

VANDEBURGH COUNTY FAIR BATTLE OF THE BANDS: RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Eligibility
 - The competition entry is open to all bands, regardless of genre
 - Final contestants will be determined by an impartial panel of Fair Association members
2. Entry Requirements
 - All bands must submit the completed entry form by deadline **June 15, 2026**
 - Each entry must include a band bio, a link to a demo, and social media handles if applicable
 - 2 contestants(bands or individuals) will be selected to perform each night
3. Performance Requirements
 - Bands are required to arrive 1 hour prior to performance time and check in with event organizer
 - Each band will be allotted a 30 minute set up with sound check prior to performance
 - Each band will be expected to perform a minimum of 45 minutes (each will have 60 min allowed if they would like to fill the set) of original songs or covers
 - The set must be performed with live instruments (no pre-recorded vocals, no back up tracks, etc.)
 - All performances and attire must family friendly and must not include any offensive language or inappropriate content
4. Voting for Winners
 - Fair participants will vote each night for their favorite band performers by QR code until 11:59pm. Winners will be by most popular vote.
 - Winners will be announced on Saturday, July 26 at approximately 9:30 pm during the Demolition Derby
5. Prizes

1st Place \$2,500 | 2nd Place \$1,500 | 3rd Place \$500
6. Behavior & Conduct
 - All band members and supporters must be professional and respectful throughout the competition
 - Any form of harassment, misconduct, or damaging behavior towards other participants, event staff, or attendees will result in immediate disqualification
 - Fair Association reserves the right to remove any participant who violates the rules or engages in inappropriate conduct
7. Equipment
 - Bands are responsible for bringing their own instruments and equipment
 - Provided by the Fair: covered stage, power, sound, and lights
8. Cancellation & Changes
 - If a band needs to cancel their participation after they are selected to perform, they must inform the organizer as soon as possible
 - The organizer reserves the right to modify the schedule, if necessary, with prior notice to participants
9. Copyright & Permission
 - Bands are responsible for ensuring that they have the legal rights to perform any copyrighted songs or materials during the competition
 - By participating, bands grant the fair association permission to record and use their performances, images, and music for promotional purposes, including social media, websites, and materials
10. Liability
 - The fair association is not responsible for any injuries, damages, or lost items, incurred by participants or their equipment before, during, or after the event
 - Participants agree to indemnify the Fair Association from any claims arising out of their involvement in the Battle of the Bands during the fair
11. Fair Entry
 - Contestants will be provided a single entry pass for each band member +1 to assist with setup

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