

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Contestants must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Solo acts only. No duets or accompaniments. Only contestants will be allowed on stage and props are prohibited.
3. Contestants must pay Fair admission price at the Gate.
4. A contestant that is considered a Professional shall not be eligible for this contest. A Professional is defined as anyone who is a musical performing union member, who has a professional manager, or whose principal and/or self-supporting income is derived from performing.
5. Contestants will perform 1 song at regional competition; however, contestants should have 2nd song available in the event of a tie. Finalists at the Illinois State Fair will have the opportunity to sing 2 songs.
6. Registered contestants are required to check-in 30 minutes prior to the start time of the event. Failure to do so could jeopardize your spot in the competition.
7. First and Second place winners from each regional will advance to the **Illinois State Fairs Karaoke Contest** held at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.
8. Contestant registration will be confirmed by email to the address provided by applicant. If confirmation is not received within 2 days of submission, contestant should contact the Illinois State Fair.
9. Registration for each individual regional contest will close 2 days prior to the date of contest. If slots remain unfilled, same day registration will be held 1 hour prior to contest start on a first come/first serve basis.
10. Order of appearance will be determined by a blind draw and posted prior to the start of each regional contest.
11. A person may only register for 1 regional at a time. Upon completion of that regional non-winners may register for a different location if opening(s) remain available. First and Second place finishers are not eligible to compete at other regionals.
12. ALL decisions by the judges are final.

Scoring Rules

Contestants will be judged in the following 5 categories:

Voice Quality

Rhythm/Pitch

Phrasing

Stage Presence

Entertainment Value

Scoring:

Contestants will be rated on a point system for each category. Judges will score each contestant, in each category, with a score from 1-10 with 10 being the most and 1 the least. Once all contestants have performed, scores from each judge will be tallied and an overall score from each judge will be recorded.

Ranking:

Each judge's individual scorecard will then be sorted in order of points and contestants will be ranked accordingly with the point total receiving a "1", second highest a "2" and so on. The "ranking" scores will then be totaled and an overall winner and second place finisher will be determined.

Ties:

In the event of a tie for first or second place, the corresponding contestants will perform an additional song and those scores will be used to determine the placing. If a tie still remains the judges will vote to break the tie by majority rule.