



**APPLICATION FEE**

**This Application is for: (Check One)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Cocktails Cleveland Leather | \$15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Daddy and Daddy's Boy of Cleveland | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Cleveland Leather           | \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Leather Bear of Cleveland      | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. Cleveland Leather           | \$20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Cleveland Rubber               | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____                     |      |   |      |

**I understand that I must pay an application fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to finalize my application. Payment must be received no later than Friday night, @ 9 PM before the Meet and Greet. I also understand the application fee is non-refundable.**

**Fee will be applied to contest costs.**

**Please make check out to R & J Leather Productions**

**You may mail the check with the application or give the check with your application to R & J Leather Productions**

**Address:  
R & J Leather Productions  
P. O. Box # 382  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107**

**“ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS APPLICATION IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.” \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)**

**Image/Photographic Release and Waiver: I understand I will have to read and accept the terms of these waivers.**

**Contest Information: I understand I will have to read and accept the terms of the LEATHER CONTEST.**

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

**Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**



## CONTESTANT APPLICATION

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**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 Organizations

\_\_\_\_\_  
**SPONSOR(S) NAME AND ADDRESS:** (if any)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY / STATE:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**DATE OF BIRTH / AGE:**

**HEIGHT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **WEIGHT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **HAIR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EYES:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BOOT SIZE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER BODY FEATURES:** (facial hair, tattoos, piercing, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT RELATIONSHIPS** (single, lover, have: Master, slave/boy, Daddy, Mistress etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**OCCUPATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**HOBBIES:**

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**FAVORITE VACATION PLACE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A LEATHER TITLE HOLDER?**

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**OTHER COMMENTS:**

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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.*

**PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE & WAIVER**

*Note: Throughout this document the term CONTEST shall mean "Contest Applying For". The term PRODUCERS shall mean collectively and individually: The Platform Levi/Leather/Uniform Cruise Bar and the Leather Contest winners and supporters.*

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of my being allowed to compete, perform, or otherwise appear 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 Photographic Pictures of me, which shall be taken during the CONTEST or associated weekend events, as a result of my preparation for the CONTEST, or as a result of my having participated in the CONTEST. The term "Photographic Pictures", as used herein shall include portraits, or reproductions thereof, including audio and videotapes, made through any media. Further, such rights shall include the right to use such Photographic Pictures in conjunction with my name, and through any media, for any purpose whatsoever. I HEREBY WAIVE any right to inspect or approve the finished Photographic Pictures, 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 Photographic Pictures, 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 Photographic Pictures, their publication or distribution. I HAVE READ the foregoing 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 in this state.

## **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 CONTEST 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 R & J Leather Productions 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, travel or lodging cost or other damage.

## **PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE & WAIVER**

**CONTESTANT'S FULL LEGAL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**CONTESTANT'S SIGNATURE / DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

CONTESTANT 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**

(Written Signature -Do not Print):

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### **Send to:**

R &J Leather Productions  
P.O. Box #382  
Lakewood Ohio 44107

### **Or Email to:**

info@rnjleatherproductions.com



## CONTEST INFORMATION

Applications must be submitted no later than 9 PM, prior to the beginning of the "Meet and Greet". If you have any questions, contact us at [info@rnjleatherproductions.com/](mailto:info@rnjleatherproductions.com/) . Applications are available at Cocktails Cleveland and Akron or online at <http://www.rnjleatherproductions.com/> or <http://www.cocktails-cleveland.com/>. **Applications can be submitted in person to the staff at Cocktails Cleveland and Akron, scanned and emailed to R & J Leather Productions or mailed by post to:**

Ric Scardino / R & J Leather Productions Ltd.  
P.O. Box 382  
Lakewood, OH 44107

**REQUIREMENTS:** The contest is a gay event. Contestants must be:

- 1) male
- 2) a resident of Northeast Ohio (unless otherwise approved)
- 3) at least 21 years of age
- 4) self-identified as gay

The Leather Contest is open to all gay leather men, following national bi-laws. While everyone is welcome to attend Leather Weekend events, contestants cannot be women or heterosexual men. Contestants must consent to fund raising on the Friday night during "Meet and Greet". The winner must help plan and participate in appropriate fund raisers during his title year.

**FEE:** There is a non-refundable entry fee to enter the Leather Contest. This helps to cover expenses.

**Please make the check out to R & J Leather Productions.**

Do NOT make the application fee check out to Cocktails Cleveland or Ric Scardino.  
Mail check to the above address or turn in to Cocktails Cleveland or Akron with application.

Due to limited space in the backstage dressing areas, you are not permitted to have an assistant or dresser for events, so plan accordingly. However, there will be a Den Daddy backstage and your fellow contestants to help you out. (This is consistent with IML contest procedures.) Only contestants will be permitted in the backstage area. You are **REQUIRED** to be on time for all scheduled events. Tardiness indicates a lack of commitment and dedication to the task and is unfair to others who are forced to wait. A contestant who continually disrupts preparations, or is persistently late for events, may be awarded penalty points and/or removed from the competition.

**Special Note: Genitalia may not be exposed onstage, in public places, or in pre-judging interviews. Also for the Jock Strap Competition there must be a strap at least 1 inch wide covering the crack of the butt.**

### **WINNER COMMITMENTS:**

Contest WINNER 2008 may travel to as many leather events as feasible through the duration of his title year. Contest WINNER must conduct their self in proper leather protocol and dress at all times during his title year. The winner of the contest agrees to compete at Mr. Leather of Cleveland 2008. Contest WINNER will be required obtain sponsorships, to organize or participate in a minimum of three fundraisers for their travel fund and contest expenses personal life permitting and participate in Cleveland Pride Weekend. R & J Leather Productions are not responsible for these expenses. Failure to compete will result in loss and forfeiture of the prize package and title patch. If the winner is unable to attend Mr. Leather of Cleveland or fulfill his duties as Contest WINNER, then the 1<sup>ST</sup> runner-up will be awarded the title. The winner will be required to participate during the next year's contest and award the new title to his successor.

## SCHEDULED EVENTS AND DETAILS

### FRIDAY NIGHT

- **MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**  
**LAST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – 9:00 PM (Arrival Time Suggested for Contestants)**
- **MEAT AND GREET – \_\_\_\_\_ – 10:00 PM**
- **DRAWING OF CONTESTANT NUMBERS**  
**INTRODUCTIONS OF CONTESTANTS AND JUDGES – 11:00 PM**

### SATURDAY

- MANDATORY ATTENDANCE**
- INTERVIEWS/REHEARSAL – \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 p.m.**
- CONTEST – Contestants must be at \_\_\_\_\_ by 9:30PM (Earlier Arrival Suggested)**
- CONTEST BEGINS AT 11:00PM**

### SUNDAY

- VICTORY PARTY – \_\_\_\_\_, Time To Be Announced Friday during Meet and Greet**

## JUDGING OVERVIEW & PROCEDURES

Judges will score contestants in 3 categories:

Each judge will award each contestant a score, ranging from 0 to 10. Olympic-style Scoring will be used (High and Low scores are dropped, the remaining scores are averaged). Any penalty points will then be deducted and then THAT score will be “weighted” as listed below.

1. *MEAT AND GREET* Bar wear - Not Scored
2. *“HEART“* (Panel Interview) – **50%** of Final Score
3. *“BODY & MIND“* (Jock and Q & A) – **20%** of Final Score
4. *“SOUL“* (Formal Wear & Speech) – **30%** of Final Score

**NOTE:** There is NO Fantasy category in the Leather Contest in order to conform to the International Mr. Leather format standard.

The Final, Weighted Scores for each category will be added together for the Final Score. In case of a tie, all judges' scores will be used, category weight applied, and the contestant with the higher of 2 scores will be deemed the winner.

### **SCORING**

Judges will score each contestant in each category. To allow for a fair and balanced scoring, judges will submit their scores at the END of each category.

### **TABULATION**

To ensure timely and accurate tabulation of scores, scores for each contestant will be collected at the end of each category. The scores will be entered into a database spreadsheet, calculated based on the Olympic Scoring System, weighted and tabulated. Paper copies of each judges scoring will be available for manual tabulation (if needed) and for verification of totals.

**NOTE:** In case of less than 5 judges a straight scoring system will be used. In case of a tie, the ticket stubs used during entrance of the audience will be used to cast votes for your favorite Contestant. Limit one per person. The tie will be broken by the amount of votes received for the tied contestants and will be deemed the winner of that placed the contestants are tied for.

