

What is expected of the winners of Mid-Atlantic LEATHERSIR/boy 2007

- The foremost duty of the Winners is to promote the goals of the International LeatherSir and Leatherboy organization and its local and regional sponsors in a positive light throughout the year.
- One of the foremost expectations that we have of our Winners is that during their title year, they will conduct themselves as positive role models. Flagrant violation of this expectation may result in forfeiture of their title.
- The Winners of the Mid-Atlantic regional LeatherSIR & Leatherboy contest are required to compete at the International LeatherSIR & Leatherboy contest. The Winner of all of the Mid-Atlantic regional Community Boot Black contest is required to compete at the International Community Boot Black contest. Mid-Atlantic regional Winners may NOT compete in any other “leather” or “fantasy” contests during their title year except as outlined above.
- The Winners are required to attend next year’s Mid-Atlantic regional contest, for which their travel and hotel expenses will be deducted from the Travel Fund. The Winners may or may not be invited to judge next year’s contest. Judging the Mid-Atlantic regional contest is not a guarantee and is at the sole discretion of the regional producer.
- The Winners are expected to travel to all local LeatherSir and Leatherboy contests to which they are invited by the Local Sponsors. Local Sponsors are not obligated to provide transportation or housing for the Mid-Atlantic Titleholders. However, the Mid-Atlantic travel fund may be used with prior authorization of the regional producer and then only if funds are available. When two or more Local contests are on the same date, the producer of the Mid-Atlantic region will determine which Winner will attend which event.
- The Winners are encouraged to attend as many other major leather events and contests as they may see fit. However, the Travel Fund will not be used to reimburse travel expenses to non-ILSb events unless approved in advance by the Mid-Atlantic producer. That includes IML, MAL, ABW, IMsL, MsWL, CLAW, South Plains Leatherfest, Masters and Slaves, Folsom, MLT, Pantheon, etc.
- The Winners are expected to attend their local Gay and/or Leather Pride Day celebration event. The Winners are encouraged to actively participate in the event to include walking, riding as a passenger in a vehicle that is properly marked, or riding on a float. During such events, the Winners are expected to wear appropriate leather attire to include either their sash or their Mid-Atlantic back-patch vest so that they may be easily identified in a crowd or from a distance. The Winners are also encouraged to attend as many regional Gay and/or Leather Pride Day celebrations events as they are able to attend.
- Each of the Winners are expected to organize three fundraising events during their title year, of which one will benefit the Mid-Atlantic LeatherSIR, Leatherboy, & Community Boot Black Travel Fund, one will benefit the charitable cause designated by the Winner that is organizing the fundraiser, and one will benefit DCI’s International LeatherSIR, Leatherboy, and Community Boot Black Travel Fund. This may be a team effort or an individual effort as desired by the winners. All posters, flyers, and other promotional items for such fund raisers shall be approved by the Mid-Atlantic regional producer PRIOR to distribution and should contain enough information about the event so

that anyone in the region may attend. It is encouraged (but not required) that sign-language interpreters be present for all events. In addition to the required fundraising events, the Winners are encouraged (but not required) to help with fundraising for other worthy causes. Should the Mid-Atlantic Winners succeed in winning the International Contest, the required charity fund raising events listed above may be run concurrently with the fund raising events required by DCI for the International title. Likewise, the fund raising events may be run concurrently with each other.

- The Mid-Atlantic regional producer shall maintain the travel fund for the Winners. The proceeds from all Travel Fund fund-raising events shall be turned over to the Mid-Atlantic regional producer for proper bookkeeping and accounting. Expense receipts are to be turned over at the time of submission. After which, the regional producer will reimburse the winners as needed. This procedure, while cumbersome on the surface, is for the protection of the title holder and regional sponsor both. Failure to comply with this stipulation is grounds for IMMEDIATE stripping of the winner's title.
- The charitable fund-raising event proceeds and expenses shall be reported to the Mid-Atlantic regional producer within seven days of the event. A detailed list of costs, donations, and off-sets (costs paid from the proceeds) shall be presented to the Mid-Atlantic regional producer in this report. The selected charity or charities shall also be named in the report as well as the contact information for the person to whom the proceeds have been turned over. The event coordinator shall obtain a written receipt from the charity as proof that the proceeds were turned over and submit a copy of said receipt to the regional producer.
- The booking of all airline fares and hotels shall be made by the Mid-Atlantic regional producer. If the Winners do not notify the Mid-Atlantic regional producer of their requirements at least 30 days in advance, the request for Travel Fund use WILL be denied. Reimbursements for gasoline, car rental, and hotel accommodations must be pre-approved by the Mid-Atlantic regional producer at least 30 days PRIOR to the event. Reimbursement will only be made with accompanying receipts as proof of expenses and will not cover entertainment, food, alcohol, or other similar types of expenses.
- Mid-Atlantic LeatherSIR & Leatherboy will provide the initial business cards for the Winners as soon as they provide their contact information after the Mid-Atlantic contest. After the initial business card printing, the Winners will be responsible for all additional printings of business cards.