

Seize the Mic...

Maine's Premier Karaoke Contest Eligibility & Performance Rules

These rules are subject to change or modification at any time without notice.

1. All contestants must be 15 years of age or above.
2. There will be 4-5 qualifying nights prior to the finals in the Waterville Area.
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3. Each contestant may only qualify for the semi-finals once.
4. Any contestant that does not qualify one night is able to enter another qualifying round to try again.
5. Registration fee for each contestant at each venue is \$5.
6. Each contestant must enter as a solo act (no duets, etc.).
7. Contestants may sing the same song as another contestant.
8. Contestants are not allowed to use live props. This includes singers or dancers.
9. Contestants must sing from the designated area.
10. Contestants will sing one judged song.
11. Contestants, their family or associates are not allowed to have contact of any kind with any judge during the contest.
12. Contestants, their family or associates who exhibit offensive behavior during any portion of the contest will be disqualified from further competition and will nullify that contestant's score. This includes whining or complaining to another contestant, patron, employee, or the judges. Please conduct yourself in a dignified manner. The judges' decisions are final.
13. Contestants must be present when the winners are announced to qualify.
14. The order that each contestant performs will be determined by random drawing.
15. Contestants are entitled to their individual scores only. A contestant may receive his or her score from the judges after the contest has ended and the winners are announced.
16. All performances must be done in good taste. No music or lyrics that the judges or host venue consider to be offensive may be performed.
17. Selected songs must last no longer than 4 minutes or the song will be cut off.
18. Contestants who encounter malfunction of the equipment have the option of starting over. Examples: feedback, skipping of disc, etc.
19. Use or possession of weapons, excessive alcohol or non-prescription controlled substances by the contestants will not be permitted at any time during the competition.
20. Top contestants from each venue will be chosen to compete in the semi-final round. The judges will determine the qualifiers and the audience will vote by applause for 1 favorite qualifier.
21. The first place winner from the previous year's contest is not eligible to compete this year.
22. Decisions of the judges are final.
23. Each contestant will be judged on a 50 point system as follows:
 1. Vocal Ability (rhythm, pitch, phrasing) (1-20 points)
 2. Stage Presence (movement, confidence, style) (1-15 points)
 3. Entertainment Value (audience response, reaction) (1-15 points)

Semi-Finals

1. Qualifiers from each host location will be invited to compete in the semi-final round.
2. Semi-finals will be held on April 25, 2010 at Hafford's Saloon in Waterville, Maine. Approximately 12 semi-finalists will be chosen.
3. Each semi-finalist will perform one judged song.
4. Judges will announce the 12 finalists that same night.

Finals

1. Final rounds will be held on May 1, 2010 at the Waterville Opera House.
2. Each finalist will perform one judged song.
3. Judges will announce the 5 finalists who will perform a second song (different from the first).
4. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second & Third place to be determined by the judges and announced that evening.

Please do not enter the contest if you will be unable to attend the semi-finals on April 25, 2010 or the finals on May 1, 2010.

We want this to be a fun community event, so inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

