BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Rules and Regulations

Application Deadline: Friday, April 19, 2019
Final Round: Saturday, June 15, 2019
Location: Coors Light Rock On Stage
*Date, time and stage are subject to change.

Back by popular demand at the San Diego County Fair (SDCF) is our Battle of the Bands Contest, a search for the best musical group in Southern California. This will be a unique experience for bands of three or more performers to show off their talent. The top eight bands will get a chance to compete at the live final during the Fair with a grand prize of $5,000.

Eligibility:
- First-place winners from previous Battle of the Bands contest are not eligible to compete, as well as employees of the San Diego County Fair (22nd District Agricultural Association / Del Mar Fairgrounds), its families, subsidiaries and affiliates.
- Open to all United States of America residents. All performers must be 18 years or older by May 31, 2019.
- Bands must consist of three or more performers. At least 75% of the performers submitted on the application MUST perform in the live finals or will be disqualified. No substitution of band members allowed after completion of application.
- Attire and image, as well as content of performance, must be suitable for family viewing, both in live performance and on any music/video that may be provided in application.
- Intoxication, use or possession of any controlled substance, or impolite, discourteous or obscene speech or conduct toward, or in hearing range of the public or staff by participant or participant’s group will be sufficient grounds to terminate your participation in this contest. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times.

Entry Procedure
Please note that SDCF neither retains nor returns promotional materials. The SDCF is not responsible for late, lost, damaged, misdirected, stolen or misappropriated entries. Entry constitutes permission to use participants name, likeness, and performance for future advertising and publicity without additional compensation.
- Applications must be submitted online by the deadline of April 19, 2019. You will receive a confirmation receipt at the end of the application process.
- A one-time fee of $20 will be charged for each application. All entry fees are due upon submission of the application, and are non-refundable.
- The application cannot be saved and returned to at a later date. Applicant must have all materials ready when beginning the application.
- Two different songs are required in the application via YouTube and/or SoundCloud link. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the links are functional prior to submission. Cover songs are permitted. (Nonfunctional links or duplicate songs/links will result in disqualification).
Applicants agree to abide by the latest Battle of the Bands Rules and Regulations, which can be found at www.sdfair.com

**Online Preliminary Round and Live Round Judging:**
The bands will be judged on the following:
- Rhythm, Tuning, Vocal Ability
- Uniqueness and appeal of performance
- Style and Showmanship
- Creativity and Originality
- Performance and attire appropriate for a family audience
- Overall presentation and completion of application

The sole decision for selection rests with the Fair Management. The 22nd D.A.A./San Diego County Fair has the right to reject any application at its sole discretion. The panel of judges consists of high-profile music industry professionals. Entrant acknowledges that all music/performances entered may be distributed to judges who will be selecting the winners, and entrant agrees to release, indemnify, and hold the SDCF, its sponsors, and judges harmless for liability, damages, or claims for injury or loss to any person or property relating to, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, participation in the SDCF competition. By entering this competition, the entrant agrees to accept and be bound by the decisions of the SDCF and its judges, which are final and binding in all matters. Entrant agrees to be bound by all terms of the official SDCF Rules and Regulations.

**Prizes**

1st Place: $5,000  
2nd Place: $3,000  
3rd Place: $2,000

- Cash prizes will be payable by a State of California check. All federal, state, and local taxes, when applicable, are the sole responsibility of the winner. The SDCF will not pay any winners’ taxes.
- Winners will be required to sign a Payee Data Record after the contest confirming that they are authorized to receive the prizes(s) awarded. Failure to sign in ink and return the required form at the required time, or provision of false information, may result in disqualification and an alternate winner may be selected. Forms are subject to verification by the SDCF and its agents. Formal winners’ checks will not be given on the day of the contest.
- If additional prizes are awarded in connection with this contest, there will be no transfer and substitution of prizes except as necessary due to availability, in which case a prize of equal or greater value will be awarded. If it is necessary to substitute a prize, the SDCF reserves the right to give the winner a cash substitute determined by the wholesale value of the prize. All winners agree to release the SDCF and sponsors from all liability regarding prizes won.
- The SDCF will use its best efforts to send prizes out in a timely fashion after notification of award. Please note that prizes being sent to winners from sponsors may take longer than prizes sent directly from the SDCF. If the winner has not received any portion of prizes within 30 days, and has not responded to the SDCF’s communication within said 30-day time period following date of the award, the SDCF is no longer responsible for delivery of prize(s).

For questions and more information, please see the Fair website at www.sdfair.com, or contact the Special Events Department at performancecontests@sdfair.com, or call Special Events Department at (858) 792-4259.