

International Deaf Leather

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You are entering to compete for (check only one):

- International Deaf Leatherboy
- International Ms. Deaf Leather
- International Mr. Deaf Leather

Section A (Please print or type legibly)

Name (C): _____

Stage Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____ Hair color: _____ Eye color: _____

Current/Former Titles: _____

Address (C): _____

City/State/Zip (C): _____ Country: _____

Phone/Fax/Email (C): _____

Please note marked "(C)" shown above will be kept confidential and will not given out to the public.

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Section B (Please print or type legibly)

In 50 words or less, describe your educational background, employment and hobbies:

List any club and/or organization that you are currently affiliated with:

List your current and past leather, SM, fetish and community or charity involvement:

Do you have a sponsor? If yes, who and what is their email address or contact information?

Do you have financial support? If not, how will you pay for your travel expenses?

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Section C (Please print or type legibly)

Why would you like to become an International Deaf Leather titleholder?

If you become an International Deaf Leather titleholder, you will be required to promote International Deaf Leather (IDL) and represent the deaf and hearing leather communities (i.e. - personal appearances at contests, support charities, etc.) What are your plans as an IDL titleholder? What do you hope to achieve?

Write a short biography (approximately one paragraph) to be read to the audience during the contest

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Contest

The objective of the International Deaf Leather Contest is to choose a leatherboy, a leatherwoman and a leatherman who are deaf or hard of hearing to represent International Deaf Leather (IDL).

The titleholders of International Deaf Leather will represent the Deaf Leather Community and will be expected to make periodic appearance at Deaf and Leather Events during the time they hold the title. They also will be Ambassadors for the Deaf and Leather Communities.

We are looking for individuals who are intelligent, articulate and able to participate in both the leather and non-leather pansexual communities. These persons must have a good knowledge of the Deaf culture and the Leather/SM/Fetish communities, although they are not required to be actively involved in any one organization.

International Deaf Leather sponsors the International Deaf Leather Contest annually. It will take place in Baltimore, MD on July 12-15, 2012.

Sponsors

International Deaf Leather does not require sponsors for contestants, nor is there any limit on how many sponsors a contestant may have. A sponsor is welcome to serve in any capacity – such as validating a contestant's entry, lending a sponsorship name, providing financial assistance for the contest, and making a donation to the travel fund should their contestant win. Any business, organization, bars and/or individuals (except judges) can sponsor the contestants.

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Scoring Information

In 2012, there will be seven (7) judges and one alternative judge judging the contestants. To ensure fairness and to prevent bias for or against any contestants, we will use the Olympic scoring system: their highest and lowest scores in each category will be eliminated and remaining scores added to form total score for that category. Each contestant has the potential of scoring 200 points per judge, divided among the following categories:

- International Deaf Leatherboy contestants

Personal Interview	60 points
On Stage Interview	40 points
Fantasy	30 points
Leather Image	20 points
Speech	30 points
Attitude/Personality	20 points

- International Ms. Deaf Leather contestants

Personal Interview	60 points
On Stage Interview	40 points
Fantasy	30 points
Leather Image	20 points
Speech	30 points
Attitude/Personality	20 points

- International Mr. Deaf Leather contestants

Personal Interview	60 points
On Stage Interview	40 points
Physical Appearance	30 points
Leather Image	20 points
Speech	30 points
Attitude/Personality	20 points

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Judging Categories

- Personal Interview (pre-contest) - 60 points

You will be interviewed by the judging panel regarding your knowledge, ideas and experiences in deaf culture, leather history, fund-raising, SM, and anything about yourself. The objective of this category is for the judges to get to know the contestant in-depth. This category is crucial since it is worth the most points. The personal interview will take place on the day prior to the contest. The time allotted for each interview will depend upon the number of contestants.

- On Stage Interview (during contest) - 40 points

This judging category gives the judges a chance to determine how the contestants respond to a short question. Response should be kept less than 90 seconds.

- Fantasy for IDLboy and IMsDL contestants only (during contest) - 30 points

Each contestant for the IDLboy and IMsDL contests is required to show a fantasy, short performance (maximum 5 minutes), depicting your favorite Leather, S/M, and Fetish Fantasy. Music, dance, spoken words, movement and mime as well as costumes and manageable props are allowed. Your fantasy does not have to be sexual in nature. Any imaginative scenario with a leather lifestyle theme is appropriate. You can include at least one person in your fantasy. If your fantasy is sexual/erotic, please exercise good judgment and remember that the nipples (women) and genitalia must be covered at all times. In this category, the contestants will be judged on their creativity, ability to organize and execute a performance piece, and stage presence.

- Physical Appearance for IMrDL contestants only (during contest) - 30 points

Each contestant for the IMrDL contest is required to wear a cotton or leather jockstrap, and appear on the stage for this judging category. Leather boxers or similar briefs can be used as well. In accordance with state and/or city law, your butt-crack must be covered by a one-inch (1") strap (no g-strings are accepted). All genitals and pubic hair must be fully covered. In this category, contestants will be judged on their physique, selection of attire, and stage presence.

- Leather Image (during contest) - 20 points

The purpose of this judging category is to give the judges a chance to view the contestants in their best and/or hottest Levis/leather outfit.

- Speech (during contest) - 30 points

The speech category affords the judges an opportunity to observe the contestants deliver a prepared speech on a topic of the contestant's choice. Each contestant will present a 90 second (maximum) prepared speech during the contest. Each contestant should fluently sign this part.

- Attitude/Personality (during contest) - 20 points

Each contestant's attitude and personality will be judged throughout the contest.

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Contest Rules

FRATERNIZATION WITH JUDGES

International Deaf Leather contestants shall be prohibited from having private meetings or engaging in sexual activity or leather scene play with the judges at any time during the contest and prior to the announcement of the results. Any behaviors that might create the appearance of “favoritism” will be brought to the attention of the full judging panel and Contest Producer(s), and a decision will be made if the disqualification of the judge and/or contestant is warranted. Judges cannot be sponsors or share accommodations with the contestants during the contest. To avoid accidental violation of this policy, all contestants and judges should display their identification badges at all contest events.

INDECENT EXPOSURE RULES

Each contestant must comply with the state and or city laws or ordinances pertaining to Indecent Exposure for stage conduct, in addition to the policies of International Deaf Leather, Inc. Clothing and conduct may be subject to approval by contest producers. Listed below are the applicable rules of conduct:

- 1) For the judging category of Fantasy, all must have their nipples (women) and genitalia covered.
- 2) For the judging category of Physical Appearance, a one-inch strip of material must cover the butt crack. T-bars and thongs are acceptable. G-strings are not acceptable.
- 3) All pubic hair must be covered.
- 4) Nudity is prohibited in public places, such as the hotel and during the personal interview with the judges.
- 5) Motorcycles, firearms (including theatrical firearms), dildos and any flame other than cigarette lights, flash paper or candles are strictly prohibited in the judging category of Fantasy.

THE TIME RESTRICTIONS

The time restrictions shall be strictly enforced for the judging categories of On Stage Interview, Fantasy and Speech. During the On Stage Interview, each contestant's response to a short question should be kept less than 90 seconds. Each Fantasy is limited to 5 minutes. For the category of Speech, each contestant will deliver a 90 second (maximum) speech. Going over the time limit will reduce contestant's score by as much as 50 points.

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Contest Requirements

The deadline to submit application materials is June 15, 2012.

You, as a contestant,

1. are deaf or hard of hearing and at least 21 years of age.
2. are a leatherboy, leatherwoman or leatherman known to and active in the community.
3. are aware that the title of International Deaf Leatherboy is open to all genders, the title of International Ms. Deaf Leather is for women only and the title of International Mr. Deaf Leather is for men only.
4. own the leather or other clothing you will wear during the contest.
5. will sign a Photo/Model Release Form.
6. agree to pay the \$60.00 contestant entry fee.
7. assume full responsibility for the financing of your transportation and lodging. This includes to getting contest sponsors to cover your financial needs.
8. must submit a recent photo with the Contestant Application Form. Your photo must show your face clearly and is not returnable. This photo may be emailed to the Contestant Coordinator in the form of a high-resolution .jpg file, at least 300 .dpi.
9. must be present on time and participate in all contest-related events.
10. Should you win the contest, you will enter into an agreement with International Deaf Leather, meet with representative of IDL to plan their reign's year activities, and promote International Deaf Leather.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Alex Leffers, Contestant Coordinator, at IDLboy2005@aol.com. Please make copies of this application and the contest rules for yourself.

PLEASE SUBMIT ORIGINAL APPLICATION BY JUNE 15 TO:

International Deaf Leather
c/o Alex Leffers
914 Wild Forest Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

I have understood and agree to all requirements in this contestant application.

Full legal name (print only): _____

Signature:

Date:

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Waiver

You must read, sign and date this waiver or your application will not be accepted.

I hereby waive any and all claims for injury or damage to my person, property, or reputation that may arise now or in the future from any cause whatsoever against the producers of INTERNATIONAL DEAF LEATHER to include International Deaf Leather, Inc., its producers or volunteers, the venue, its owners, operators, employees, agents, lessors, lessees or any subsidiary thereof. Further, I release all claims to the use of my name, likeness or photograph, whether by still photographs, video recording, audio recording or any other medium authorized by INTERNATIONAL DEAF LEATHER. I understand that any application may be rejected for cause.

I understand that if I am selected as the winner of International Mr. Deaf Leather, International Ms. Deaf Leather or International Deaf Leatherboy, I will be required to sign an agreement regarding the responsibilities of the title. I also agree to make no commercial use of the INTERNATIONAL DEAF LEATHER title without written permission from International Deaf Leather, Inc.

I certify that I will be 21 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2012.

Full legal name (print only): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Photo/Model Release Form

The deadline to submit application materials is June 15, 2012.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ THIS SECTION

I wish to enter the International Deaf Leather Contest. I have read and agree to abide by the rules for the contestants. I declare that I am over 21 years of age and I am, otherwise, eligible to enter this contest.

I hereby waive all rights to photos, negatives, videotapes, and other images taken of me during the contest, including rehearsals, receptions and associated activities before and after the contest per se. These photos may be printed, reprinted, published or reproduced in any way or context as International Deaf Leather wishes.

I release all claims for compensation for any injury, accident or theft from the sponsor of the International Deaf Leather, its officers, owners, agents, operators, or any other subsidiaries or affiliates.

I attest that the data given with this form is accurate and I authorize use of this information in news articles about me. My legal name, address, telephone numbers and email information will not be divulged. If so neither indicated, nor will any other information marked confidential "(C)".

I have enclosed the \$60.00 entry fee and a black & white photo that shows my face clearly. This photo is for identification purposes and will be published in the event program.

Please submit the entire following list:

- Completed Contestant Application
- Clear 5x7 Black & White Portrait for event program and judges (no color photo). This photo may be emailed to the Contestant Coordinator in the form of a high-resolution .jpg file, at least 300 dpi.
- \$60 entry fee (check or money order payable to IDL)
- Signed photo/model release form

Full legal name (print only): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____