

Dallas Bears – Texas Bear Round-Up

Mr. TBRU

Contest Information

The Mr. TBRU contest is designed to be a fun and enjoyable event to enhance the overall TBRU experience. This contest is not part of any circuit or preliminary, but rather just an event to relax and have fun with. So, get your Bear, Cub, or Admirer "game on" and join the fun! Read more below about the contest. If you have more questions, you can contact the contest team by emailing: contest@tbru.org.

Would you like to be our next Mr. TBRU™, TBRU™: Bear, Cub, or Admirer? Let us know if you need help choosing the right category. Our contest is a fun and light-hearted contest. No interviews. No long hours of time commitment during the event weekend.

Contest Date and Location

5pm - During Dinner on Saturday of TBRU located in the ballroom of the host hotel (Hyatt Regency). Please see the TBRU weekend schedule for exact dates, times, and locations.

Contest Divisions

Bear
Cub
Admirer

Contest Titles Awarded

TBRU 30 Bear
TBRU 30 Cub
TBRU 30 Admirer
Mr. TBRU 30

The contestants will also elect and present an award to a member of the contest class: **Brother Bear Award** (who the contestants thought was the class favorite, Miss Congeniality, Friendly, Like a Brother)

Contest Prizes

Several prizes will be awarded along with the contest titles:

Various Gift Baskets
Gift Cards/Cash
Complimentary Run Pass to the next TBRU
Medallion and Lanyard
Back Patch with title rocker
Title Sash
Custom leather vest
Bragging Rights

Who Can Enter?

Registered TBRU attendees can enter the Mr. TBRU contest as long as:

1. You are at least the age of 21 on the first day of the TBRU event.
2. Understand and meet all the requirements in the TBRU Code of Conduct.
3. You are a member in good standing with your community.
4. You are clear of any convictions of moral turpitude.
5. You are of sound mind, are of good moral character, and possess emotional intelligence.
6. Please note that contestants **are limited to a total number of four (4) times** that they can enter the contest.

(Current Members of the Dallas Bears are ineligible to enter the contest).

What Does a Contestant Have to Do?

It's easy and doesn't take a lot of time:

- Attend the Pre-TBRU Zoom call orientation. Sunday, March 1st. Time and link to be emailed to you.
- Attend the **required** TBRU Contestant Meeting on **Friday 7pm-7:45pm** (*casual attire*).
- Encourage your fellow TBRU attendees to attend the contest.
- Sell TBRU Raffle Tickets during one portion of the weekend event as directed.
- Attend the Contest
- Work with your fellow contestants in a positive manner

Judged Categories

Contestants will be judged on a point scale in qualities under each category parameter. The highest overall score will be the winner of each category. **All contestants/finalists** will be judged on a separate ballot for the title of Mr. TBRU. This means the Mr. TBRU titleholder could come from any of the three divisions.

All scoring will be monitored by a Tally Master, Contest Director, and a member of the Dallas Bears Board of Directors to ensure accuracy and fair practices.

- **Theme Wear and On-Stage Pop Question** – This is YOUR interpretation of the TBRU theme. What works for you? From elaborate to simple costumes. Use your creativity. There will also be an on-stage pop question given to you. It is a simple question, and you will answer it on the spot. Be creative and join the fun atmosphere when you answer your question. You will be judged on the way you respond, how comfortable you are speaking on a microphone, and the crowd's reaction. Due to safety considerations, TBRU and the Hyatt Regency do not allow weapons on hotel property. We know your theme wear plans may be impacted by this, and so we've received special permission to allow swords and shields on stage **ONLY** as long as they are **OBVIOUSLY** plastic or a toy. No real weapons of any kind are allowed, and discretion is always up to the contest team and hotel staff on whether any prop (regardless of it being a toy) will be allowed to go on stage.
- **Bears In Underwear** – Any underwear of your choosing. (Must be Texas legal by no showing of genitals/anus/ass crack. Note: jock straps are not bar/street/public legal unless they completely cover your anus/butt crack with a minimum of a 1-inch attached strap to cover said area. The 1-inch strap should be proportionate to your size...complete coverage is required.)
- **Personality BEAR Wear / BAR Wear** – This is your way to show your whole personality. Wear what best represents you, your style and your attitude. Keep in mind the category you are competing in. You can do almost anything you want – from simple to elaborate. Keep the attire legal. Absolutely no weapons may be used as props (no matter if they are toys or not). The clothing of your choice that best represents you as a member of the Greater Bear Community. Choose the best that represents you and the title you are competing for.

Title holders become the Ambassadors of the Dallas Bears Texas Bear Round-Up (TBRU) and the Contest. Put your best image and your natural, fun-loving self forward. Personality BEAR Wear / BAR Wear is the final clothing change, so whatever you wear there will be the same outfit you wear during the title ceremony (pictures, etc).

Other Contest Rules:

NO Poppers, Smoking, Vaping, or Beverages

NO Bare Feet (footwear required)

NO showing of genitals

NO showing of your butt crack/anus (a loose handkerchief is not sufficient... the covering of your crack/anus must be sturdy and affixed).

NO political statements verbally or visually – no hate, racial, or other generally accepted as negative.

Limits - Please note that contestants are limited to a number of **four (4)** total times that they can enter the contest (regardless of category).

Finalist Possibility

In the **very rare event** that any category has an extremely large number of contestants, the contest coordinator may institute a finalist elimination. If a finalist process is going to be implemented the Contestants will be notified at the Contestant Meeting.

Contestant Behavior

ALL PARTICIPANTS of the Mr. TBRU Contest (those receiving titles, and those NOT receiving titles) are expected to use their emotional intelligence, win or lose gracefully, respect their fellow contestants, and assist each other as a contestant Class. All contestants will positively support the titleholder family. Mr. TBRU contestants NOT positively conducting themselves before, during, and after the contest through verbal abuse, negative actions, spreading rumors, making false statements, and creating/sharing disparaging social media posts is not acceptable. Such proven actions will result in being ineligible to compete in the contest again and possibly being banned from attending TBRU in the future. Be supportive. Celebrate. Love. Be kind.

Conduct of Contestants, Judges, and Contest Team Members

Contestants, Judges, and Contest Team Members are expected to treat each other with the utmost dignity and respect at all times. Reminder, this is a FUN contest and designed to be fair, equitable, and enjoyed by all.

To keep the contest fun, fair, and equitable, Judges and Contest Team Members should not fraternize nor participate in romantic or sexual activities with Contestants before or during TBRU. Once the contest is over, the restriction is lifted. No one can promise, barter, or request you to do anything in return for preferential treatment, scores, prizes, etc.

Judges, Contest Team Members, and Contestants are expected to come forward immediately if any conflict of interest, personal relationship, or other situation arises that would make the judging process inequitable.

If you feel this trust has been violated, please contact the following immediately:

TBRU Contest Director – Colton Bell at 801-829-8506

TBRU Contest Managers – Wayne Davis at 972-207-0454 and Eldon Kirby at 360-402-0616

What Do the New Titleholders Have to Do?

As mentioned earlier, the contest is for **fun** and is not a circuit or preliminary contest.

As a titleholder of the Dallas Bears Texas Bear Round-Up you:

- Will serve as an ambassador of the Dallas Bears and Texas Bear Round-Up until the next contest.
- Will positively promote TBRU throughout the next year in your local community and in your travels.
- Will post on social media your pictures of attending other events wearing your titleholder gear.
- Send a monthly blurb and photos of your travels and events attended to our webmaster@dallasbears.org
- Encourage other good candidates to consider competing in the next TBRU contest.
- Wear your TBRU Contest Title Sash, Custom Vest, Medallion, and TBRU Embroidered Patch (titleholder gear) with pride!

- Join us for TBRU next year and help with the contestants by being their support team in the dressing room and on the stage. You will also be recognized on stage at the contest and “crown” the new titleholders.
- Come to the Sunday TBRU BBQ and Closing Ceremony to be introduced to the public.

The Dallas Bears **ask and strongly encourage** each titleholder to do the following:

- TBRU is a “party with a Purpose” and our strong desire is to raise money for local charities. Each titleholder is requested to organize at least one fundraiser as your TBRU title for a 501(c)(3) charity of your choice in your local community. Please invite the Dallas Bears to attend. Please send us pictures and details of the event.
- Join the Dallas Bears for our Dallas Pride Parade entry (if available).
- Join the Dallas Bears for any of our events/fundraisers (when available).

If you have any questions, please contact us at Contest@tbru.org or stop by registration and ask for the Contest Team Members:

Contest Director – Colton Bell

Contest Managers – Wayne David and Eldon Kirby

Contest Handlers – Robert Morse-Ellington, and your current TBRU titleholder Family

Contestant Support Team – Your current TBRU titleholder Family

Tally Master – Shawn Currey and Andrew Benard

Judges Assistant – Conner Terry

Emcee – TBA

Judge Coordinator – Conner Terry

Judges – Announced leading up to the contest

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