

Santa Cruz Public Library

Battle of the Bands

Official Rules

Bands must have members who are between the ages of 12-21 (half must be no older than 19 years of age as of the day of the show). All band members must sign the entry form acknowledging they have read, understand and agree to the rules as they are stated in this document. Each band member under the age of 18 **must have a parent signature on the entry form to participate**. All bands must consist of at least 2 members. Bands must be unsigned. Instruments must be played throughout the duration of the performance.

The concert will be held outdoors. Bands **must be able** to provide any PA equipment not provided by the site host. On the day of the performance, band members must be dressed in clothing free from obscenities, drugs, alcohol, sex, or any other subject matter not suitable for a family audience. Drugs, alcohol and tobacco products are not permitted.

Judges will score the competition based upon a set criteria: Stage presentation, band synchronization, time management, song quality, stage management, and originality. Points are awarded in each category using a point system of 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest.

Deadline for entry is July 7, 2011. If more than 5 bands enter, the Santa Cruz ACT (Advisory Council of Teens) will vote to elect the 5 finalists who will play the live show on Saturday, July 23, 2011.

This will be a blind listening event. **Bands must send a music CD to:**

Santa Cruz Public Libraries, Attn: Victor Willis, 117 Union St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060, along with the completed entry forms and printed lyrics to be eligible for the finals. All band members must be available to play on July 23, 2011 at the designated location. A mandatory meeting will be held for bands prior to the day of the concert.

Equipment and Onstage Rules

The band members must supply any musical instruments and equipment not provided by the host site. A sound system may be available. Band members are responsible for the security of their equipment and the event organizers cannot be held liable for any lost, damaged, or stolen equipment, or any bodily injuries. Fires, fog machines, pyrotechnics, etc. are not allowed.

Any band who incites moshing or any other sort of violence in the crowd will be automatically disqualified. Performances must be violence-free and suitable for families. Offensive and obscene lyrics or behavior will result in automatic disqualification.

The total playing time for each band is 20 minutes. When a band is finished performing, they are expected to allow the next band to get on stage as quickly as possible. Playing order of the bands will be determined at the mandatory meeting. The Santa Cruz Public Library reserves the right to make changes to the rules and regulations of the competition, as well as the final word in any disputes that should arise concerning this event.

All bands must submit a copy of the lyrics to all songs being played with the music CD and the Entry Form.