

2022/23 Battle of the Bands Official Rules

You must read and understand the rules prior to registering your band. These rules were formed and refined. If it's in here, you can usually bet that it was an issue/point of contention at one point.

Entry Fee: \$50 per Band

WHO CAN ENTER:

1. Any type of musical act.
2. This event is open to qualified bands only.

REGISTRATION:

1. You **MUST** register via the band sign up form. There is a sign up form on Crime Stoppers of York County Facebook page and Crime Stoppers of York County.com Website. Print, complete, and email to either NLanderman04@gmail.com or Faygibson2@gmail.com in order to be entered.
2. All registration fees must be paid at Registration Night by cashier's check or cash.
3. If you do not register, you will not be allowed to participate in the event. Once the registration deadline has passed, no additional bands will be added.
4. Registration Night will be Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

REGISTRATION NIGHT:

1. All confirmed registrants must attend Registration Night which will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at Woody's Music. The Registration Fee must be paid on this night. We will provide a review of the rules and regulations, then host a blind draw for performance slots that night.
2. You must have your driver's license with you on Registration Night.
3. This is a family fun event, alcohol free.
4. To reinforce, you must attend the Registration Night to complete your registration.

PERFORMANCE ITINERARY (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

1. The Battle competition is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2022
2. The first Bands will begin at 12 Noon, on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

3. The competition will be set up tournament bracket style. For example, if a band drops out, all competitors will move up one bracket slot.
4. The winner will be named at the end of all band competition.
5. The winner and runner up band will be announced on Saturday, October 1, 2022.

VOTING & JUDGING:

1. Judges will vote on each band. These votes tallied will determine the winner(s).
2. Judges Votes: Judges are pre-selected members of the local community. If a judge has a relationship with a band or band member, they will have to refrain from voting for that particular band.
3. The identity of the judges is protected until the Finals are complete. Judge's ballots are not available for review.
4. In the event of a tie score, the Judges will be asked to break the tie on a separate ballot.
5. Each band will receive a 25-minute set. You should pre-plan your sets accordingly. Set-times are strictly enforced.
6. Point Deductions: For each minute your band plays over the 25-minute allotted time slot, you will be deducted 50 points. This is a substantial deduction and could drastically change the night's outcome. If you play 5 or more minutes over your 25- minute set-time, you are immediately disqualified, and subject to the stage manager grabbing you with the hook.
7. Bands are limited to only 1 "one" cover song.
8. Attention Hip Hop acts: Only hip hop acts with original songs will be accepted. The one cover rule still applies.
9. The final outcome of the competition will be the final decision of the judge's votes. We will tally the votes and announce competition winners. The results will be read from the stage roughly 30 minutes after the final performance, or as long as it takes to tally the final results. We will post the final results on our Facebook/Website page the following day.

PRODUCTION ON BATTLE DAY:

All bands and equipment must arrive *at Ebenezer Boat Landing* during the designated load in time period noted on Registration Night for load in. You must be on time. There are NO excuses for being late. Traffic, flat tires, temporary incarceration, etc., are not acceptable and should be planned for accordingly. Please don't beg. The rules couldn't be any clearer.

1. You ARE permitted to have a sole representative for your band present the band in during the load in period PROVIDED that representative is IN THE

- BAND, and has loaded in ALL of your equipment. When we say ALL, we mean ALL equipment. Anything less, and you are subject to disqualification.**
- 2. On Registration Night, you will be asked to fill out the names of each member of your band. On the night of your performance, you must have ONLY the members that you listed in registration, and ALL the members you listed in registration, perform. HOWEVER, if you would like to make a change to your lineup for your performance, that change is subject to approval PRIOR to your performance. The earlier you notify us of this change the better. For instance, you have fired your bassist after you registered, and you have found a replacement. That change must be cleared prior to your performance or you are subject to immediate disqualification. Another example: you want to add a keyboard player to your band, and he wasn't listed in your registration line-up, if you notify us in advance, that will be subject to approval. If you don't notify us, no keyboard player. These rules are here for a reason to keep the event fair and from bands stacking the deck in their favor with guest performers or becoming a 15-piece band on competition Day to garner more votes.**
 - 3. Drawing for the Competition set times will be held at Registration Night. Again, we strongly encourage ALL band members to be present, so you will know your slot.**
 - 4. Any Band not represented at Registration Night will be disqualified from the Battle of the Bands. Again, there are no exceptions to this rule, the cut off is September 21, 2022. You can guarantee the staff, organizers and the other bands are watching this night's attendance.**
 - 5. You must be very good about getting your band on and off, but it behooves you to clear any concerns about your setup with the stage manager PRIOR to your performance. No banners or backdrops.**
 - 6. Each band must sign a performance contract which stipulates all rules and regulations. Violation of anything on this contract will automatically disqualify your band from the competition.**
 - 7. There is NO guest list. There are no roadies, guitar techs, spouses/significant others, high school buddies or co-workers. (Band members only!). With that said, other than actual performers, there is NO ONE permitted in the stage area. No exceptions. This is a non-alcohol/illegal substance event. Anyone having alcoholic beverages/illegal substance, will cause their band to be disqualified.**

EQUIPMENT:

- 1. No Equipment will be provided. Each Band must provide their own equipment.**
- 2. You need to bring: All equipment you need including, Cymbals (you may want to bring an extra cymbal stand just in case), Hi-Hat Cymbal, Throne, Sticks, Double Bass Pedal (if required), Guitars, Amps, DI Boxes and anything and**

everything you would need for your show. Not clear about something? Don't wait until the night of the show...ask us in advance, and then everyone's happy.

3. Anyone caught stealing, tampering with or removing any of the Battle of the Bands gear or equipment will be disqualified and subject to prosecution.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Each band's first round performance time will be announced at the Registration meeting on September 21, 2022.
2. Bands cannot switch performance times once the competition has started. If you have a scheduling conflict you must let us know Registration Night. It would be a good idea to bring your upcoming schedule with you.
3. In the event that you cannot play on your scheduled time, although you cannot be rescheduled once the competition has begun, you must notify us as soon as you know. Not showing up and not bothering to call will prevent another local band from being able to enter. And, it's just kind of a bad look for you.
4. The entry fee is NON-REFUNDABLE, for Bands that do not show up, regardless of the circumstance.
5. If someone in your band is missing at the time of your performance, your band will be disqualified.
6. Underage band members you have for setting up are only allowed while they are setting up. We will have a designated area for them to hang before their set.

MARKETING & PROMOTION:

1. Bands are encouraged to promote their participation. We will create one Facebook notice for the Crime Stoppers of York County Fund Raising event. We do not want every band making their own FB event and confusing fans. Critical Mass is good, let's all work together. There will be a parking charge (per York County) into the event for fans and attendees, but not performers. If you bring a ton of people to your show, and your fans are going crazy, this can only enhance the overall crowd's perception of your performance.
2. Flyers promoting the entire event will be printed. These will be distributed to various outlets.

PRIZES:

1. Grand Prize — \$500.00
2. 2nd Place – \$250.00

CONTACTS:

Any questions or concerns should be addressed to any of the following people:

Nancy Landerman 803-526-1299 Battle Manager

Fay Gibson 803-517-5040 Board Member

Good luck to all the bands!