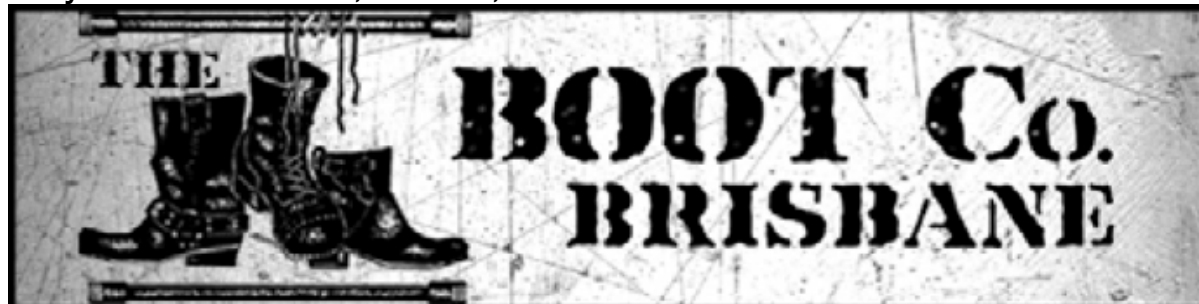


# Mr Queensland Leather 2019

Rules and Entry Form

29 years of Leather, Denim, Uniforms and Kink...



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This package is designed to provide contestants with information about the competition. All information gathered is used to form a contestant profile, that will be provided to the judging panel.

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## About the Mr Queensland Leather Competition

The Mr Queensland Leather (MQL) competition is a celebration of pride in our sexuality and leather identity. Mr Queensland Leather is about competing to represent The Boot Co. Brisbane in the broader community locally, nationally and internationally; raising awareness of the leather/fetish community and being a role model as the club's representative.

The title **Mr Queensland Leather** is proudly sponsored by Lucrezia & De Sade, Number 29, The Sportsman Hotel.

This is not a beauty contest.

The final judging of MQL occurs at Corium on 14th September 2019. You must purchase an Entrant Ticket to attend this event to enter MQL. Link Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mql-qlb-entrant-fee-tickets-49118703364>

## Expectations of Entrants

If you enter the competition you are expected to:

- Possess an interest and understanding of the leather culture and its history, including issues around leather/BDSM sexual practices and health.
- Be committed to the growth of The Boot Co. Brisbane.
- Be committed to being part of the leather / fetish community, and the understanding of it.
- Demonstrate a community-minded approach.
- Understand safe, sane and consensual practice including the principles of RACK and PRICK.
- Be a strong ambassador and role model for the leather / fetish lifestyle.
- Be proud of your sexuality and proud of your place in the broader community.

## Conditions of Entry

Entry is conditional on your agreement, that if you win the competition and become Mr Queensland Leather you will:

- Represent The Boot Co. and the Brisbane men's leather community at appropriate forums and functions throughout the year, commencing with Brisbane Pride Fair Day.
- Be an active ambassador for The Boot Co.
- Remain a current financial member of The Boot Co. and attend a majority of Boot Co. events. As MQL you are required to attend at least 70% of all events as well as making appearances at other events and forums as agreed with The Boot Co. Committee.
- Represent Boot Co. at International competitions if you choose to attend. (We understand this may not always be possible – please don't let this stop you from competing).
- Be an active leader and responsible for all fundraising for The Boot Co. Travel Fund used to assist the winner or a Boot Co. representative to attend International Mr Leather (IML) or attend approved interstate representations on behalf of the club including The Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

## Who is eligible to compete?

To enter the Mr Queensland Leather competition, you must be:

- A current financial member of The Boot Co. Brisbane
- A male as defined in the definition detailed in the Club's By-Laws
- Be an Australian Citizen or a permanent Australian resident with a visa of 13 months or more at time of submission of your entry.
- Be a resident of QLD

OR

- Reside within 300KM South or West from the Queensland State border and have demonstrated a commitment to The Boot Co. by attendance at Boot Co. events
- Be at least 18 years of age as at the close of entries.

\*\*Note: A Waiver of the distance rule may be granted to an entrant by applying to the Committee for consideration. Any waiver granted is at the discretion of The Boot Co. Committee.

## Closing Date for Entry

Entries must be submitted online on the attached entry form no later than 10.00 pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

## Competition Schedule

All entrants in the Mr Queensland Leather competition must attend all scheduled components of the competition. You will be evaluated by judges at all of these and accumulate points towards your final score.

Below is a summary of these components. Further details of the tasks for each of these and the criteria applicable are provided later in this guide. (see Scoring Procedure and Criteria)

<b>25 August</b>	<b>Contestant Briefing</b>
<b>6 September</b>	<b>Balls Out Bingo: Leather Edition</b>
<b>7 September</b>	<b>Tom's Bar</b>
<b>11 September</b>	<b>Leather Dinner</b>
<b>14 September</b>	<b>Interviews</b>
<b>14 September</b>	<b>Corium</b>

## Scoring Procedure and Criteria

### Procedure

- On three occasions across the competition unidentified judges will be used to evaluate your community interaction in various social situations. On all other occasions you will be informed of the identity of all judges and introduced to them.
- All judges are experienced Leathermen or men of high standing in our community.
- Judges will allocate individual scores, based on their individual perception of how well you fulfil the criteria set for each task.
- Although judges may discuss your overall performance, each score is allocated individually and judges do not discuss their individual scores.
- Individual scores are confidential and known only to the Tally Masters for the duration of the competition.
- The judges are independent of the Committee and no Committee member sits on the judging panel. No Committee member has any influence over the decisions of judges.

On completion of judging, scores sheets are collected, and scores tallied. The competitor with the highest score is awarded the title **Mr Queensland Leather**, provided that the following conditions are met:

1. that the competitor has a score of 75% or higher (though in exceptional circumstances the judges may award the title if the score is above 65%)
2. In the event that there is only one entrant in the MQL competition, then that competitor must score more than 75% in order to be awarded the title Mr Queensland Leather

This will be announced at **CORIUM 2019 – at Number 29 (29 McLachlan St Fortitude Valley) on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**

Following the completion of the competition, competitors will be provided with an opportunity to gain feedback on their results. (Anything which may identify a judge will be redacted.)

## Criteria

### Balls Out Bingo: Leather Edition

Value = 5 Points

You will be evaluated on your community interaction at this event by unidentified judges. All criteria are of equal value. The criteria which the judges will use to determine your score for this task are:

1. Overall duration / length of time you're present to participate in interactions
2. How readily do you interact with others at this function
3. How many different people do you interact with
4. What is the (general) duration of each interaction
5. Does the interaction appear genuine / honest / heartfelt to an external observer
6. Demonstration of accepted protocols of behaviour such as personal space, physical contact / intimacy, etc.

### Tom's Bar

Value = 5 Points

You are required to choose a Tom of Finland drawing which resonates with you/appeals to you and provide a copy of it to the competition organisers by the Contestant Briefing. At Tom's Bar you will be required to speak for up to 5 minutes about your chosen picture and why you choose it.

You will be evaluated in this task by identified judges. All criteria are of equal value. The criteria which the judges will use to determine your score for this task are:

1. Level of detail in your explanation why your picture resonates/appeals to you
2. Identification to the audience of specific elements in the picture which resonate with you
3. Clarity of speaking voice/audibility
4. Audience engagement/eye contact/ gesture
5. Pace of delivery
6. Ability to use a microphone

Time Limit: 5 Minutes

## Leather Dinner

Value = 5 Points – Attire  
15 Points – Speech  
5 Points – Interaction

Leather Dinner is a formal occasion conducted annually by the Club. A number of formalities are conducted at this function, including the announcement of the recipient of the Noel Lewington Award.

During the evening you will be required to deliver a two to three-minute speech on the topic: **“My vision for the future of The Boot Co. Brisbane”**.

You will be evaluated in this task by identified judges, who will also evaluate your attire. All criteria are of equal value. The criteria which the judges will use to determine your scores are:

### Attire

1. Overall appropriateness for a formal occasion
2. Cohesiveness of “your look”
3. Your general demeanour in your chosen outfit (do you look comfortable/ “at home” in it or ill at ease)

### Speeches

1. Matter
  - breadth/depth of content
  - accuracy of information
  - originality of thought
  - relevance to the topic
2. Manner
  - persuasiveness
  - clarity of speaking voice/audibility
  - audience engagement/eye contact/gesture
  - pace of delivery
  - ability to use a microphone
3. Method
  - overall cohesiveness of the message
  - choice of vocabulary
  - systematic development of argument/message

Time Limit 2 -3 minutes

During the evening you will also be evaluated on your community interaction at this event by unidentified judges who will use the same criteria that were used to evaluate your interaction at Balls Out Bingo: Leather Edition.

## Interview

Value = 55 points

You will have a 25 minute, 1-on-1 interview with a panel identified judges. You will be asked a total of 6 questions: one from each of the categories listed below.

- A. Leather terminology, history, dress codes and behaviour protocols
- B. Safer sex practices, risk minimisation, sexual activities including the changing extent of leather sex and responses to HIV/AIDS in Australia since the 1980s
- C. The Boot Co.'s history and future identity
- D. BDSM practices including SCC (Safe, Sane and Consensual), PRICK (Personal Responsibility, Informed Consensual Kink) and RACK (Risk Aware Consensual Kink)
- E. Mental health, in the gay and trans\* men communities

Plus, another question based on a scenario that will be read to you

All contestants will be asked the same questions and you will receive a score for each answer. All criteria are of equal value. The criteria which the judges will use to determine your score for each question are:

1. Accuracy of content of the answer
2. Breadth/depth of knowledge of the topic
3. Relevance to the question
4. Clarity of the answer

Time Frame 25 Minutes

## Corium

Value = 5 points – Bar Wear  
=5 points – Interaction

During the stage performance segment of Corium you are required to demonstrate your interpretation of **Bar Wear**.

Read the following scenario and create your response:

**\*\*Over the last few weeks at your favourite bar you have noticed an extremely desirable man, whom you regard as the ‘right someone’ for an encounter (or maybe more). He looked your way several times and appeared to be “checking you out” last weekend. Furthermore, he nodded to you as he was leaving with friends last Saturday night at Tom’s Bar.**

You are determined to get his undivided attention tonight at Corium.

### **Dress to impress!**

**\*\*Jurisdictions outside Queensland (and Australia) apply very different standards to public nudity and sexual acts at venues or on licensed premises. As Number 29 permits public nudity/sexual acts, you may push your interpretation of **Bar Wear** as far as you choose.**

You will be evaluated by identified judges. All criteria are of equal value. The criteria which the judges will use to determine your score for this task are:

1. The “erotic appeal” of your chosen outfit
2. How comfortable/confident you appear in your chosen outfit
3. Flagging preferred sexual activities/roles

Time Limit 5 Minutes

During the evening you will also be evaluated on your community interaction at this event by unidentified judges who will use the same criteria that were used to evaluate your interaction at Balls Out Bingo: Leather Edition and at Leather Dinner.

## Enquiries

If you have any questions or to seek clarification of any information, please speak to one of the Committee members at the pub night

Or

Alternatively you can email [competition@bootco.com.au](mailto:competition@bootco.com.au)

*Constitution, bylaws and general information will be made available on request.*



## Mr Queensland Leather Entry Form

You must submit your application electronically.

By signing below, I agree to the following:

- I will purchase an Entrant ticket to the Mr Queensland Leather competition
- I would like to become Mr Queensland Leather \*
- I have an interest in leather or fetish and the leather lifestyle.
- I will represent The Boot Co. in the leather and gay men's scene as well as at other events to be negotiated, commencing with Brisbane Pride Fair Day.
- I understand that winning the title Mr Queensland Leather will mean The Boot Co. will use my image to promote the objects of the club and to publicise events.
- I understand that my image may appear in broader forums as a result of this entry
- I will take part in photo shoots and public presentations.
- I accept and abide by The Boot Co. Constitution and by-laws and understand that if I bring The Boot Co. or the Mr Queensland Leather competition into disrepute, I will be stripped of my title.
- The Mr Queensland Leather Sash remains the property of The Boot Co. Brisbane at all times and must be returned at the end of my title year. In the event of loss or damage to the sash during my title year, I will be required to pay for its replacement or for any repairs.  
  
\* Furthermore, I understand and agree that if I become Mr Queensland Leather, I will not enter any other title competitions during my title year.
- I have read and will follow the stated rules and requirements of the Mr Queensland Leather competition.