

Southeast Black and Blue Weekend

Southeast Community Boot Black 2013

Judging Methods

Southeast Community Boot Black contestants shall be scored by a panel of 3 to 5 judges using a standard scoring system (all scores count) in the categories outlined below:

- a) Interview - up to 60 points per judge - Each individual contestant will meet privately with the judging panel to answer the judges' questions about the contestant's interest and knowledge in leather, BDSM and fetishes, and willingness and ability to represent the title.
- b) Leather Image - up to 20 points per judge - Each individual contestant will appear onstage to introduce himself/herself to the audience while wearing the attire that best represents his/her boot black image.
- c) Speech – up to 20 points per judge – Each contestant will deliver a 2 minute speech privately in front of the judging panel just prior to his/her interview. The 2-minute time limit will be strictly enforced.
- d) Observation/Interpersonal skills – Up to 50 points per judge – Each contestant will show his/her finest boot blacking skills and convey to the judges his/her passion for the art of boot blacking. The judges will observe how each contestant interacts with the public. The judges will observe how each contestant answers questions from onlookers and explains the boot blacking skills to the customer. The judges will only observe the contestants and there will be no questions asked of the contestants from them during this section. Use this is the contestant's opportunity to show their talent and passion for boot blacking.
- e) Technical Skills - up to 50 points possible per judge - Each contestant will be given a numbered boot prior to the beginning of this event. All contestants will be brought into the "blacking room" and given 30 minutes to polish their boots. After finishing their boots, each contestant will place a card by their boots with their contestant number and leave the room. Each contestant will then be brought back into the room one by one for questions from the judges about their technique performed on the boots.

In the standard scoring system the scores from all judges will be counted. The contestant whose aggregate score is highest will be declared as the winner. The contestant whose score is second highest will be declared as the runner-up.

FRATERNIZATION WITH JUDGES

All contestants shall be prohibited from having private meetings or engaging in sexual activity or leather scene play with the judges prior to the announcement of the results. Any behavior that might create even the appearance of bias will be brought to the attention of the head judge, who will decide if the disqualification of the judge and/or contestant is warranted. To avoid accidental violation of this policy, all contestants and judges should display their identification badges at all contest events.