

Mr. International Rubber 23

Chicago, IL — November 8 - 10, 2019

RUBBER UNDERGROUND



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THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MR. INTERNATIONAL RUBBER CONTEST

If you've never been a part of MIR, this year is not to be missed. We are revisiting all of our and your favorite travel and destination rubber memories and fantasies.

The Twenty-Third Annual Mr. International Rubber Contest (MIR 23) continues to celebrate the worldwide rubber community with sleazy style, greasy class, kink and fun! Preliminary contests and devoted rubber enthusiasts continue to generate more contestants each year. Supporters of rubber clubs and participants from around the world will be attending to cheer on their candidates and to have a great time during a weekend devoted to the rubber fetish. Our 65,000-sq. ft. venue and weekend schedule await the contestants and attendees. We look forward to welcoming you to Chicago and to the stage of MIR 23.

DATES

November 8 – November 10, 2019

LOCATION

Chicago, Illinois, USA

VENUE

The Center on Halsted is the 65,000-square foot community center devoted to servicing the LGBT community in the City of Chicago. For MIR 23, we have reserved the entire third floor of this state-of-the-art facility including the gymnasium, black box theater, dressing rooms, reception hall, locker rooms and outdoor terrace overlooking Chicago's Boystown neighborhood.

This year we are pleased to add to the weekend a special venue for Saturday night's contest is the Vic Theater.

EVENT HISTORY

In 1997, Roger Hickey, David Boyer and Cell Block Chicago created the Mr. International Rubber contest to support the fledgling men's rubber scene. Since that time, the contest has seen steady progress becoming a truly international contest and event weekend.

In 2009, the contest was purchased by two members of the rubber community under MIR Contest, LLC - an independent entity. MIR 23 is the eleventh contest under this ownership arrangement and will honor the traditions of Mr. International Rubber while working to expand the reach of this gear filled weekend. In 2019 we invite you to join us in celebrating 23 years of shiny, sleazy, and sweaty rubber indulgence and fun.

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CONTESTANT ENTRY RULES

Each contestant in the Mr. International Rubber contest:

1. must be male and at least eighteen years old by the date of the contest;
2. must have a demonstrated interest in rubber/latex, BDSM or fetishes as determined by the judging panel;
3. must agree to appear onstage wearing appropriate rubber/latex and fetish gear and participate in all judged categories while conforming to local regulations pertaining to nudity and obscenity. For the purposes of this contest, testicles and penis must be covered at all times and a minimum one-inch strip of material must cover the anus at all times;
4. must own all rubber/latex clothing worn onstage during the contest, with the exception of props used during the "Rubber Fantasy" segment;
5. must agree to represent the Mr. International Rubber title, if he wins, throughout his title year and refrain from competing in any other leather/rubber/fetish contest until the conclusion of his Mr. International Rubber title year;
6. must agree to permit on-stage photographs to be taken of him for use on the Mr. International Rubber website or related publications and promotional activities;
7. there is no preliminary contest requirement to enter the Mr. International Rubber contest and contestants may be self-sponsored. However, contestants are encouraged to secure sponsorships by relevant clubs, businesses or individuals to assist them in their pursuit of the Mr. International Rubber Title.

Contestants should arrive in Chicago and at the contest venue no later than 12:00 pm (Noon) on Friday November 8, 2019, after having submitted their application on line w/ all required files. Contestants are required to appear in person at all scheduled events during MIR weekend through Sunday, November 10, 2019 2:00pm.

Contestants are strongly encouraged to arrive on Thursday afternoon/evening and to depart no sooner than Monday morning. This allows you time to decompress on either side of the contest and compensates for any possible travel delays/conflicts.

CONTESTANT DEADLINES

12:00 am

Sunday October 27, 2019

- **Application for contestants submitted on line** (*link at end of document*)
- **Photo of yourself in rubber gear (to be printed 8x10 vertical) emailed to wrangler@mirubber.com**

Contestants must be present at Contestant Orientation Meeting Friday November 8, 2019 at 12:00pm 2nd floor Center on Halsted 3656 N. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60613

Contestants should bring with them

- **photo identification (driver's license or valid passport)**

EXPECTATIONS OF THE WINNER

- The winner of the title MIR 23 is required to attend and judge the Mr. International Rubber 24 contest, to be held in Chicago approximately one year following their victory.
- As the winner of the title, their primary responsibility is to 1) promote the international rubber fetish scene, 2) the Mr. International Rubber contest as part of the international rubber scene, and 3) to promote and acknowledge the companies that have provided prizes that accompany the title.
- As part of their sponsorship agreement, MIR 23 sponsors are afforded priority scheduling for MIR 23 to appear at their events. This agreement does not require or obligate MIR 23 to place an undue financial burden on himself to attend those events. Each appearance request requires negotiation of terms for both the requestor and MIR 23 to come to some suitable arrangements.
- Finally, MIR 23 is strongly encouraged to attend additional leather and rubber fetish events whenever possible to promote the international rubber scene, the Mr. International Rubber Contest as well as promoting and acknowledging the companies that have provided the prizes that accompany his title. He should use his best judgment as to which events will benefit him and the title the most.
- MIR 23 should maintain regular and frequent contact with Mr. International Rubber event staff to assist in planning and promotion and to provide regular updates on www.MIRubber.com

PRIZE PACKAGE

The prize package for winners and contestants is dependent on donations from vendors and supporters of Mr. International Rubber. The prize package varies from year to year, and will not be finalized until shortly before the contest.

THE SLY HANDS TRAVEL FUND

A travel fund has been established for the winner of the contest. The winner may submit purchase requests or reimbursements for travel, lodging or food expenses related to events and functions which support the promotion of the rubber fetish community internationally. In November of 2017 the travel fund was renamed in honor of the late Si "Sly" Hands of Manchester, United Kingdom. He was the 15th man to hold the Mr. International Rubber title.

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PRELIMINARY CONTESTANT SCHEDULE*

Friday November 8, 2019:

12:00 pm Contestant Orientation Meeting

Contestants meet with the contestant wrangler, weekend coordinator and contest owners to review weekend schedule, contest rules, and expectations of the winners. Judges will also be present for socializing.

7:00 pm Meet and Greet Cocktail Party

Contestants must attend. At approximately 8:30 contestants will be taken backstage for final contest preparations.

9:00 pm Mr. International Rubber 23 Opening Ceremonies

Judges and Contestants are introduced to the audience. The contestants will draw their numbers.

Saturday November 9, 2019:

11:00 am Contestant Interviews

All contestants will be required to assemble and remain in a holding area throughout the interview process.

4:00 pm Contestant Call

All contestants will assemble for final preparations and contest.

7:30 pm Mr. International Rubber 23 Contest

Contestants will be judges in "Rubber Image", the onstage "Question", "Rubber Fantasy", "Mystery-Bag" and audience participation portions of the contest.

Sunday November 10, 2019

12:00 pm VIP Winner's Reception/Brunch

Photo Ops, Food and Prize packages will be distributed.

CONTESTANT WEEKEND PACKAGES

It is not necessary for contestants to purchase a MIR Weekend Package, however anyone traveling with a contestant will be required to purchase a weekend package or individual tickets if they are going to participate in MIR Weekend events. Each contestant will receive a badge that will allow him access to all events.

INTERPRETERS

If you do not verbally speak and understand English, you must bring an interpreter with you and they must attend all official events and rehearsals along with you. MIR does not have the ability to provide interpreters for all contestants in need.

If you cannot bring an interpreter, please contact Craig Neumann via wrangler@mirubber.com prior to October 1, 2019 for possible assistance.

BACKSTAGE ASSISTANT

Contestants are not allowed personal assistants back stage during the contests. The Contestant Wrangler staff as well as fellow contestants are there for assistance. Space back stage is limited and for security purposes, we will limit access to the contestant area to authorized persons only.

FRATERNIZATION WITH JUDGES

Mr. International Rubber contestants are encouraged to get to know the judges and interact with them. However, contestants shall be prohibited from having private meetings or engaging in sexual activity or scene play with the judges prior to the announcement of the results.

To avoid accidental violation of this policy, and possible removal from the contest, all contestants and judges should display their identification badges at all times.

WEEKEND PARTICIPATION

Contestants are strongly encouraged to participate in all of the weekend events. The Mr. International Rubber Contest is all about having a good time and promoting the rubber fetish scene. Contestants are judged throughout the weekend by both judges and attendees reflecting in their final contest scores.

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CONTEST JUDGING METHOD

A panel of seven (7) judges representing leaders in the international rubber/latex community scores Mr. International Rubber contestants. Judging is made in five (5) categories using a combined Olympic scoring system in the categories and points outlined below. The contest also involves one audience choice component which is added to the judge's scores.

INTERVIEW – (maximum 1000 points, up to 200 points per judge, Olympic scoring)

Each contestant will meet with the judging panel offstage and in private, prior to the contest to answer questions about the contestant's interest in rubber, BDSM, fetishes, knowledge, willingness and ability to represent the title. Interviews will last no longer than 10 minutes each, therefore it is important to listen to the question being asked by the judges and respond in a concise and complete manner so that all judges have a chance to ask questions of the contestant. If the judges would like to know more, they will ask for additional information.

RUBBER IMAGE – (maximum 500 points, up to 100 points per judge, Olympic scoring)

Each contestant will appear onstage and be introduced to the audience by the Emcee using information provided on the completed contestant application. Judging in this category is based on how you present yourself as a "rubberman."

RUBBER FANTASY – (maximum 500 points, up to 100 points per judge, Olympic scoring)

Each contestant will appear on stage for 90 seconds to act out their rubber fantasy. Judging in this category is based on the contestants' creativity and ability to convey the sensual and sexual nature of the rubber fetish. Contestants are allowed to utilize one additional person (previously selected) on stage with them along with any props (approved prior to competition) that they can carry on stage and off when they are finished. Contestants are allowed to provide their own music to be played during their fantasy or utilize the microphone. If Contestants do not provide their own music, and request music, a selection will be played by our audio engineer. *Contestants are encouraged to reflect this year's theme, Underground, in their Rubber Fantasy. The look and feel of Underground is dark, edgy, dirty -- where ever your deepest darkest fantasy takes you. **This is only a suggestion; the judges are looking for your fantasy to represent you.***

ONSTAGE QUESTION – (maximum 500 points, up to 100 points per judge, Olympic scoring)

Each contestant will answer a question onstage. Judging in this category is based on how well you can command the audience's attention as well as how well you respond to the question.

Mystery Bag - (maximum 500 points, up to 100 points per judge, Olympic)

Each contestant will come onstage to select a mystery bag of items. Within the bag are multiple "non-fetish" items, which the contestant must find some creative use for in a fetish scene with the provided demo bottom. Judging in this category is based on a contestant's creativity, knowledge of safe play practices and spontaneity.

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AUDIENCE VOTE - (Maximum 100 points total, spread across all contestants, non-Olympic)

Audience members will assist in the selection of Mr. International Rubber by casting a ballot for the individual they believe should be Mr. International Rubber. Points will be awarded based on the percentage of the total votes that each contestant receives. (IE: Contestant "A" receives 50 votes out of 200 total cast and thus receives 25 points from the Audience Vote.)

In the Olympic scoring system, the high and low score for each contestant and in each category, is discarded. The remaining scores are totaled for each contestant. The audience vote is added to the judges' total for the final score. The contestant whose aggregate score is highest will be declared the winner. The contestant whose scores are second and third highest will be declared the first and second runner-up respectively.

In the event of a tie under the total scoring system, the Audience Vote category will be eliminated and results re-tabulated to determine a winner.

In the event, there are only four contestants, only a winner and first runner up will be declared and have prizes awarded.

In the event of any dispute regarding the tallying of the contest, MIR Contest, LLC shall make the final determination of the winner.

CONTESTANT SUGGESTIONS

The Mr. International Rubber Contest and Rubber Weekend are all about having a good time, socializing with fellow fetish community members and promoting the rubber fetish.

Contestants are encouraged to participate in weekend activities to be seen as an active member of the fetish community. We try our best to allow contestants enough free time to participate and be seen during the weekend while fulfilling the requirements to produce a contest.

During the MIR contest, we encourage the contestants to have fun and entertain the audience. We encourage you to work the audience and judges so that you will stand out on stage.

During the contest, contestants are encouraged to demonstrate different rubber fetish looks representing the different judged categories. Time is scheduled during the contest to allow contestants time for gear and look changes. Assistance is available from the Contestant Wrangler staff or help from fellow contestants.

Make sure that you come prepared with back up outfits and gear in case accidents or blow-outs happen. Bring your own lube and shine materials and remember to clean up after yourself.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Contestant Wrangler Craig Neumann at: wrangler@mirubber.com

MIR23 WEEKEND WAIVER

<https://waiver.fr/p-WUTdZ>

ON LINE CONTESTANT APPLICATION MIR 23

<https://tinyurl.com/MIR23-Application>