant or dresser backstage. Only Contestants will be permitted in the backstage area.

Special Note: Genitalia may not be exposed onstage, in public places, or in pre-judging interviews.

JUDGING CATEGORIES

- **Interview & Pre-judging (Saturday) - *maximum 35 points*** – Each Contestant will individually meet with the full panel of Judges and respond to whatever questions he is asked. This interview will take place in private (offstage) without any audience. You can select attire that you feel is appropriate, but we would suggest "Leather Casual." Judges' questions often cover knowledge of the leather community; its leaders and history; the Contestant's community service, contributions, leadership; and personal questions about the Contestant.
- **Attitude and Personality (Sunday) - *maximum 25 points***. Each Contestant will appear on stage in the leatherwear of their choice. This category is also called Bar wear (aka what you'd normally wear out on a regular bar night). The Contestant should select their leatherwear to reflect their personality.
- **Jock Strap (Sunday) - *maximum 20 points***. Each Contestant will appear onstage in a jock strap of his choice. This segment is not an "exotic fashion show" or "body competition," but a celebration of our leather lifestyle and will be judged as such. Your stage presence and confidence are very important. Judges are looking for how well you will represent the Centaur MC at IML and how well you present and carry yourself on stage.
- **Formal Leather (Sunday) - *maximum 20 points***. Each Contestant will appear onstage in the formal leatherwear of their choice and will answer a question asked by the emcee. Remember that Judges will be assessing your attitude, presence, and confidence in all judged events.

JUDGING METHOD

There are seven Judges for the Contest. They are current or former titleholders and other prominent members of the community. In order to promote fairness, the Olympic Scoring System is used. In this system, the highest and lowest scores in each event are dropped and the remaining five scores are added to make a Contestant's total score for that category. The scores for each category are added together to make your total score. The Contestant with the highest total score will become Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather 2015.

In the event of a tie of the total Olympic scores, those scores that were dropped from the Olympic total (the high and low scores) will be added back to the Olympic total and the Contestant with the highest score will become Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather 2015. If this also results in a tie, the Head Judge will select Mr. MAL 2015 from among the tied Contestants.

Following the end of the Contest, a Contestant's scores will be provided to him upon request. On the scoring sheets provided, Judges will be identified by numbers (which will not be revealed to you and will be randomized between categories), not their names.

Judges do not necessarily look for the most handsome or beautiful face. They do not necessarily look for the most muscular or erotic body. They look for the person who best typifies their ideal Leatherman and the one who, in the Judges' opinion, can best represent the Mr. MAL title. This involves the Judges' subjective judgments of multiple factors, including each Contestant's leather image, physical appearance, attitude, personality, self-assurance, and presence.

Keep in mind that Judges will be observing Contestants both during formal Contest events and in casual situations. In other words, you should act as if you are being judged during the entire weekend!

IN THE EVENT THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS ARE INTERESTED IN COMPETING IN THE MR. MAL CONTEST, THE CENTAUR MC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CONTESTANTS AND/OR ELIMINATE SOME CONTESTANTS FROM FINAL JUDGING, BASED UPON THE PRE-JUDGING SCORES, TO ENSURE THE CONTEST CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE TIME FRAME ALLOWED AT THE CONTEST SITE.

FRATERNIZATION WITH JUDGES

Contestants and Judges may and should socialize informally in public. Private meetings between Judges and Contestants during MAL Weekend are absolutely prohibited. Any sexual contact between Judges and Contestants during the Contest Weekend is absolutely prohibited. Any behavior that might create even the appearance of bias will be brought to the attention of all the Judges who will decide if the disqualification of a Judge and/or a Contestant would be prudent. To avoid accidental violation of propriety, all Contestants and Judges must display their Contestant or Judge identification badges whenever they are in public places during the weekend.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF MR. MAL 2015

The primary expectation is that Mr. MAL 2015 will appropriately represent the title by serving as an ambassador of the Centaur MC. Mr. MAL 2015 must be prepared to represent this esteemed title as a contestant in the International Mr. Leather (IML) Contest in Chicago, IL, Wednesday through Monday of Memorial Day Weekend 2015. Centaur MC is the sole sponsor of Mr. MAL 2015 at IML. Mr. MAL 2015 may not compete in any other “leather” or “fantasy” contests during his title year.

Mr. MAL is encouraged to attend regional and national (and even international) leather events, particularly Leather Contests that are feeders to the Mr. MAL Contest, Pride festivals, Scarlet’s Bake Sale, Centaur MC runs (including Olympia), other MC runs, International Ms. Leather, and American Brotherhood Weekend. Mr. MAL will conduct himself as a **positive role model** throughout his title year. Flagrant violation of this expectation may result in forfeiture of the title.

Mr. MAL 2015 is expected to **return as a former Mr. MAL for the MAL Weekend 2016 to serve as a Judge** and to pass the title to Mr. MAL 2016. MAL Weekend 2016 will again be held on Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday weekend in January.

Mr. MAL is encouraged to raise funds to cover his own travel expenses and other expenses incurred during their year as Mr. MAL. He is also encouraged to **help with fundraising projects and/or do volunteer work for worthy causes.**

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE FIRST RUNNER UP TO MR. MAL 2015

The first runner up has the option to enter the contest for American Brotherhood which is held in Chicago, IL, October 9-11, 2015. The Centaur MC will provide \$500.00 to the first runner up to assist in travel expenses to the American Brotherhood Weekend and Contest.

SUGGESTIONS

As a Contestant, you will be busy at official events throughout the Weekend. Please do not schedule any outside activities. It is recommended that you try to arrive Thursday evening or Friday morning and leave Monday morning. This will help you get settled and feel your best.

Some Contestants will have a sponsor helping to defray some or all of their expenses. If you do not have a sponsor, you may find that even the relatively modest expense of attending MAL is a financial burden. It is recommended that you try to find a sponsor to help with your expenses. Your local bar, local leather club, or other GLBT business or organization may be interested in becoming your sponsor. Your sponsor(s) will be mentioned during the Mr. MAL Contest. It is an easy and relatively inexpensive way for a sponsor to get widespread publicity.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, contact the Contest Coordinator at to contest@leatherweekend.com or Centaur MC, PO Box 34061, Washington, DC 20043.

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Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather (MAL) 2015 CONTESTANT APPLICATION

Incomplete forms will NOT be processed.

NAME: The name by which you want be announced onstage. This could be your real name or a “stage name”

CURRENT OR PREVIOUS TITLES (if any): Optional – Please list any Leather / Bar / GLBT Organization

SPONSOR(S) NAME AND ADDRESS: (if any)

CITY / STATE: If you live in a small town, list the nearest large city near your home.

DATE OF BIRTH:

HEIGHT: _____ **WEIGHT:** _____ **HAIR:** _____ **EYES:** _____

OTHER BODY FEATURES: (beard, mustache, tattoos, piercing, etc.):

CURRENT RELATIONSHIPS (single, lover, have Master, slave, Daddy, etc.):

OCCUPATION:

HOBBIES:

FAVORITE VACATION PLACE:

WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE MR. MID-ATLANTIC LEATHER?

OTHER COMMENTS:

AUDIO/VISUAL MEDIA RELEASE & WAIVER

Note: Throughout this document the term CONTEST shall mean "The Mr. Mid-Atlantic Leather Contest". The term PRODUCERS shall mean collectively and individually: The Centaur Motorcycle Club (including its members and officers), Box Office Tickets, Inc, and any other producers or associate producers who may be designated in the future.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of my being allowed competing, performing, or otherwise appearing onstage during the CONTEST:

I, the undersigned, hereby give the CONTEST and its PRODUCERS their photographers, legal representatives, agents, and/or assignees, the right and permission to copyright, use, reuse, broadcast and/or publish any and all Audio/Visual Media of me, which shall be created during the CONTEST, as a result of my preparation for the CONTEST, or as a result of my having participated in the CONTEST. The term " Audio/Visual Media," as used herein, shall include portraits, or reproductions thereof, including photos, audio recordings and video recordings, made through any media. Further such rights shall include the right to use such Audio/Visual Media in conjunction with my name, and through any media, for any purpose whatsoever. I HEREBY WAIVE any right to inspect or approve the Audio/Visual Media, or the method of their eventual use, including any related audio, video, electronic or printed copy which may be used in conjunction therewith.

I HEREBY RELEASE, discharge, and agree to hold harmless the CONTEST and its PRODUCERS, their photographers, legal representatives, agents or assignees, including those publishing and/or distributing the finished product, in whole or in part, from and against any liability or claim as a result of the use or publication of said Audio/Visual Media, including from any distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking, processing or reproduction of the Audio/Visual Media , their publication or distribution.

INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS

I certify that I have attained at least twenty-one (21) years of age and that I, based upon mutual covenants and considerations (including granting me the privilege of attending and participating in Leather Weekend) will not hold the PRODUCERS nor the individual and collective owners, officers, agents and employees thereof liable for any injury to my person or property during the period of the CONTEST or other Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend Events, and I further agree to indemnify, save harmless and hold harmless PRODUCERS and the individual and collective owners, officers, agents and employees thereof from any and all liability, injury or economic loss or other damage.

AUDIO/VISUAL MEDIA RELEASE & WAIVER

All information on the next pages **MUST** be your correct **LEGAL** name, address, etc. You may **NOT** use your stage name anywhere on the next pages, and nothing on the next pages will be disclosed to the Judges, or to the media.

I HAVE READ the Audio/Visual Media Release and Waiver before signing my name below. I warrant my full understanding of its contents, and that I am of legal age to give my consent.

CONTESTANTS' FULL LEGAL NAME:

PRINT (This **MUST** match the name on the attached photocopied Legal ID)

CONTESTANT'S SIGNATURE / DATE:

CONTESTANT'S FULL LEGAL NAME (Written Signature — Do Not Print)

STREET ADDRESS or mailing Address (if different):

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

WITNESS' NAME (PLEASE PRINT):

WITNESS' SIGNATURE / DATE (Written Signature -Do not Print):

You must **attach** a **photocopy of your current driver's license** or other state **or federally issued photo identification** and have a second person "witness" your signature on this form.