

CONTESTANTS REGULATIONS 2026

1. Background

Mr Rubber Germany (MRG) is a contest organised by the German Rubber Men (GRM). The aim of the Mr Rubber Germany contest is to elect a representative of the vibrant German rubber community as a way to further promote and boost the rubber scene at large across the continent.

The MRG Contest Committee is the body responsible to apply the rules and regulations presented in this document, and take any related decisions. The MRG Contest Committee consists of representatives from the GRM and German Rubber Weekend (GRW).

2. The contest

The next Mr Rubber Germany will be held on 01-03rd May 2026 in Berlin, Germany, hosted by German Rubber Weekend. The contest will include 2 main sections: a private interview with a jury and a public section on stage.

During the private jury interview, the contestants will have the chance to present themselves as well as a project that they would lead during their year as Mr Rubber Germany and beyond. The public section will take place during the public election event, and will consist of several appearances on stage, including:

- Presentation: where the contestants will be presented to the audience.
- Q&A: where the contestants will answer questions from the audience.

All contestants must be present at the agreed times for the Jury Interview, rehearsals and any other appointments during the Mr Rubber Germany weekend. The contest will be held in English and German. If a contestant needs an interpreter (including sign language), they are welcome to bring one. If they need help finding an interpreter, the Contest Committee will do their best to find one.

3. Who can be a contestant

To become Mr Rubber Germany, prior experience as local or national titleholder is not required. In order to qualify as a contestant for the Mr Rubber Germany election, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- a. Be a citizen of Germany.
- b. Be at least 18 years old when submitting the application.
- c. Have a sexual identity on the continuum from non-binary to man-ness (ref. the Genderbread person model).
- d. Submit a complete application.
- e. Contestants must arrive in Berlin no later than Friday morning and leave not earlier than Sunday afternoon.
- f. Agree to hold the Mr Rubber Germany title with respect and engagement with the rubber communities in Europe and beyond.
- g. Agree to attend the following Mr Rubber Germany election.
- h. Be qualified and approved as an official contestant by the Contest Committee. NB: an applicant is not an approved contestant until official communication to the applicant.

All applications will be reviewed by the MRG Contest Committee, who has the right to decide who will qualify to become an official contestant, based on the following guidelines:

1. **Rubber titleholders (current and <12 months from step-down):** applicants that meet the requirements a-d above, and that carry an active Rubber title, or that had their step-down less than 12 months before the date of the Mr Rubber Germany election, are automatically qualified to be contestants.
2. **All other rubberists:** the Contest Committee will review all applications and - if needed hold a preselection. A preselection can include an interview with the MRG Contest Committee. This preselection will be held at least 30 days before the date of the election, to make sure that all contestants can arrange their travel on time.

Each contestant will be required to sign an audio/video release form and waiver, giving the organisers of Mr Rubber Germany contest and affiliated bodies full rights, copyright use, reuse broadcast and or publish all audio/visual media – and accepts that they waive any right to inspect or approve the captured audio/visual media before publication.

4. Timelines & deadlines

The most important dates are:

- Applications will open on 01st February 2026 and close on 15th March 2026.
- All applicants will be notified by 22nd March if they are selected as Contestants for Mr Rubber Germany election.
- The MRG Contest Committee reserves the right to deviate from these dates, if necessary.

5. The Jury and scoring

The Jury is selected by the MRG Contest Committee and will consist of 5-7 persons known by their engagement in the rubber and kink community.

The Jury will be responsible for 80% of the total score. Of this, 75% will reflect the contestants' interview, their interactions on stage, and their overall presence, and 25% will reflect the contestants' suggested project.

The public vote will count towards 20% of the total score. Public vote might be online and/or in person. If both on site and online voting is used, they will count equally (each 10% of the total score).

In case of a tie, the in-person vote will decide the winner.

6. What is expected from a contestant

We expect that a contestant aims to promote and boost the rubber scene, clubs and communities on the European continent. Therefore, we expect that each contestant will promote the contest as well as their own participation on their social media channels prior to the event.

Each contestant needs to be present during the event and be on time for the obligatory meetings, like the jury interview, rehearsals, and the election. Non-participation will result in instant disqualification.

We also expect that all contestants uphold respectful behaviour towards all contestants and attendees.

Advertising or promotion of non-commercial initiatives can be introduced by the contestants without the previous approval of the Contest Committee.

However, contestants may not do commercial advertising, whether of their own or other brands. This is to ensure fairness for the sponsors who make the MRG event possible and to protect the Mr Rubber Germany name.

Mentioning personal sponsors is allowed, but the MRG Contest Committee needs to be informed in advance.

7. What is expected from the winner of Mr Rubber Germany

The European rubber clubs and scene are renowned world-wide for their fun, social, respectful and friendly atmosphere. These are values we expect Mr Rubber Germany to live and represent.

The community expects that the title will be used in ways that contribute positively to the rubber communities. This may include initiatives promoting mental and physical health, or any other project or initiative that Mr Rubber Germany has affinity with, no matter how small or large these may be.

The winner must be a worthy spokesperson who will not bring the community or the title into disrepute. They should be someone who embodies the core values of the fetish and kinky community: care, respect, integrity, diversity, generosity, and trust.

Beyond the support provided by the generous sponsors, it is expected that Mr Rubber Germany will provide for their own travel expenses. There are no expectations about the number of trips that Mr Rubber Germany should do, with only one exception: Mr Rubber Germany is expected to be present at the next Mr Rubber Germany election for their step-down and to serve on the jury panel.

The MRG sash: it is expected that the winner will ensure that the Mr Rubber Germany sash will be well looked after, and in the event of damage or loss, the contestant may need to cover the cost of a replacement, at the discretion of the GRM Board.

Note on so-called "sash protocol": some fetish clubs and producers have a tradition of a (long) list of rules for their titleholders regarding when and how to wear their own sash. Some clubs request their titleholders to wear the sash all the time, to wear it on for as long as a hosting titleholder wears theirs, not to wear a sash in the darkroom, etc.

The rubber scene is centered on fun rather than on rules. The MRG sash protocol has only one rule: Mr Rubber Germany is formally allowed to wear or take off their sash at any time they deem appropriate. They do not need to follow other people's rules. If in doubt, Mr Rubber Germany should consult the GRM Board.

8. If Mr Rubber Germany brings the title into disrepute or cannot fulfil their role

At any time, the GRM Board (after consultation of the GRM member clubs) has the right to dismiss the elected Mr Rubber Germany in case he engages in misconduct or any activities that bring the title, the GRM, GRM member club(s), or the sponsors in disrepute, as judged solely by the GRM Board.

In this case, all the prizes and any travel prize that have not been used must be returned. The GRM Board may decide to award the title to the runner-up. The decision will be made public on the GRM/MRG website and social media.

9. Unforeseen circumstances

Should any unforeseen circumstances arise, the MRG Contest Committee shall make a final determination.