



MR. BEAR PERTH

2019 COMPETITION

Competition Rules and Format

1. Introduction

The Perth Bear community through Bears Perth Inc. is searching for a person to represent Bears Perth Inc. in the coming year, and Perth's contribution to the Mr Australasia Bear Festival. The title holder will represent our State in the Mr. Australasia Bear 2019 competition in June 2019.

This competition is not to find the most attractive, large, muscled or most hairy bear. It is to find the man that most typifies what a bear is in today's ever-changing world. Someone who can uphold the values of self-confidence, masculinity, understanding and inclusiveness.

The title holder is expected to be an ambassador for the Bear community, promote a positive bear image, foster unity within the bear culture and be a role model for those new to the community. He must maintain an openness, respect, and willingness to work with all aspects of the LGBTIQ and wider communities.

Please make sure you have **read all the pages** of the contestant kit (*this document* and the *Mr Bear Perth 2019 Competition Registration form* document which contains your registration form and the Terms and Conditions of the Competition and eligibility rules).

The completed Registration form can be scanned and emailed to: mrbearperth@bearsperth.org ; or you can hand it to a committee member at a Den Night or mail it to P.O. Box 885 Mt Lawley, WA 6929.

Nominations and completed forms should be received no later than **Friday 22nd March 2019**.

If you have any questions, want to talk through with someone who has competed before, or are not sure if you are eligible to enter please either –

- Talk to Committee member at one of our Den Nights; or
- Email mrbearperth@bearsperth.org your best contact details and our Contestant Coordinator will give you a call



2. Rules and format of the Competition

Contestants are expected to participate fully in all the events listed below, failure to do so may render the contestant ineligible to continue in the Competition.

- **Bears Perth UnderBear Party - Meet n' Greet Fundraiser**
Friday 29th March at Loton Park Tennis Club, from 8pm to 12am

This is one of Bears Perth Inc highlight parties and is always busy and vibrant.

- Contestant's will be introduced to the members and engage in fundraising for the chosen beneficiary
- Contestants need to undertake the theme to this party and wear underwear which most captures their individuality, and helps them make an impression on the crowd
- The judges will also be announced at this time

This is your chance to make a lasting and first impression on the Members and the Judges!

- **Interview Round**
Saturday 30th March at Connections Nightclub at 11.30am sharp

- The interview will last around 10 minutes and will represent 40% of the total marks.
- The judges will score your performance solely on your answers and not on physical attributes or attire
- Your interview is not open to the public, other contestants or your family and friend.

This is a chance behind closed doors, without distractions to show the judges your qualities!

- **Full Rehearsals.**
Saturday 30th March at Connections Nightclub following the Interviews

- Your chance to familiarise yourself with the backstage areas and help with any uncertainty about being on stage under all the lights
- Important for the Connections techs to iron out any logistical issues with your fantasy round

Please bring any props, sets or music/visuals you will require for Saturday night's fantasy round.

Music/sound/visuals for your fantasy round must be supplied on a USB or CD disc (Mobile phones, laptops or tablets will NOT be accepted). We highly recommend contestants bring a backup of any audio/visual devices as a precaution

The Connections crew need to organise this before the competition that evening. If you do not supply any of these items at this time, we cannot guarantee a smooth fantasy performance for you.



- **Mr Bear Perth 2019 competition at Connections Nightclub**
Saturday 30th March, 7pm – 12am - MEN ONLY

The purpose of this event of the Competition is the presentation of your physique, stage presence, and public speaking ability to the judges and the audience.

- This event is **open to the public**
- You must bring all your stage attire to this event
- You are limited to 1 friend/ helper backstage for the fantasy round only
- You will always be looked after throughout the competition backstage by Connections' staff
- There will be an intermission following round 2

Round 1: Work Wear/Day Wear (20% of score)

This is the judges' and audience's first chance to get to know you, so give the best impression you can and be yourself. Wear what you wear to work, or during a regular day!

As your name is announced you walk on stage and meet the Hosts who will ask you several questions. After, take a parade along the stage and head back to the dressing room.

Once all contestants complete this round, a short 5-minute break in the contest will occur so that you can change attire for the next round. Contestants remain in the dressing room during this break.

Round 2. Bear Minimum (20% of score)

You are expected to dress in the minimum you believe shows your physique to full advantage.

Again, as your name is called you proceed to the Hosts to be asked a question and possible follow-up questions. Once finished answering questions, you have 30 seconds to parade the stage and show the judges and audience what you've got!

Round 3. Fantasy Section (20% of score)

For this round you will be expected to show the judges and audience a special fantasy of your own. This could be a sexual fantasy, a lifelong fantasy or a situation you would love to find yourself in.

This round gives you the greatest amount of freedom to show the judges a deeper or more fun side of your personality.

You may use a friend/helper for this round as part of your performance. All technical requirements (music, audio/visual/sets/props) should have been supplied at the interview round.



3. Announcement of Mr. Bear Perth, and 1st and 2nd runners up

The 2nd and 1st runners up will be announced in succession before the winner is announced.

The 2nd runner up will receive their trophy and

- Voucher courtesy of Libido Adult Superstore; and
- 12 months Free Entry to Connections Nightclub (special events excluded); and
- \$50 Connections bar card.

The 1st runner up will receive their trophy and

- Voucher courtesy of Eagle Leather; and
- 12 months Free Entry to Connections Nightclub (special events excluded); and
- \$100 Connections bar card.

The **Winner of Mr. Bear Perth 2019** will receive their trophy and

- Flights to Melbourne to compete in Mr Australasia Bear 2019; and
- Accommodation in Melbourne courtesy of Bears Perth and Connections Nightclub.

The winner will also receive -

- accommodation at The Laird in Melbourne for a future stay with Free Entry to Club 80 for the duration of their stay.
- \$500 voucher courtesy of Eagle Leather to assist with their finals campaign; and
- 12 months Free Entry to Connections Nightclub (special events excluded); and
- \$150 Connections bar card.

The winner will be presented with the Mr. Bear Perth 2019 winner's sash courtesy of Eagle Leather. The winner will be able to permanently retain this sash upon successful completion of their Year as Mr. Bear Perth.