

# Mid-Atlantic Community Bootblack 2007

## CONTESTANT AND TITLEHOLDER INFORMATION

The International Community Bootblack competition (ICBB), as well as the regional feeder contests such as Mid-Atlantic Community Bootblack (MACBB), pays tribute to those who demonstrate excellence in talent, technique and knowledge of the talent and art of bootblacking. ICBB is the first and currently the only international bootblacking competition that is open to any qualified bootblack regardless of sexual orientation, dominant or submissive, or even leather or fetish lifestyle.

The ICCB and MACBB titles provide a platform to educate others and promote the tradition of bootblacking.

### MACBB APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Contestants must be at least 21 years old.
- 2 Each bootblack contestant must self-identify as a "bootblack".
- 3 Contestants must reside within the Mid-Atlantic region as defined by DCI (PA, MD, DC, DE, VA and WV).
- 4 MACBB competition is open to any contestant regardless of sex, sexual orientation, dominant or submissive, or even leather or fetish lifestyle.
- 5 Contestants must possess either a current passport from their country of residence, province or region or must have a current and legal Drivers License or Identification Card from their state of residence.
- 6 MACBB contestants cannot compete if they currently hold any other bootblack title.
- 7 Contestants are required to bring a gift collection/basket(s) or items to be auctioned at the contest in support of the MACBB travel funds. This collection/basket may contain items that are fetish related, non-fetish, etc. Two lower value collections will be more popular and bring in more funds than one large collection. The total retail value should be between \$100 and \$250.
- 8 The MACBB Advisory Board, as official representative of DCI Productions Inc, reserves the right to refuse applications from potential contestants for any legal reason.
- 9 Send completed application to:

MACBB Contestant Applications  
c/o Robert Davis  
PO Box 1151  
Frederick, MD 21702

### COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

- 1 Contestants are required to be at the meet and greet by 10:00 P.M. on Friday of the event (unless prior arrangements have been approved in advance by the MACBB Contest Coordinator).
- 2 Contestants are required to be at all MACBB activities throughout the weekend until noon on Sunday. (unless prior arrangements have been approved in advance by the MACBB Contest Coordinator).
- 3 Remainder of the schedule will be announced as the event date nears – check the web site ([www.midatlslb.com](http://www.midatlslb.com)).
- 4 During the competition weekend contestants will be under the guidance of a den staff. These volunteers are your support for the weekend. They will be there to answer questions, get you to weekend events on time and even make sure you get to bed early for much needed rest. Their direction is to be followed at all times.
- 5 All contestants must agree to be presented on stage during the competition and to be photographed and videographed by event photographers and event guests. Each contestant will be required to sign a photographic release form.
- 6 All contestants will be performing public bootblacking duties at assigned times throughout the weekend.
- 7 Unacceptable behavior during the weekend including, but not limited to substance abuse, private fraternization with judges and other conduct unbecoming a titleholder may result in disqualification.
- 8 Overindulgence of alcohol that causes unacceptable behavior will result in notification to the judges and a 20-point administrative penalty deducted from each judges Interpersonal Skills category score.
- 9 Specific rules are in place to allow for equality and to adhere with local law:
  - A. Open flame in any method or style is not allowed at any time.
  - B. Contestants must own all their own supplies.
  - C. Contestants will be provided a chair on a raised platform, a chair for the bootblack, and a tarp for bootblacking in the facility.
  - E. Contestants are allowed to bring a bootrest box or box with boot pegs.
  - F. Contestants may only shine during designated public bootblacking times.
  - G. Contestants are not allowed to accept drop-off boots for shining or perform bootblacking duties at any time or location other than those designated for all contestants.
  - H. Contestants must abide by facility, local, state and national laws in regards to attire. Maryland nudity laws require a one-inch strip up the butt crack and all genitals and women's aureoles covered.

## TITLEHOLDER REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS

- 1 The MACCB Titleholder will receive a vest patch and medallion to keep unless the MACBB Advisory Board revokes the title.
- 2 The MACBB Titleholder will be able to access travel funds from the Mid-Atlantic Producer for transportation costs during their title year. Total funds available will be determined based on auction items sold during the event and other supplementary fundraising activities.
- 3 The contestants must be willing, should they win, to travel throughout the region to present their craft.
- 4 The MACBB Titleholder may accept additional monetary support from groups, event/contest sponsors or individuals to supplement travel expenses, and may raise additional money to cover supplementary travel expenses through fundraising activities. Gratuities for bootblacking services may be accepted and used in whatever way the titleholder wishes.
- 5 Should the MACBB titleholder become unable to carry out the requirements of the title the MACBB Advisory Board will determine in what manner the title will be represented for the remainder of the year in question.
- 6 MACBB Titleholders must represent MACBB, MALSLb, DCI Productions Inc and themselves and their own communities at all times. Unacceptable behavior including, but not limited to substance abuse, felony charges and other conduct unbecoming a titleholder may result in title revocation.
- 7 The MACBB titleholder shall have two fundraisers during their title year for their travel fund. Additional community charity fundraisers are highly encouraged but not required.
- 8 The MACBB Titleholder must attend ICBB competition during their title year as well as the MACBB competition the year following their title year. During the MACBB competition, the MACBB Titleholder shall present a step-down speech at the event. Step-down travel expenses should be paid from travel fund monies. Other duties at the event may be required.
- 9 The MACBB and ICBB Advisory Boards, as official representatives of DCI Productions Inc, reserve the right to recall a title from the current titleholder if, in its judgment, the titleholder has failed to substantially comply with or fulfill the philosophy and/or obligations of the title.

**JUDGING CRITERIA Interview (100 points per judge)** This is the only individual, in-depth time with all of the judges in private. The interview should last approximately 15-30 minutes depending on the number of contestants. Answers should be clear, concise and to the point as this is a short period of time. While most of the questions will be geared towards bootblacking skills and techniques the questions are also created to see how well contestants can convey an idea. The judges want to see if contestants are well spoken and can think on their feet. Interview questions may cover leather or personal history, personal viewpoints or lifestyle or anything related to BDSM. This title is connected to a sex and fetish title so most anything goes!

### **Skill (100 points per judge)**

This is a 'Hands On' portion of the contest. The skill portion will be open to the public, but the public will not participate. Each contestant will be provided two 'boot models'. One model will have 'high shine boots', and one model will have 'oil tanned' boots. One of the two pairs will have laces. This will be a timed portion of the event. Contestants will have 1 hour (60 minutes) in which to complete both pairs. The judges are looking at skill and technique. They want to see individual selection and use of the various products. They may ask why particular products are used and the reasoning for application techniques. They also will be looking at the final product and will inspect the results of the techniques.

### **Interpersonal Skills (100 points per judge)**

Each contestant will be judged on his or her personal interaction during the weekend. This includes attitude, friendliness, courtesy, and cooperativeness towards others. This is the customer service, guest relations, and flair portion of the competition. The judges want to see how well contestants relate to people in a public setting. During public shine times they will be observing how contestants handle interruptions, guest issues, mentoring opportunities, and social situations. They also want to see one-on-one guest interaction. They also will be looking at flair: this is what competitors do to set themselves apart for the other competitors. What is your thing, your "shtick"? What kind of show you put on. This category will be scored last. This portion also lends itself to other areas of the competition, as it will include the balloted portion of the competition.

### **Scoring System**

If there is only one contestant running for a title, the contestant must receive a final overall score equal to 75% of the total possible points. An official Tally Master will insure that points are calculated correctly and fairly. The decision of the judges and the calculations of the Tally Master are final.

**Administrative Deduction Points:** Administrative deduction points may be assessed to a competitor for inappropriate behavior during the contest. These usually concern minor offenses. It is based on the three-strike rule. A warning will be given the first two offenses. A 10-point penalty per judge will be assessed on the third offense. Example: If you are late for an appointed event you will be given a warning. If you then violate nudity laws you will receive a second warning. You then fire your polish or lay flame to boots. This is strike number three and 10 points per judge will be deducted from your final score. Overindulgence of alcohol that causes unacceptable behavior will result in notification to the judges and a 20-point administrative penalty deducted from each judges Interpersonal Skills category score.

Administrative deductions can make a difference in your final placement.

### Golden Brush Award

This is the bootblack brother/sisterhood accolade. This award is voted on by the bootblack contestants and embodies the heart and spirit of brother/sisterhood.

## CONTESTANT REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 31, 2007

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Davis at: [robert@midatlslb.com](mailto:robert@midatlslb.com)

I look forward to having you as a competitor at Mid-Atlantic Community Bootblack.

## MACBB CONTESTANT APPLICATION

Please Type or Print. ALL information required. Personal information will remain confidential

Legal LAST Name

Badge Name

Legal FIRST Name

Address

City

State

Phone

Email

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Date Of Birth mm/dd/yyyy

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Orientation: (Top, bottom, Master, boi, switch, slave etc)

Current Relationship Status:

Clubs/Organization Memberships

Current and/or Previous Titles Held:

Why do you want this title?

If you win this title what would be your goals for your title year?

Additional information you would like the judges to know about you

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In consideration of the acceptance of my application, I hereby waive any and all claims of 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 the Mid-Atlantic Community Bootblack (MACBB) competition, and against its members, agents, operators, employees, lessors, lessees, or any other subsidiaries. By registering I state that I have read and understand the above disclaimer. I further state that I am at least 21 years of age. I affirm that I am registering under my legal name; I understand that I will be required to provide photo ID. I understand that MACBB reserve the right to refuse application for this competition for any reason, and if that occurs my Application Fee will be refunded in full. I understand that if I cancel my own application for any reason I will not receive a refund of my Application Fee. I give MACBB, ICBB, DCI Productions Inc. and it's identified media representatives permission to photograph and/or videograph my image and use it for promotional and publicity purposes. I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising from or related to the use of the images. I agree to release and hold harmless MACBB, ICBB and DCI Productions Inc and it's agents from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs, including but not limited to any re-use, distortion, blurring, alteration, optical illusion or use in composite form, either intentionally or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in production of the finished product.

Legal Signature

Date