

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 on library property.

3 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, 3, 2009. Bands will then compete in an online voting contest. The five bands with the most votes will be asked to play the live show on August 1 to compete for prizes. All band members must be available to play on August 1, 2009 at the Branciforte Library. 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. 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 must not go over 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 Entry Form