



**ROUTE 66 LEATHER
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Route 66 Leather Competitions is to choose a representative of the respective Route 66 Leather titles and their identifiers that leads by example of integrity, respect, community outreach and involvement, and education.

GENERAL CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS

Each contestant in the Route 66 Leather Competitions must be:

- 1) At least twenty-one (21) years old as of May 31st, 2023
- 2) Be a resident of North America.
- 3) Able to represent the title of Mr./ Bootblack/Pup/ Ms./Bear and not hold any other current national title on the date of the Route 66 Leather contest. If holding another title, the Route 66 Leather title holds precedence.
- 4) Represent their respective Route 66 Leather title, if they win, throughout their twelve (12) month title year.
- 5) A person with demonstrated interest in leather, as determined by the judging panel.
- 6) The owner of the majority of all leather apparel worn during the contest and must agree to:
- 7) Appear onstage wearing appropriate apparel for the respective judged portion and deliver in a judged class or presentation of an educational nature. This requirement is for the Mr., Ms., Pup, and Bear title contests.
- 8) Appear onstage wearing appropriate apparel and engaging in judged stand time and technical boot portion. This requirement is for the Bootblack title contest. The only time the Bootblack title contestants will be judged on stage will be for the formal wear and speech portion of the contest.
- 9) Permit photographs during the contest weekend and on-stage for the use by OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions on its website, social media sites, promotional, marketing, and/or general purposes.
- 10) Refrain from posing for explicit photographs, videos, etc. to be published or broadcast in any print and/or electronic media, and to refrain from participating in any public live sexual performance, webcast, etc., without the prior written consent of the Route 66 Leather owner/producers; and,
- 11) Submit fully completed and signed contestant application, photographic release forms, pay contestant online registration, and agree to submit to a criminal background check prior to their contestant application being approved and accepted by OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather by May 31, 2023 at 11:59 pm.

Materials should be submitted through the online application portal on our website, www.okckinkweekend.com or sent to kinkweekendproducer@gmail.com.

Additionally, each contestant competing for a Route 66 Leather title agrees to donate and supply for the contest weekend at least one (1) auction basket of appropriate items to be used for fundraising purposes to benefit the Titleholder Travel Fund. Suggested value of the items should be at least \$500. Baskets should be accompanied by an inventory of approximate value of the contents. The baskets will be judged as part of the public image score. Baskets will be auctioned by silent auction which will be open from Friday morning to Saturday before the final contest event at 7:00 pm local time. Contestants are encouraged to seek items donated to them for their run.

All contestants must arrive at the event city for the Route 66 Leather Contest Weekend no later than 6:00 pm local time Thursday of the event weekend and agree to appear in person for all of scheduled events during the OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather contest weekend up to the completion of the Sunday afternoon contest. The Route 66 Leather title winners will be required to be onsite until Sunday evening to attend the end of weekend party and business meetings.

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TITLE SPECIFIC CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS

Each title contest will have five (5) categories and will be judged by a panel of three (3) judges, with the entire judging panel consisting of nine (9) judges and one (1) alternate.

MR. ROUTE 66 LEATHER COMPETITION

All contestants for the Mr. Route 66 Leather competition must self-identify as male and can be of any orientation. Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

- 1) Public image (open, throughout the entire judgable weekend).
- 2) Personal interview (closed).
- 3) Educational class or presentation, of the contestant's choosing (open).
- 4) Hot wear with pop question (open, on stage).
- 5) Formal wear with speech (open, on stage).

ROUTE 66 BOOTBLACK COMPETITION

All contestants for the Route 66 Bootblack competition can be of any gender identity or orientation. Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

- 1) Public image (open, throughout the entire judgable weekend).
- 2) Personal interview (closed).
- 3) Open stand time (open).
- 4) Technical boot (closed).
- 5) Formal wear with speech (open, on stage).

ROUTE 66 PUP COMPETITION

All contestants for the Route 66 Pup competition can be of any gender identity or orientation. Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

- 1) Public image (open, throughout the entire judgable weekend).
- 2) Personal interview (closed).
- 3) Educational class or presentation, should be pup or pet themed (open).
- 4) Hot wear with pop question (open, on stage).
- 5) Formal wear with speech (open, on stage).

MS. ROUTE 66 LEATHER COMPETITION

All contestants for the Ms. Route 66 Leather competition must self-identify as female and can be of any orientation. Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

- 1) Public image (open, throughout the entire judgable weekend).
- 2) Personal interview (closed).
- 3) Educational class or presentation, of the contestant's choosing (open).
- 4) Hot wear with pop question (open, on stage).
- 5) Formal wear with speech (open, on stage).

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ROUTE 66 BEAR COMPETITION

All contestants for the Route 66 Bear competition can be of any gender identity or orientation. Contestants will be judged in the following categories:

- 1) Public image (open, throughout the entire judgable weekend).
- 2) Personal interview (closed).
- 3) Educational class or presentation, of the contestant's choosing (open).
- 4) Hot wear with pop question (open, on stage).
- 5) Formal wear with speech (open, on stage).

Public Image (All title contestants) – All Weekend (Thursday Night – Saturday Night)

Throughout the weekend the judges will observe how the Contestants present themselves and interact with others, including, but not limited to, the judges, OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions staff, and fellow contestants. Judges will be looking for contestants with strong communication skills, politeness, a willingness to share knowledge, and a genuine desire to help build community. Contestants may be judged during any portion of the event weekend, including pool parties, classes, and other non-mandatory events. For the Pup contestants, participation and interaction during the open Mosh will be considered part of Public Image for judging purposes. The creativity, resourcefulness, and contents of the auction basket is also judged in this category.

Personal Interview (All title contestants) – Friday Day

Each contestant will be interviewed by the respective title's panel of judges. The interview will be closed to the event attendees and other title contestants. Questions may range from your personal history, occupation, life experiences, and social affiliations to personal and political opinions about current events, topics, etc. Judges' questions often cover knowledge of the leather community, its leaders and history, and your contributions and/or leadership in the leather community.

- 1) Judges will be looking into character, charisma, personality, and the professional and personal lives of each contestant.
- 2) The interview will also provide the judges the opportunity to evaluate basic skills and qualities such as intellect, communication, attitude, and composure.
- 3) Contestants shall attend interviews as themselves in comfortable clothes.
 - a) Contestants may wear awards and sashes.
 - b) Contestants should remember that this a professional, yet casual, interview. Attire should reflect personality while remaining relaxed and professional.
- 4) The interview schedule and location will be provided at the mandatory Contestant and Staff Meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023.
- 5) Acknowledge the judges when you enter and before you leave.
- 6) Please note that OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 does not prepare questions for the judges, nor do the Owners and Producers review or approve their questions.
- 7) If you do not know the answer to a question, be honest. Let the judge know that you will get back to them. Ensure you follow-up in writing to all the judges.

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Educational Class or Presentation (Mr., Ms., Pup, Bear title contestants) – Saturday Day

As Route 66 Leather titles are education focused, each contestant will be teaching one (1) class or give one (1) presentation on a topic of their choosing. For the Pup contestants, the class should be on an aspect of pup or pet play. The class or presentation will be one (1) hour and judged by the respective title's panel of judges. The class or presentation will be open to the event attendees and other title contestants. Contestants will submit their class or presentation to the Education Coordinator through the online portal and make note in the application which title they are running for. In the event that Education Coordinator has questions or concerns about a contestant's class or presentation proposal, the Coordinator will reach out to the contestant for address those questions or concerns. If a class or presentation is determined to be problematic for any reason, then the contestant will be notified with justification as to why and be asked to submit a new class or presentation for consideration.

- 1) Judges will be looking into knowledgeability, character, charisma, personality, and how each contestant conducts their respective class or presentation.
- 2) Contestants will be responsible for providing their own supplies and extra personnel, like a demo bottom or demo top, provided that they are only there to assist with the class or presentation. If the contestant requires furniture, equipment, or other large or regulated supplies, please inform the Contest Coordinator and Education Coordinator prior to the event. Please be as specific as possible when requesting items.
- 3) Each contestant will be free to structure their class or presentation however they wish, while keeping in mind that the goal of the class or presentation is to educate people on that topic.
- 4) The class/presentation times and locations will be provided at the mandatory Contestant and Staff Meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023.
- 5) Any contestant wanting to teach a class on fire play must provide all necessary fire suppression equipment or pre-coordinate with OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions to arrange to have the necessary fire suppression equipment. In addition to the necessary fire suppression equipment, the contestant shall provide at least two (2) people that can extinguish the fire if an accident happens. Additionally, the contestant shall coordinate with OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions Staff to have the event medic be on standby for their class.

Hot Wear with Pop Question (Mr., Ms., Pup, Bear title contestants) – Friday Night

This is an opportunity to show off a little skin while still maintaining the image of a leather person and being legally covered as defined by the State of Oklahoma. This is not a body competition, but rather how comfortable and poised you appear in your own skin. Wear your favorite sexy attire and have fun! Show off something that captures your leather image and makes you feel the most confident. The pop question is a chance for you to show off your quick wit and spontaneity. Please note that while this portion of the contest may be referred to as "the jock portion" you **DO NOT** have to wear a jock or any other skimpy undergarments. This is whatever you feel sexy or hot in.

- 1) Contestants will be brought on stage one by one and introduced with a fun and personal bio to include age, where they are from, club affiliations, sexual interests, hanky codes, position, etc.
- 2) Contestants will be asked to answer a pop question. The pop-question is a random question covering any number of general topics will be blindly selected from a hat or box by the M.C. or asked from the judges.
 - a) The contestant will have two (2) minutes to respond from the time the question has been fully asked.

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- b) No time reminders will be provided. Obvious time signals from the audience are not permitted.
- c) The judges will be notified if the contestant goes over the allotted time or if there was an obvious signal.
- 3) Judges will be looking to see how confident you are on stage in your sexy attire.
- 4) Judges will be reviewing your response to the pop question.
 - a) This is not about how correct the answer is, but how you choose to answer.
 - b) Judges may prefer a correct answer, but this is your chance to win over the crowd and judges with your personality and wit.
- 5) Set-up time is not provided. No set props may be used.
- 6) No items may be left on the stage.
 - a) This includes clothing, accessories, and any items that may be dropped, thrown, or left on the stage.

Open Stand Time (Bootblack title contestants) – Friday Night & Saturday Night

Judges will observe and evaluate the Bootblack during Open stand time. Evaluation criteria may include: speed of process, confidence, product knowledge, organization, and end results. Judges will also observe and evaluate the interaction between the contestants and their clients while the contestants are working on the client's pieces being worked on.

Tech Boot (Bootblack title contestants) – Saturday Day

Each Bootblack contestant will be given a boot and provided sixty (60) minutes to bring that boot to the best possible condition. The boots will be provided by OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions, will be of like material and build, and be of like condition. Judges will judge based on technique, process, and end result. Each Bootblack will then be interviewed and asked questions about their process by the panel of judges.

Formal Wear and Speech (All title contestants) – Saturday Night

The Formal Wear and Speech is your chance to truly shine! Wear your best formal leather attire and prepare a speech that will connect with and motivate the audience and judges.

- 1) Contestants will be brought on stage one by one and introduced with their contributions to the Leather and/or LGBTQ+ communities.
- 2) Contestants will prepare a ninety (90) second speech in which they will articulate their personal platform. This can include their belief in what Leather means to them, the charity they are supporting, or any other sincere message they wish to convey.
 - a) No time reminders/signals will be provided. Obvious time reminders/signals from the audience are not permitted.
 - b) The judges will be notified if the contestant goes over the allotted time or if there was an obvious signal.
- 3) The contestant should dress in formal leather attire, whatever that means to them.
- 4) The judges will be reviewing the overall appearance of each contestant in their respective leather, including how well it fits, the contestant's attitude, and overall appeal.
- 5) The judges will also be listening carefully to the speech and judging it for its sincerity, appeal, and personalization.
- 6) Set-up time is not provided. No set props may be used.
- 7) No items may be left on the stage.
 - a. This includes clothing, accessories, and any items that may be dropped, thrown, or left on the stage.

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JUDGING

There will be three (3) judges for the Mr. and Ms. competitions, three (3) judges for the Bootblack competition, and three (3) judges for the Pup and Bear competitions, for a total of nine (9) judges, with one (1) alternate, all of whom are prominent members of the Leather, Kink, and LGBTQ+ communities.

The Route 66 Leather Competitions will consist of two-and-a-half days of competition. The Route 66 Leather Competitions utilizes a straight scoring system. In this system the scores from the three (3) judges are totaled for each category. A winner and first runner-up shall be selected for each Route 66 Leather title. The scores for each category are compiled to determine the final score. The contestant with the highest final score will win the competition. In the event of a tie, the score of the alternate judge will be added to break the tie. If there is still a tie, then the contestant with the highest score in the Speech category will be considered the winner. If a contestant is running unopposed, then that contestant must score at least 75% (675 points) of the maximum total number of points to win the title. If the contestant fails to achieve a 75% score, then that title will remain vacant for that title year.

Following the end of the Contest, a contestant's scores will be provided to them. On the scoring sheets provided, Judges will be identified by numbers that are randomized between categories. The names and identities of each Judge and their scores will not be provided to the contestants.

The following documentation will be provided to each contestant via email within thirty (30) days of the Competition:

- 1) Master Score Sheet.
- 2) Judges' comments for the individual contestant.
- 3) Documentation of any administrative points earned, and penalties received.

POINT ALLOCATIONS

1) Public image	Maximum 60 points per Judge.
2) Personal interview	Maximum 60 points per Judge.
3) Educational class or presentation	Maximum 60 points per Judge.
4) Hot wear with pop question	Maximum 60 points per Judge.
5) Technical boot	Maximum 60 points per Judge.
6) Open stand time	Maximum 60 points per Judge.
7) Formal wear with speech	Maximum 60 points per Judge.
Total	Maximum 300 points per Judge, per Contestant.
Subtotal	Maximum 900 points per Contestant.

NOTICE: FRATERNIZATION WITH JUDGES, TALLY PERSONS, and STAFF

Contestants will be prohibited from having private meetings or engaging in sexual activity or Leather/Kink scene play with the Judges, Tally Persons(s), or Staff from the time they submit and pay their official application fee until the Contest is concluded with the awarding of titles. Any behavior that might create even the appearance of any bias will be brought to the attention of the Head Judge, who will decide if the disqualification of either the Judge, Tally, or Staff and/or the Contestant is warranted. To avoid accidental violation of this policy, all Contestants, Judges, Tally Persons, and Staff shall display their identification badges at all Contest Events.

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CONTESTANT ETIQUETTE

- 1) Complete honesty and full disclosure are expected from all contestants. Any affiliations, issues, or concerns that could reflect poorly on the individual candidates or the Route 66 Leather Competitions must be divulged immediately.
 - a) Route 66 Leather Competitions reserves the right to investigate any claims regarding any contestant that could be potentially damaging to the reputation of both the contestant and OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions. We reserve the right to make any determinations and decisions on how to proceed pending the results of any and all investigations.
- 2) Any contestant causing damage to any OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions venue, inclusive of decorations and equipment, or any portion of the host hotel will be immediately disqualified and may be subject to legal action. If legal action is pursued, Route 66 Leather Competitions will assist the venue and any owner of damaged property with any prosecution.
- 3) Any contestant who is caught in the act of stealing or tampering with another person's property, which includes, but is not limited to, props, apparel, kits, supplies, or other possessions will be immediately disqualified, removed from the location of the competition, and denied access to the event.
- 4) OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions, the host hotel, and all venues of the event have a strict policy about public nudity. Contestants must be legally covered by the regulations mandated by the State of Oklahoma. Genitalia cannot be exposed on stage or in any public area during any part of the event weekend.

POLICY ON DRUGS

- 1) OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions does not tolerate the use, distribution, or possession of illegal drugs by any Route 66 Leather Competitions contestant during the competition and event weekend. Any contestant found in violation of this rule will be immediately disqualified.
 - a) Likewise, OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions does not tolerate the use, distribution, or possession of illegal drugs by any competitor assistant or handler. The contestant whose performer(s), assistant(s), dresser(s), stylist(s), employee(s), handler(s), or other helper(s) is found in violation of this will rule will be immediately disqualified.
 - b) Legal action may be taken at the discretion of OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions.
- 2) This policy will remain in effect for the winner of any Route 66 Leather Competition during their title year. If they are found to be in violation of this policy, the Route 66 Leather title will be stripped from the winner and passed to the first runner-up.
 - a) Legal action may be taken at the discretion of KWOKC, Corp.

POLICY ON ALCOHOL

- 1) Any contestant who is found to be grossly intoxicated at any OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions event will be immediately disqualified, removed from the location, and denied access to the event. Contestants are welcomed to enjoy social drinking and should be responsible with beverage consumption.
- 2) Any contestant handler or assistant who is found to be grossly intoxicated any OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions event will be immediately removed from the location and denied access to the event. The contestant whose assistant is found to be intoxicated may be subject to scoring penalization at the discretion of the Producers of KWOKC, Corp or the Route 66 Leather Competitions Competition Coordinator.

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COMPETITION POLICIES AND INFORMATION

Competition Coordinator

Route 66 Leather Competitions will provide a Competition Coordinator as the contestant's primary point of contact for the Route 66 Leather Competitions from time of registration until the end of the competition. Any questions, concerns, ideas, or request should be direct to the Competition Coordinator via email at kinkweekendproducer@gmail.com.

The Competition Coordinator reports all matters or concerns to the Route 66 Leather Competitions Producers and will assist with resolving problems, answering questions, providing direction, and ensuring that contestants have an enjoyable and memorable time.

Contestant Application

Candidates must submit all the following for the application to be considered complete. A complete application and paid application fee must be received no later than May 31, 2023, at 11:59 PM in order to be considered valid.

- 1) The application can be complete online via the online portal found by visiting www.okckinkweekend.com.
- 2) List of sponsors, if applicable.
- 3) One (1) headshot photo in leather attire.
 - b) Photo must have a minimum resolution of 300 dpi.
 - c) Please no selfies.
- 4) Non-refundable* entrance fee of \$125.00.
 - c) This should be submitted online at www.okckinkweekend.com. Cash and money orders will also be accepted at the time of registration.
- 5) Applications must be submitted via the online portal on our website www.okckinkweekend.com or via email to kinkweekendproducer@gmail.com in one single email. The email must include:
 - a) Subject of email must include the contestant's stage or scene name and "2019 Route 66 Leather Competitions Application".
 - b) Body of email must include the date the registration payment was made.
 - c) The following attachments:
 - i) Application as one (1) multi-page PDF document.
 - ii) Proof required photo ID as an individual file.
 - iii) Receipt of online payment as one (1) single page PDF document.
- 6) Applications and entrance fees are due by **11:59 PM CST on Wednesday, May 31, 2023**. Applications received after the deadline will be penalized with a \$25 fee per day until **11:59 PM CST on Wednesday, June 7, 2023**. After this date applications will no longer be accepted.
- 7) By signing and submitting an application, candidates attest that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Route 66 Leather Competitions.

Please note that just because an application has been submitted, that does not mean that the application will be approved. *In the event that an individual submits an application and is not permitted to run, the applicant will be notified of the decision, justification of the decision, and be refunded the application fee.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

The District Hotel (formerly known as The Habana Inn) in Oklahoma City is the official host hotel for the 2023 OKC Kink Weekend and Route 66 Leather Competitions. The official host hotel is located at 2200 Northwest 40th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. Reservations can be made online. Please note, the host hotel sells out extremely quickly. It is highly encouraged, but not required, that all contestants secure accommodations at the host hotel for the duration of the competition. Contestants are responsible for the payment of the lodging accommodations.

- 1) Regardless of accommodations, all contestants are required to be present and on time for all check-ins, meetings, events, and competitions.
- 2) Route 66 Leather Competitions will not provide travel accommodations for the Route 66 Leather Competitions. Contestants are responsible for scheduling and financing their own airfare or other transportation to OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions. They are responsible for any and all transportation expenses before, during, and after OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions.

REGISTRATION

Registration will take place on Thursday, July 20, 2023, beginning at 3:00 pm CST and ending at 6:00 pm CST at The District Hotel. All contestant information will be verified, copies of all participant identifications will be made, and information regarding location and time of all mandatory events for the weekend will be provided. **Contestants must register on Thursday.** Contestants should allow for a minimum of 15 minutes per person to register. Registration will be done on a first-come, first-served basis and time slots may not be reserved. Failure to register during the registration period will result in disqualification.

Note: If you encounter extenuating circumstances that will cause a delay in your ability to register within the allotted time frame, please email kinkweekendproducer@gmail.com as soon as possible to try to work through the circumstance.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Mandatory events include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Staff and Contestant Meeting, Registration Promos, Formal Interviews, Route 66 Leather Competitions Meetup Social, as well as all competition specific events.
- 2) The Staff and Contestant Meeting is of extreme importance. All contestants and one (1) handler, if the contestant has one, are required to attend.
 - a) This meeting will be facilitated by the Competition Coordinator.
 - b) Rules and regulations will be reviewed, inclusive of scoring and possible score penalties.
 - c) Contestant badges will be distributed at this time, as well as any updated competition information and contestant specific schedules with all times and locations.
- 3) The Route 66 Leather Competitions reserves the right to require other event attendance for the purposes of promotion, any required attendance will be provided during the Staff and Contestant Meeting.

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EVENT ACCESS

- 1) Access to Kink Weekend OKC/Route 66 Leather Competitions is included in the registration fee for each contestant.
- 2) All contestant handlers or assistants must purchase a full event pass. All persons entering any official Kink Weekend OKC event must have a valid government ID issued in their name.
- 3) Each contestant may have no more than one (1) assistant or handler backstage at any given time.

GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

- 1) The 2023 Route 66 Leather Competitions will be held at The District Hotel (formerly known as The Habana Inn).
- 2) The Personal Interviews will be conducted on Friday, July 21, 2023, and will not be open to the public or other contestants and handlers.
- 3) All remaining categories of the competition will take place throughout the weekend, concluding Saturday night.
- 4) Each contestant not only represents their home bar, city, state, or region but also who they are as a Leather person.
- 5) Each contestant is responsible for following all rules and guidelines.
- 6) Contestants will be required to wear an event wristband during the competition and their contestant number. All other participants will also be required to wear an event wristband during the entirety of the event.
 - a) Judges will be aware of this requirement, and it will not affect scoring.
- 7) Confetti, glitter, and live animals (unless they are certified service animals), are strictly prohibited.
 - a) Any contestant attempting to utilize any of the aforementioned will be immediately disqualified, removed from the competition, and required to pay for cleaning required and/or repair of any damage caused.
- 8) A single dressing area will be provided for all contestants and one (1) handler per contestant.
 - a) The dressing area will be sectioned off and contestants will be provided with their own dressing space.
 - b) If a contestant has multiple helpers or handlers, only one (1) will be allowed backstage at a time.
- 9) Contestants are responsible for storing, loading, and removing their apparel and other props.
 - a) Note that OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions and any of its representatives will not be responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property that is left unattended.
 - b) Following the competition all props and personal belongings must be removed from the venue.
- 10) Contestants will forfeit their Title if they do not remain on stage for the entire award ceremony and photography session.

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ROUTE 66 LEATHER TITLEHOLDER INFORMATION

PRIZE PACKAGE

The winner of each Route 66 Leather title competition will receive a prize package that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1) Twelve (12) month contract with OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions.
- 2) Official Route 66 Leather Competition Patch.
- 3) Official Route 66 Leather Competition Medallion.
- 4) A title stole or sash that is to be passed down to their respective future Route 66 Leather titleholders.
- 5) Travel funds whose amount will be determined by the Executive Committee (45) days following completion of the OKC Kink Weekend/Route66 Leather weekend event.
- 6) Free admittance to the following year's OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather contest weekend events (annual contest weekend entry covered but not hotel and food), where they will be a judge.
 - a) Each OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather contest weekend after that, the titleholder will receive admittance at half price. KWOKC, Corp reserves the right to revoke this privilege at any time if it is determined that an alumni titleholder is no longer welcome at the event.
- 7) Other items as provided by individual sponsors, if available.
- 8) Though doing so is not required, if a titleholder chooses to compete at an international level leather competition, then OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions will pay the entry fee to compete.

EXPECTATIONS OF THE ROUTE 66 LEATHER TITLEHOLDERS

- 1) Each Titleholder is required to sign a twelve (12) month contract with KWOKC, Corp prior the distribution of any travel funds.
 - a) Refusal to sign the contract will result in forfeiture of the title and any and all prize material or funds.
- 2) All Titleholders must control and maintain a mobile phone with an active phone number and an active email address for the entirety of their title year. This information must be provided to the Producers.
 - a) If the Titleholder does not already control a mobile phone with an active number and an active email address at the time of winning, they must obtain one within seven (7) days of winning the competition.
- 3) Attend at least three (3) leather or other kink related conferences or events as a representative of their respective Route 66 Leather title. As this is an education focused title family, Mr./Ms./Pup/Bear titleholders shall teach or present and Bootblack titleholders shall do stand time at those events.
- 4) Attend the OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Weekend event the year following their victory and participate in the step-aside process.
 - a) If there is no conflict of interest in doing so, the previous titleholder will judge the contestants of that title.
- 5) The Route 66 Leather Titleholders must abide by all requirements of the Titleholder Agreement, including the donation of time and/or assistance with raising funds for a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of the Titleholder's choice.
 - a) The choice of non-profit organization must be approved by KWOKC, Corp.
- 6) Wear your title specific regalia at all OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather represented events.
- 7) Represent the OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather brand well with no code of conduct violations

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TRAVEL AND TRAVEL FUNDS

During your title year you will be able to get reimbursed for travel expenses up to the travel fund raised during the year. Since funds will not be sufficient to cover all expenses related to your travel, we encourage you to supplement the travel fund through fundraising activities and/or your own resources.

All events that you attend need to be recorded with the Producers. This assists OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather with marketing and media strategy. In addition, the owner/producers will assist you in travel planning and resources.

Contestants competing in the competitions will be required to provide an auction basket as well as participate in fundraising events during the competitions. Many businesses, clubs, and organizations will be willing to donate items to assist with fundraising activities in exchange for the visibility they gain. Money raised during the fundraisers will be utilized for the title holder travel fund. The funds are used to help offset the cost of representing the title at various events around the country.

SOCIAL MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Route 66 Leather titleholders will be asked to create, maintain, and update a Facebook page, Twitter, and Instagram accounts during their title year. All correspondence and inquiries must be answered or referred to the Owner/Producers within 48 hours. If this becomes troublesome, you are asked to contact the producers to discuss troubleshooting. Do not submit or participate in any social media discussions that are not OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions positive. If you have any concerns about content, please contact the Producer at kinkweekendproducer@gmail.com.

REMOVAL OF TITLE

If a titleholder fails to perform their duties as specified or is found to be in violation of any clause in the *Titleholder Code of Conduct* during their title year, OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions reserves the right to remove them from the title. Keeping us up to date and communication can reduce many of these concerns. If there are any other situations in your life that may come out during your title year that reflect negatively on you and you have not already included this in your application, be sure to share that with the Owner/Producers immediately before a particular situation may escalate.

If a titleholder is removed from their position, OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions may ask the first runner up to serve in their place as titleholder for the balance of the title year. The removed titleholder must return any and all Route 66 Leather patches and paraphernalia, medallions, and trophies pertaining to the revoked title immediately and forfeits any prizes not already redeemed. Additionally, the removed titleholder must return and/or repay all monies given to them by OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions within fourteen (14) days of the title being stripped. If the removed titleholder does not return the monies, legal action will be taken by OKC Kink Weekend/Route 66 Leather Competitions to reclaim the monies. The removed titleholder will not be considered as having stepped down and will not be accorded the rights and benefits of an alumni titleholder.

Additionally, KWOKC, Corp reserves the right to remove a title from an alumni titleholder if it is determined that the alumni titleholder is in violation of the Alumni Titleholder Code of Conduct.

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TITLEHOLDER CODE OF CONDUCT

Representatives of Route 66 Leather Mr., Bootblack, Pup, Ms., and Bear acknowledge the following Code of Conduct and agree to comply with all aspects of it. They understand that their actions and behavior are a direct representation of OKC Kink Weekend (Organization) and the Route 66 Leather Titles (Brand), and any behavior to diminish the title will be considered a direct violation of this Code of Conduct and a violation of the Title Holder contract. The board of OKC Kink Weekend and Producers of the Route 66 Leather Competitions will determine the severity of the offense and will meet with the Title Holder to determine a course of action.

- 1) I will be a role model and representative and be a visible member of the relevant Leather, Kink, Bootblack, Pup, Bear, and LGBTQ+ communities, as well as the Brand.
- 2) I will act with dignity and be respectful, presenting and carrying myself in a manner that is not disrespectful to the Leather, Kink, Bootblack, Pup, Bear, or LGBTQ+ communities or the Brand.
- 3) I will conduct myself in an honorable and trustworthy manner, which includes not participating in gossip or deceitfulness.
- 4) I will conduct myself in a responsible manner any time I am representing the Brand or Organization; and I shall be accountable for my actions at public and private events. This includes **not** consuming excessive amounts of alcohol; **not** using illegal drugs; and **no** verbal, written, physical, or emotional abuse of others.
- 5) I will maintain regular communication with the Producers during my Title year.
- 6) During my Title year I will conduct myself with proper protocol and dress any time I am representing my Title, and at all other public appearances.
- 7) I will not exploit the Community for personal gain.
- 8) I will not represent my personal views as the views of the Brand or Organization.
- 9) I will be respectful of all pronouns, identities, and orientations.
- 10) I will obey all local, state, and federal laws as it pertains to nudity and sexual behavior.
- 11) I will maintain a professional appearance on all social media platforms.
- 12) I will notify board of any arrests that might occur during my Title year.
- 13) As my entourage is a direct representation of me, I will be responsible for ensuring that their behavior is in line with my Title requirements.

Flagrant violation of this code of conduct may result in the removal of the title. If the Producers remove a title, the offender will surrender all materials, including but not limited to the medallion, patch, sash, and trophies, as well as any travel funds not used.

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Titleholder

Producer

_____/_____/20____ _____/_____/20____

Contest Coordinator

Producer