

## **QUALIFYING EVENTS**

There will \_\_\_\_4\_\_\_\_ of qualifying events (TBD) whereby the winning Band/Artist in each qualifying event may continue on to compete in one or more additional qualifying events or in the finals event determined by the chosen panel of judges or the “Sponsor” in its sole and absolute discretion. If your Band does not win its qualifying event, your Band cannot continue on to compete in one or more additional qualifying events or move on to compete in the finals event.

During each qualifying event, each Performing Band/Artist will perform no more than THREE SONGS of Original Compositions or 20 Minutes of performance/stage time.

The Judged Songs will be judged by a panel of qualified judges (which may include professionals in the music, radio or recording industry and members of the general public) to be selected by the “Sponsor” in its sole and absolute discretion (collectively, the “Local Judges”).

The persons serving as Local Judges for any qualifying event or finals event are subject to change at the “Sponsors” sole and absolute discretion.

The one (1) Band/Artist winner with the highest total score at each qualifying event, as determined by the Local Judges in their sole and absolute discretion using the Judging Criteria, will be named the winner of such qualifying event and will continue on to compete in one or more additional qualifying events or in the finals event as determined by the “Sponsor” in its sole and absolute discretion.

The odds of being named the winner of a qualifying event or continuing on to compete in the finals event for a location depend on the number of Bands competing, the number of qualifying events, and the skill of each Band and its Band members.

In the event of a tie at a particular qualifying event, the Band from among the tied entries with the highest cumulative score in the first judging criterion described above will be named the winner of the qualifying event.

In the event of a tie using the tie-breaking criterion, the Local Judges will select the winner of the qualifying event in their sole and absolute discretion. The decisions of the Local Judges relating to the selection of the winner of a qualifying event are final and binding.

In the event it is determined that any Band or Band member is ineligible or is subject to disqualification for any reason, then the Band will be disqualified and the “Sponsor” may elect to name the Band receiving the next highest cumulative score at the qualifying event as the winner of the qualifying event. In the event of a tie in such instance, the tie breaking criteria described above may be utilized.

## **FINALS EVENT**

There will ONE FINALS EVENT (TBD) whereby the winning Band/Artist in each qualifying event will continue on to compete in Finals event determined by the chosen panel of judges or the "Sponsor" in its sole and absolute discretion. If your Band does not win its qualifying event, your Band cannot continue on to compete in one or more additional qualifying events or move on to compete in the finals event.

During the finals event, each Performing Band/Artist will perform such number of songs as may be required by the Local Contest Administrator. However, only two song performances will be judged.

The Band/Artist will select two original songs from those performed during the finals event to be judged (also "Judged Songs").

The two Judged Songs will be judged by the Local Judges. The Local Judges will judge the two Judged Songs according to the Judging Criteria (as defined above).

The one (1) Band/Artist winner with the second-highest total score at the finals event, as determined by the Local Judges in their sole and absolute discretion using the Judging Criteria, will be declared the B-STAGE OPENER WINNER.

The one (1) Band/Artist winner with the highest total score at the finals event, as determined by the Local Judges in their sole and absolute discretion using the Judging Criteria, will be declared the MAIN STAGE OPENER WINNER.

The odds of being declared a Winner depend on the number of Bands competing during the finals event and the skill of each Band and its Band members. TWO (2) Local Winners will be named at the end of the Finals Event. In the event of a tie, the Band from among the tied entries in the finals event with the highest cumulative score in the first judging criterion described above will be declared one of the Winners.

In the event of a tie using the tie-breaking criterion, the Finalists shall be selected by the Local Judges, in their sole and absolute discretion. The decisions of the Local Judges relating to the selection of each Winners are final and binding.

In the event it is determined that any potential Winning Band or Band member is ineligible or is subject to disqualification for any reason, then the Band will be disqualified and the "Sponsor" may elect to name the Winner the Band competing in the finals event receiving the next highest cumulative score. In the event of a tie in such instance, the tie breaking criteria described above may be utilized.