## Italian Fetishman of the Year Contest Regulations

- 1. The Italian Fetishman of the Year (IFM) competition, which is conceived and created by Leather & Fetish Milano (LFM) and Leather Club Roma (LCR), is organized annually by these clubs, which alternate, with equal rights, in the direct management of the event, according to availability that is agreed from year to year. The competition has the specific objective of enlarging and representing the fetish world in its various forms and in particular in the following categories: "Leather", "Rubber", "Skin" and "Biker", giving visibility to the passions and ideals that characterize the organizing club and to the Italian fetish community in general.
- 2. The competition takes place over one weekend in late January each year, organized by LFM or LCR. Any Italian citizen or permanent resident in Italy, adult male or in transition F to M, member or non-member of Italian clubs, can apply for the title, provided that he is not part of any leather or fetish board of directors and that he is not in stark contrast to the ideals of the fetish community. Incompatible with participation is having held the same role in the two previous mandates or having the same fetish title or other competition title at the same time (even for a few days), which may not allow the performance of required tasks adequately. No entry fee is required for the competition or subsequent registration to the clubs. The candidate must comply with the fetish standards of the qualification for which he will compete. The categories contemplated to compete for the title will be the following, with dress code unequivocally relevant to the same: Leather, Rubber, Skin or Biker. Belonging to one of the aforementioned categories does not imply a restrictive definition, in the case of victory, the title will remain unambiguously recognized as IFM.
- 3. Participation in the competition must be in writing by completing the appropriate form, which will be made available on the web, by signing this regulation and transferring it definitively for the year in office and thereafter the image linked to the title itself, which will become the exclusive use of the clubs.
- 4. The course of the competition may include, at the discretion of the organizing club, a small performance and in any case the candidates will have to present themselves briefly to the public, answering a few questions, both of a personal and fetish nature, showing themselves in their specific outfit, in order to be able to be evaluated by the jury and the public who, to varying degrees, will contribute to electing the winning candidate.
- 5. The jury will be composed of a minimum of four people, including two club members, known members of the Italian or international fetish community, plus the outgoing title holder. Clubs have the right to add members to the jury up to a maximum total of 10, who are considered to be competent jurors. Each juror will have a numerical rating available which can be from 1 to 10, to be assigned to their chosen candidate. Each member of the public will have only one vote (which will be worth 1 point), for their favorite candidate.
- 6. The identification of the winner will be obtained by adding the votes of the public to those of the jury. In the event that the number of jurors does not exceed 5, the vote of the jury will be worth 2/3 while that of the public will be worth 1/3 of the final vote. The counting of the votes will be carried out by two members of the jury, chosen from within, and by a voluntary member of the public who can be added, as Tally Masters, members external to the jury who will guarantee the correctness of the counts. Each candidate may also designate an observer to count the votes. The result of the vote when announced, will be final.

- 7. The winner of the competition will receive the title of IFM for one year following the election, as well as various prizes from clubs and sponsors who have supported the event, which from time to time will be announced before the competition. Depending on the organization of the contest and the number of competitors, the titles of 1st runner up and 2nd runner up, with consequent medals and possible prizes, may be provided.
- 8. IFM may participate in international competitions (although not having the obligation) relating to the same category or sub-categories envisioned by the contest (based also on the regulations provided by the International Organizations and Confederations) and will be supported, with possible sponsorship and related financial support, to be defined from year to year by the organizing clubs. He will have the duty to represent the Italian fetish community and in particular the club which held the competition; always in agreement and with the authorization of the clubs, he must guarantee, during his year in office, his presence at at least two events of national importance organized by the same clubs in Italy and a fetish event abroad. IFM will always have the obligation to ask for permission from the organizing club in case of participation, as titled (and therefore with a distinctive sash), to commercial events with a fetish theme and not in any case consult in the promotion or creation of new events of any genre, in which the use of the notoriety linked to the title is decisive. He will have the duty to maintain contact with the board of directors of the organizing club and to collaborate with the other title holders of the Italian and international community, to better represent the clubs that hold his office. It is also forbidden to use the IFM title and the sash for commercial or professional purposes such as, for example: photos and photographic services, films, commercials or events for commercial or promotional purposes, without the authorization of the clubs. He will have to attend the IFM competition of the following year, participate in the jury, and deliver the sash to the new winner. The sash will however always remain the property of the organizing clubs that will have the right to pass it to the qualified second or third place finisher, declaring the original title void, in the event of serious breaches and violation of even just one of the rules set forth above, relating to this regulation.

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