



The 2012 Battle of the Bars

Karaoke Style



RULES for the “2012 Battle of the Bars” Karaoke Competition

1. All performers are solos – there will be no duets, etc. allowed
2. This is a family-friendly event as well as a charity event. No foul language will be allowed in the audience, and offensive lyrics are not going to be allowed. The judges reserve the right to disqualify a song in advance if it is deemed too offensive for a family audience. If a song is disqualified, the contestant will be assigned either their second or third choice (which will be family friendly.) Please don't attempt to sneak one by the judges. All songs will be checked in advance by someone on the panel. If you insert obscene lyrics into a song, the judges reserve the right to disqualify you, so please do not take the chance. If you are unsure whether your song choice is acceptable, email nancymarrapese@comcast.net and you will be given a ruling.
3. Songs are limited to five minutes in length. If you choose a song longer than five minutes, it will be cut off at the five-minute mark, so we strongly urge contestants to choose their songs based on this restriction. Please don't choose songs with long instrumental breaks. You are being judged on your singing abilities, so the more we hear of you, the better.
4. Contestants will be given a number at check-in which will determine the order in which you will sing. All selections will be random, so there will be no favoritism. We will start the event promptly at noon so please be on time. If you are called to sing and you do not appear in a reasonable amount of time as deemed by the judging panel, you will be subject to disqualification.
5. All contestants must be at least 18 years of age. If there is a question, you may be asked to show a government-issued form of identification. Your registration form –which requires your signature- also will indicate that you are certifying that you are at least 18.
6. All contestants must use the equipment provided by our DJ – DJ Darlene. No outside equipment will be allowed. If there is an equipment malfunction, you will be allowed to start again if you choose to.
7. All contestants are expected to be civil and respectful to each other. Nothing less than that will be tolerated.
8. Although we do encourage contestants to dress up, there will be no props of any kind allowed. That includes but is not limited to: backup singers, dancers, animals, etc.
9. We do not prohibit contestants from singing the same song. However, if someone performs a song you had wanted to sing and your turn is after theirs, you will be permitted to choose another song from your three-choice list (which has been submitted prior to the contest on your registration form.)
10. Contestants will be judged on their song on a scale of 1-10 with 10 being the highest. They will be judged on the following criteria: singing ability, choice of song, stage presence, ability to engage the audience, and audience enthusiasm. Because of the importance of the audience component, we strongly urge all contestants to invite your family and friends to cheer you on. The lowest score per contestant will be 5 with the highest being 50.
11. Decisions of the judges are final. There will be no arguing, cajoling, abusing or harassing the judges. This goes for the contestants as well as their family and friends. By signing the registration form, you are certifying that you understand and accept all of the rules and registrations and will agree to abide by them.