

Seattle Men in Leather

Seattle Leather Daddy and Daddy's Boy Contest 2027

Schedule

Friday, October 2, 2026

Meet & Greet

CC's Seattle, 1701 East Olive Way

8:00 pm – 12:00 am

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Contest

Neighbours Nightclub, 1509 Broadway E

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm (doors at 4:30 pm)

TBD - Saturday, October 3, 2026

Celebration, Cigar, & Play Party

SML Members Only

Private Address

9:00 pm – 1:00 am

Sunday, October 4, 2025

Victory Brunch

CC's Seattle, 1701 East Olive Way

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Contestant Packet

(Please read thoroughly and provide a digital signature in all appropriate places.)

Applications will be accepted until 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 30th, 2026 email to contest@seattlemeninleather.org.

History

- The Seattle Leather Daddy and Daddy's Boy contest was brought to Seattle in 1989 when SF Leather Daddy I, Alan Selby (Founder, Mr. S Leather) asked then SML President, Jeff Henness, to start the title here. Our first contest was held at the then newly renamed Eagle and Dave Lewis was our first Seattle Leather Daddy and Cort Odekirk was our first Daddy's Boy titleholder. The San Francisco Leather Daddy and Leather Daddy's Boy contest started in 1983.
- A Leather Daddy title is very different from most other leather titles. It is less like Mr. Universe and more like an award for lifetime achievement. You must come to the position with some sort of resume. It is a "working title" that carries with it certain responsibilities; not so much just showing up at Pride events throughout the year or prepping for another contest that the title feeds into. Becoming a Seattle Leather Daddy is considered a "title for life". You become a member of the exceptional fraternity of other Seattle Leather Daddies, many of whom will assist with the various fundraisers and events put on throughout the year.
- A Daddy's Boy title is very different from most other leather titles. While some boys might come with some sort of resume, most will be just starting their leather journey and will only have their enthusiasm and recent participation in the club's activities as their qualification to run for the title. Becoming a Seattle Daddy's Boy is considered a "title for life". You become a member of the exceptional fraternity of other Seattle Daddy's Boys, many of whom will assist with the various fundraisers and events put on throughout the year.

Eligibility

The Seattle Leather Daddy and Daddy's Boy Contest is an event of the Seattle Men in Leather -- a gay men's social group promoting with power and pride, the Seattle men's leather community. The Seattle Leather Daddy / Daddy's Boy contest is open to all male-identifying gay, bisexual, and transgender men.

- Each contestant must be a member of Seattle Men in Leather and in good standing.
- Each contestant must be at least 21 years of age and identify as a man.
- Each contestant must have resided in Washington State for a minimum of three months prior to the date of the contest.
- Each contestant must reside within the Seattle Metropolitan Area (Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue-Lynwood-Everett), and if chosen winner, must continue residence for the duration of the title year. If unable to fulfill this duty, the title may be passed on at the discretion of the board.
- Each contestant must be available to participate fully on the night of the meet and greet as well as the night of the contest.

Conduct and Behavior

Contestants shall treat fellow contestants, mc's, hosts, judges, bar customers, audience members, and property of the host bar with common courtesy, civility, and respect.

Contestants shall be on the stage only during their required appearances. No contestant shall handle or damage, in any way, the attire and props used by another contestant. No contestant shall display or handle a prop in such a manner that endangers the safety of himself or others participating in or watching the contest.

No titleholder shall, while holding the title, by speech or conduct, behave in such a manner as may damage, injure, or otherwise bring into disrepute the reputation of the contest, his title, or SML.

Responsibilities and Expectations of the Titleholders

- Titleholders will maintain the spirit of Seattle Men in Leather (SML), promote the Seattle men's leather community with pride, and assist in fostering camaraderie, community, and charity in the community.
- Titleholders are expected to act as an ambassador of SML to the greater LGBTQIA+ community and represent the men's leather and fetish lifestyles in a spirit of pride, fun and unity with the Seattle LGBTQIA+ community.
- Titleholders have a duty to the Seattle Men in Leather club. Therefore, titleholders are expected to attend at least 1 SML event per month.
- The Board of Directors will appoint a member of the board to serve as titleholder liaison. The liaison and the board will do their utmost to support the titleholders in their efforts for a fun and successful title year.
- Titleholders will need to work together closely to execute the responsibilities of their title year.
- **Titleholders are required to organize & work the following 2 events during their title year.**
 - **Pictures with Santa – December 4th, 2026**
 - **Father's Day Chili Feed – June 20th, 2026**
- **Titleholders are required to attend the next year's contest.**
 - **Daddy/Daddy's Boy contest (First Weekend of October 2027)**
- Titleholders are encouraged to participate in other fundraisers and community events as they desire to raise visibility of the Leather community and to act as ambassadors to the LGBTQIA+ community at large.
- Titleholders will be given a year's membership in Seattle Men in Leather.
- The images and likenesses of titleholders may be used by SML for publicity purposes (see Audio/Visual Media Release & Waiver within this packet).
- Titleholders shall not hold a title awarded by another organization during their title year with SML. If a titleholder is awarded another title, the titleholder will be instructed to relinquish the SML title at the discretion of the board.
- In the event any titleholder cannot fulfill his obligations during their title year, the title may be passed on to the first runner-up at the discretion of the board
- If a titleholder moves away from the Metropolitan Seattle Area, the title may be passed on at the discretion of the board

Prizes for the Titleholders

The following items will be provided to each of the winners:

- Title back patch
- Leather vest from Doghouse Leathers
- One year membership in Seattle Men in Leather
- Year patch for the sash
- Title harness from Cockeye Kink

The following items will be provided to each of the outgoing titleholders upon successful completion of their title year:

- Title belt
- Name added to the plaque hanging in CC's Seattle's

Contest winners will be awarded a title vest, harness, sash, and badge. These are awarded for use at public appearances during their title year. When attending any casual leather event, titleholders are expected to wear their title vest. When attending any formal leather event, titleholders are expected to wear their title sash. The sash must be returned at the end of the title year. All sashes and other regalia deemed as property of SML shall be returned to SML in a timely manner and in undamaged condition, allowing for reasonable wear, at the contest at which the successor to the title is chosen. Failure or refusal to return any item at the required time or in the required manner shall make the titleholder liable to SML for all costs of recovery or replacement, including legal fees and reasonable attorney fees.

Required Event Attendance

Friday October 2nd, 2026 – Contestant Meet & Greet

Contestants should arrive by 8:00 pm at CC's Seattle's and be in their First Look - bar-night look. This is a time to engage with not only SML members as a possible future ambassador and titleholder, but also the larger leather/kink/general community. The following are expectations for all contestants during the Meet & Greet:

- First Look: Bar Look
 - An ideal look would be a leather harness, a leather jock or thong, and a pair of boots. Alternatively, a bare chest with a harness or bar vest paired with shorts and boots would also be considered appropriate. Completing the look with accessories such as belts, arm bands, collars, hats/covers, etc is acceptable.
 - If you go to other public, casual events, what would you show up in
- Assist with promotion and sales of brunch tickets
- Interact/engage with membership and community members
- Encouraged to stay until 11pm
- Other community organizations are present prior to the meet and greet - chance to engage with others

Saturday October 3rd, 2026 – Seattle Leather Daddy and Daddy's Boy Contest

Contestants should plan on arriving by 4:30 pm at Neighbours Nightclub and be ready in their second look - Play look - by 5:00 pm.

- Second Look: Play Look
 - Contestants' second look should be a skin-revealing look that is kinky, leather, and playful. The skin look will NOT be judged based on your physique. We are interested in seeing someone comfortable in their own skin and that can show and exude confidence regardless of the shape and size of their body.
- Last Look: Formal Look
 - The formal leather look would ideally be a leather shirt, leather pants or chaps, boots, and a hat/cover if desired. Other formal attire and accessories such as bar vests, club colors, uniforms, kilts, ties, arm bands, gloves, handkerchiefs, sam browne, and harnesses can also be creatively used to complete the look. Contestants might not have a full set of formal leathers and if so, they will need to be creative in creating this look to their best ability.

Contestant Timeline:

- 4:30pm: *CHANGING ROOM* Arrival/Orientation - Play Look
- 4:50pm: *CHANGING ROOM* Contestant Line Up Order Announcement
- 5:00pm: *STAGE* Contestant Line Up
- 5:10pm: *STAGE*
 - Introduction of each contestant
 - A short/brief "Who am I" speech (2mins max)
 - A random "draw" quick follow-up Q&A (1min max answer)
- 5:50pm: *CHANGING ROOM* Formal Look
- 6:10pm: *STAGE* Contestant Line Up
- 6:20pm: *STAGE*
 - A short/brief "Why do you want to be the next Seattle Leather Daddy or Seattle Daddy's Boy?" speech (2mins max)
 - A random "draw" quick follow-up Q&A (1min max answer)
- 7:00pm: Voting
- 7:00pm: *CHANGING ROOM* Contestants have the opportunity/right to vote at any time during the contest - the changing room volunteer(s) are available to ensure your vote is counted; yet at this time all contestants must be accounted for and present in the changing room during the voting process.
- 7:15pm: Voting Closes
- 7:25pm: *CHANGING ROOM* Results, discussion, support [Board Members & Contest Committee Chair engagement with all contestants]
- 7:35pm: *STAGE* Contestant Line Up
- 7:40pm: *STAGE* Results
- 7:45pm: *VENUE* Celebrations
- 7:50pm: *CHANGING ROOM* Exit/Debrief

Sunday October 4th, 2026 – Victory Brunch

All contestants are highly encouraged to attend brunch. This event is open to the general community and is a time in a relaxed/casual setting to celebrate this year's titleholder(s). Contest winner(s) are required to attend and participate in the celebration with SML and the community.

All contestants will receive a brunch ticket at no cost. SML encourages all contestants to attend brunch.

There are no speaking requirements for the contest winner(s). Although, a brief announcement by the Contest Committee and previous titleholders will be done to introduce the contest winner(s) and close out the weekend.

Judging Criteria

- Three looks:
 - First Look: Bar (casual) - Meet & Greet (dressed to socialize and interact with SML members and the community)
 - Second Look: Play (playful kinky and/or leather inspired) - Contest
 - Third Look: Formal (full leather attire) - Contest
- Like last year, this year's judges will be the members of Seattle Men in Leather with each member receiving a ballot for ranked choice voting of their top three candidates for Seattle Leather Daddy and for Seattle Daddy's Boy. Total votes for the candidates must equate to over 50% of the vote to win the title.
- SML Members will use their prior knowledge of your club participation and involvement as well as the looks, speeches, and your ability to work the crowd during the Meet & Greet and Contest to determine how they will vote.
- There will also be a spot for a "no vote for candidate" on the ballots, even if running unopposed.

Additional Support/Resources for Contestants

SML is a social/membership club and there are members who are able to support contestants running for a title.

- Contestants are encouraged to use the SML members-only Facebook group to reach out to members about your title run and/or for assistance.
- Borrowing leather and other kink gear is encouraged - SML is a social/membership club and this is a club title, where members support other members.

Contestant Application (part 1)

(Signature required below)

Applications will be accepted until 7:00 pm, Wednesday, September 30th by email to contest@seattlemeninleather.org. Please DO NOT drop off applications at Doghouse Leathers or any other location.

If you have any questions, contact the contest committee via contest@seattlemeninleather.org.

Contestant Information (will be kept confidential for records purposes). Some information is required by law as contestants are considered entertainers in accordance with WAC 314-11-050 regarding entertainers in an establishment that serves liquor.

LEGAL NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE:

DATE OF BIRTH (for age verification):

Contestant Agreement

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry as a contestant, 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, in connection with my participation in Seattle Leather Daddy/Daddy's Boy contest or against Seattle Men in Leather, its owners, agents, operators, employees, volunteers, lessors, lessees or any other subsidiaries or affiliates thereof. I release all claims to the use of my name, likeness or photograph in connection with the Seattle Leather Daddy/Daddy's Boy contest. In addition, if I am declared the winner, I hereby agree that no commercial use may be made by me of my Seattle Leather Daddy or Daddy's Boy title without the prior permission of Seattle Men in Leather board of directors.

*I have read, understand and agree with the attached competition rules, regulations and responsibilities.
I certify by my signature that I am at least **21 years of age and identify as a man.***

APPLICANT DIGITAL SIGNATURE (full legal name):

DATE:

Contestant Application (part 2)

PLEASE INDICATE THE TITLE YOU ARE RUNNING FOR:
(strike out or delete the title you are NOT running for)

SEATTLE LEATHER DADDY

SEATTLE DADDY'S BOY

Name you would like used during the contest:

Previous contests:

Previous titles held:

Hobbies / interests / pastimes / fetishes / kinks:

Length of time in the leather community and LGBTQIA+ community involvement (clubs, affiliations, etc.):

What do you feel are your best assets?

Please explain why you would like to win Seattle Leather Daddy or Seattle Daddy's Boy:

Your personal goals if you were to win Seattle Leather Daddy or Seattle Daddy's Boy:

Tell us a kinky random fact/lived experience about you?

Contestant Application (part 3)

Audio/Visual Media Release & Waiver

(signature required below)

I, the undersigned, hereby grant the Seattle Men in Leather the exclusive rights and permission to own, print, reprint, or broadcast any and all photos taken of me and my likeness during this contest and during the title year if I should win the title. This may include any rehearsal, photographic modeling sessions, receptions, or any other related events. These shall remain the property of Seattle Men in Leather with my implied permission for use for any purpose whatsoever in any media or context. All promotion pictures taken during one's title year belong to Seattle Men in Leather.

I agree, if asked to do so, to participate in a photo modeling session arranged by the Seattle Men in Leather. Photos may be used exclusively in advertisements or promotion of the contest. I further understand that I will not be compensated for these photos. I understand that nudity is not required, but is optional.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless Seattle Men in Leather or its agents from liability or claim arising from the publication, distribution, broadcast, or use of any images of me or my likeness in publication, distribution, or broadcast.

I hereby waive any rights to inspect or approve the finished photograph or advertising copy or printed matter that may be used in conjunction therewith, or to the eventual use that it might be applied.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to save harmless the producers, their photographers, representatives, assigns, employees or any person(s), corporation(s) for whom the producers might be acting, including any firm publishing and/or distributing the finished product, in whole or in part, from and against any liability as a result of said publication, or from any distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion, or its composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the taking, processing or reproduction of the finished product, its publication or distribution of the same.

I hereby warrant that I am over 21 years of age, and competent to contract in my own name. I have read the foregoing release, authorization and agreement before signing my name below, and warrant that I fully understand the contents thereof.

APPLICANT DIGITAL SIGNATURE (full legal name):

DATE: