

## “BATTLE OF THE BANDS”



### RULES AND REGULATIONS

#### REGISTRATION:

All bands wishing to register for Battle of the Bands contest must read and accept the following rules and regulations before completing the registration form.

Please email registration form to: [brianne@dbqfair.com](mailto:brianne@dbqfair.com)

Registration will close out on Friday, July 14, 2023, at 5:00pm

Only 12 bands will be accepted.

Battle of the bands will be held on Saturday July 29, 2023, starting at 3:00pm.

Winner of Battle of the Bands will receive \$250.00 and close out the fair by playing in the festival garden on Sunday July 30, 2023, at 8:00pm.

#### GENERAL RULES:

- All bands must contain a minimum of three (3) members. However, all members must sign that they have read and understand the registration form.
- Any band member under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign the registration form that they have read and understand the rules and regulations.
- Only band members on the registration form will be admitted on stage.
- Each band member will receive a free admission ticket to the Dubuque County Fair.
- We will notify each group of the order you will perform no later than Friday, July 21, 2023.
- All bands agree to have their name, voice, and/or likeness used in any advertising or broadcasting material relating to this contest without compensation or rights to royalties.
- On the day of the performance, band members must be dressed in clothing free from obscenities. This is a family-oriented event and therefore only activities suitable for families will be permitted.
- Band name and lyrics of performance songs should not contain any obscenities.
- The entire performance must be violence-free and suitable for families.
- If a band incites moshing or any other sort of violence in the crowd, the band will be immediately disqualified, and the performance will be stopped.
- The use of any illegal substances will not be tolerated. If any band member is suspected of being under the influence of an illegal substance, the entire band will be disqualified, and the proper authorities will be notified. In addition, any band member under the age of 21 who is suspected of alcohol use will also be grounds for disqualification.

- All band members are required to be present at least 30 minutes prior to performance time to check in with the coordinator. If all band members are not present and ready to set up for performance 15 minutes before going on stage, the band will be disqualified.
- All participants are required to be courteous and respectful toward other participating musicians.

#### Judging:

- Planning/ preparedness
  - 20 points
- Originality (material, appearance, improvisation)
  - 30 points
- Interface with audience (verbal interaction, physical interaction, confidence)
  - 10 points
- Quality of performance (confidence/competence, set dynamism, stage presence, conformance to contest rules)
  - 20 points
- Presentation (attitude, appearance, showmanship)
  - 20 points
- The judge's decision is final.

#### EQUIPMENT AND ONSTAGE RULES:

- All bands must provide their own equipment except amps.
- Band members are responsible for the security of their equipment.
- All songs must be original or cover songs or songs by other artists.
- There will be a strict time limit of 15 minutes for each band on stage. Please plan your songs accordingly
- Each band will be given 15 minutes to set up and 15 minutes to break down their equipment so please keep this in mind when designing your set.
- While one band is playing, the next band may start getting ready to set up in the background. However, please do not be disruptive so that the band on stage can be the focus of the judges and the crowd.
- Bands may not use pre-recorded sound material. All bands must play live.





Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a member of the group known as \_\_\_\_\_, hereby submit that I have read and agreed to all rules and regulations for Battle of the Bands at the Dubuque County Fair on July 29, 2023.

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Printed Name

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Date

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Signature

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Signature (if under 18, parent or legal guardian)

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Date