



## Great Lakes Power Exchange Contestant Qualifications and Rules

Great Lakes Power Exchange (GLPE) is a teaching title, held by a couple or triad in a healthy, consensual power exchange relationship. The titleholders are determined by a contest held annually in the Great Lakes region, which consists of the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. GLPE is a regional feeder contest for International Power Exchange, to be held April 27-30, 2017 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at Beyond Leather.

The following are the qualifications and rules for GLPE contestants.

1. All contestants must be at least twenty-one (21) years old.
2. The contest is open to pairs and triads who have been in their current power exchange relationship for at least 1 year and who live in one of the states in the Great Lakes region.
3. Contestants must submit an application and \$75 registration fee no later than two weeks prior to the contest.
4. Contestants must not be under the influence of illegal drugs during the contest.
5. If any components of the contest are held in a bar or other venue serving alcohol, contestants may drink responsibly, but are advised strongly not to overindulge.
6. Contestant must not hold a current title that conflicts with GLPE. If uncertain, contact the GLPE Producers to find out if you are eligible to compete.
7. Contestants must agree to be photographed and to allow photographs to be used on the GLPE website and in print advertising for the GLPE contest.
8. Contestants will be expected to wear contestant numbers at all times during the contest, and then return them to the Contest Organizer. Numbers will be provided at the contestant meeting prior to the contest.
9. Contestants will be expected to bring one or more items or baskets with a retail value of \$200 or more for a live auction that benefits the contest winners' travel fund.
10. Contestants must not have any outstanding warrants either nationally or internationally, and must not currently be under indictment in any court of law.
11. Contest winners will be expected to present at least four workshops, classes, or demos about power exchange or their specific dynamic in the Great Lakes region during their title year.
12. Contest winners will be expected to attend Beyond Leather in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, April 27-30, 2017, to represent the Great Lakes region in the International Power Exchange contest.
13. Contest winners will be expected to attend the 2017 GLPE contest to give a step-down speech, and may be asked to help in a volunteer position.



## Great Lakes Power Exchange Judging Criteria

The Great Lakes Power Exchange contest is judged using an Olympic scoring method. There are 7 judges and both the lowest and highest scores for each pair in each category will be thrown out. In the unlikely event there is a tie score at the end of the contest; all 7 scores will be counted. In the extremely unlikely event that there is still a tie score, the Producers, Director and Judges will convene to decide on a winner. There are a total of 500 possible points per pair. A minimum of 70% of the total score must be achieved for a winner to be declared.

### **Educational Presentation (150 points)**

This is your opportunity to teach the attendees and judges about your specific dynamic. You will have a minimum of 5 minutes and a **maximum of 10 minutes** to give an explanation to the audience about your relationship dynamic. You may use posters, dry erase boards, or any other visuals you feel would be helpful. Visuals are not a requirement but they are allowed. You must supply your own visuals or props. However, if you need something that we might have, please email the contest director to discuss it. Background music is not allowed during this portion. Handouts are discouraged. You will have the use of a stage and microphone. When you are done, you will be given no more than 5 minutes to answer questions from the audience. The judges will not ask questions, but will only observe. You will be judged on your knowledge regarding your power dynamic, stage presence, and articulation of your dynamic and how well you handle questions from the audience.

### **Demo/Fantasy (100 points)**

This category allows you to show the audience a scene or scenario that involves your power dynamic. You will have a minimum of 4 minutes and a **maximum of 6 minutes**. You can decide to enact a scene with background music (supplied by you ahead of time) or you can request the use of a microphone. You will be judged on the content and connection the two of you make during your demo or fantasy along with audience reaction, stage presence, image and the comfort level you display. There will be no questions asked by the judges or audience. Standard dungeon furniture will be available for use. You will not be given notice of your time running out; this should be timed with your music.

### **Interview (150 points)**

The interview is a closed-door session with the judges. It is similar to a job interview, in that the judges will be assessing your ability to succeed at the "job" of GLPE titleholders. No audience is allowed, including handlers or friends. Interview time is at the discretion of the Head Judge, but is typically 15-20 minutes. The pair or triad will be interviewed together. The judges will score you on how well you answer their questions and on the attire you choose to wear.

### **Overall Image for the Duration of the Contest (100 points)**

At the end of the judging process, judges are asked to score you on their overall feeling about you as a pair and how they observed your behavior and attitude during the contest weekend. Keep in mind throughout the contest weekend that the judges are always potentially watching you. There is no defined "look" other than being authentic to the power exchange dynamic in which you live.