



Italian Fetishman Of The Year 2023 CONTEST RULES

1. General

The "Italian Fetishman of the Year 2023" competition is organized by the *Leather & Fetish Milano* and *Leather Club Roma* Associations (hereinafter referred to as "the clubs"). The competition has the specific objective of promoting and disseminating the fetish world, giving visibility to the clubs and the leather, rubber and Fetish community.

2. When

The competition will take place in Milan from April 14th to April 16th 2023 except in cases of force majeure.

3. Requirements

Any person permanently resident in Italy can apply to run for the title as long as they are of age and are actively involved in the Italian fetish community. Reasons for impediment to candidacy are:

- Being a board member of any fetish-related association;
- Wearing at the same time (even for a few days) the sash of another fetish title or similar;
- Having at the sole discretion of the clubs acted in contrast or publicly manifested incompatibility with the values of the fetish or LGBTQIAPK Community.

Participation in the competition is free of charge and no subsequent club membership is required.

4. Applications

The application for the competition must be sent by Sunday April 9th 2023 (H23:59) using the appropriate form: lfmilano.com/candidatura-ifoty-2023

With this form the candidate will declare their personal details, present themselves in a small bio and provide the photo to be used during the competition and on the clubs' social networks.

By sending the application, the candidate accepts these rules in its entirety (n.5 pages).

The clubs reserve the right to refuse the application if it conflicts with at least one of the requirements and to evaluate any applications received after the date indicated above.



5. Execution

During the period of the competition, those who decide to participate as contestants are required to attend all the corollary activities of the competition listed on the [official page of the competition](#).

It is possible that the candidates will also have to attend appointments not listed in the official calendar of the event's activities (e.g. any interview with the judges). These appointments will be communicated directly to the interested parties by the organizing club and will in any case be included in the time frame that goes from Friday 14th April 2023 (H 19:00) to Sunday 16th April 2023 (H 15:00). Any inability to attend any activity of the event must be individually discussed with the organizing club.

6. Jury

The jury will be identified by the organizing club and will consist of a minimum of five people, including two members of their respective clubs, an exponent of the Italian or international fetish community and the outgoing title holder. The organizing club will have the right to add members to the jury up to a maximum total of ten, deemed in various capacities to be competent for the judgment.

Each jury member will express, for each candidate, a numerical vote on the following items:

- Overall presentation (1-20 pts)
- Interview (1-30 pts)
- Scenic impact (1-10 pts)
- Stage performance (1-20 pts)
- Fetish community involvement (1-10 pts)
- Outfit (1-10 pts)

for a maximum of 100 points. Other items may be added to the judging at the discretion of the organizing clubs after their mutual agreement.

To complete the jury two Tally Masters are appointed (one national and one international) that in addition to supervising the competition ensuring its integrity, are responsible for collecting and managing the votes. The Tally Masters are entitled to report to the organizing club any unusual behavior by the judges that may raise suspicion of fraud and incorrect attitudes towards candidates. Clubs are obliged to consider these reports and may take corrective action against the members of the jury concerned by the report where necessary.

7. Audience vote

Every person participating in the final night of the competition, with the exception of the jury members and candidates, will express their preference for a candidate by casting in the urn (or similar) related to the candidate the coupon / token provided at the entrance of the club.

8. Vote count

The vote count will be made by the two representatives appointed by the clubs in the presence of the Tally Masters. Each candidate may also designate an observer to the vote count.

9. Picking the winner

The determination of the final score for each candidate will take place as follows:



JURY: (Score 5, 3, 2, 1, 0)

For each jury member, the votes received in the individual judging categories (max 100 points) are summed up in order to obtain a partial ranking of the candidates who are assigned 5 points to the first, 3 to the second, 2 to the third, 1 to the fourth, 0 in fifth place and so on. For each candidate the partial scores (5, 3, 2, 1, 0) of the individual judges are then summed up and the new ranking is converted as before with the rule of 5 points to the first, 3 to the second, 2 to the third, 1 to the fourth, 0 to the fifth place and following. This way, the final score of the jury is obtained (5, 3, 2, 1, 0).

AUDIENCE: (Score 5, 3, 2, 1, 0)

The votes of the audience are counted and by means of proportion a numerical value will be obtained based on the votes received (5 points to the first, 3 points to the second, 2 points to the third, 1 point to the fourth and 0 points to the fifth and subsequent).

The identification of the winner is obtained by means of the weighted average of the vote of the public and of the jury, attributing to the public vote $\frac{1}{3}$ of the weight and to the vote of the jury $\frac{2}{3}$ of the weight. In the event of a tie for first place, the majority of 5 points is counted, if this is not enough to identify the winner, the rule is to proceed with 3 points and so on. In the unlikely event of a perfect tie, the clubs decide by single vote.

The outcome of the election is monitored by the Tally Masters and by the two club representatives who guarantee its integrity. The result approved at the end of the counting of votes will therefore be unquestionable.

In the event that only two candidates would show up, the steps in the rankings (5, 3, 2, 1, 0) would be skipped, the judges' dry scores would be averaged and weighed with the public vote as in the $\frac{2}{3}$ jury and $\frac{1}{3}$ audience standard.

(example with 4 candidates)	Candidate A	Candidate B	Candidate C	Candidate D
Jury member 1	5	2	3	1
Jury member 2	2	3	5	1
Jury member 3	3	5	1	2
Jury member 4	3	1	5	2
Jury member 5	5	1	2	3
Partial judges	18	12	16	9
Judges ranking	1°	3°	2°	4°
Judges total	5	2	3	1
Audience ranking	2°	1°	4°	3°
Audience	3	5	1	2
Judges (weight 2/3)	3.33	1.33	2.00	0.67
Audience (weight 1/3)	1.00	1.67	0.33	0.67
Total	4.33	3.00	2.33	1.33



Final ranking	1°	2°	3°	4°
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10. Prizes

The winner of the competition will be entitled to the title of "Italian Fetishman of the Year 2023", the distinctive title band and other prizes made available by clubs and sponsors. The second and third candidate, if present, will be awarded medals and any other prizes.

11. Winner's duties

The winner will have the duty to represent the Italian fetish community and will have to guarantee, during their year in office, their presence at at least one event organized by each of the clubs and at at least one fetish event abroad. The winner must maintain contact with the clubs' boards and collaborate with the other titleholders of the Italian and international community. The winner must in any case consult the clubs in the case of promotion or creation of new gender events, in which the use of notoriety linked to the title plays a significant role. The winner must also return the sash to the clubs in time for the election of their successor and participate in the jury during the election.

12. European and international contests

The winner will be able to participate, as representative of the Italian Fetish community, in European and international Fetish/Leather/Rubber themed contests, except as set forth to what is established by the specific regulations of these competitions.

13. Prohibitions and cancellations

Unless authorized by the clubs, the titleholder may not use the sash and title, either directly or indirectly, for the promotion of commercial or professional initiatives or events; this prohibition includes, by way of example: photos and photographic services, posters and flyers, films, advertising spots. Furthermore, he will not be able to join the board of any national or international club until the return of the sash / until the end of the mandate.

Failure to comply with the above will result in the automatic cancellation of the title and the winner must return the sash to the clubs which will pass the title and sash to the second classified and, subordinately, to the third classified upon acceptance by these last ones.

14. Copyright

Candidates expressly waive any right regarding the photos and information sent with the application, as well as the photos and filming taken during the competition; The winner expressly waives any right relating to photos, filming, interviews or similar carried out during their year as the holder and relating to the competition or the title of Italian Fetishman of the Year 2023.

15. Authorizations

The candidates and the winner irrevocably authorize the clubs to use the photos and videos of the event and their name (or pseudonym) by publishing them on their social media, on their



websites or by disseminating them in any other way such as, for example, sector magazines, blogs, flyers, websites, etc.

