

The Kingston Fall Fair Country Singing Showdown

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS



1. Open to male or female contestants of any nationality performing as a single or duo. (You may play an instrument on stage, but you will be judged only on your vocal abilities.) (NO stage props, sheet music, special effects and/or lighting may be used by performers.)
2. The Showdown was created as a “Country” singing contest where singers of all ages are afforded an opportunity to perform vocally at live audience venues. However, in today’s world with the countless crossover hits and artists, it has become exceedingly difficult to define what songs are actually classified as Country. For the sake of this contest the organizers shall rely on using Google searches to define the genre of songs being performed. Gospel music shall not be classified as Country for the purpose of this contest. Original material and final song approval shall be at the discretion of the organizing committee, whose decision shall be final.
3. **Competitors must provide their own back up music on a C.D of good quality for each date they appear in the contest.** NOTE: THE COMPETITORS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PICK UP THEIR C.D.'s FOLLOWING PERFORMANCES.
4. Entrants shall not have released a recording that has received commercial airplay for the purpose of selling records or have earned combined revenues in excess of \$2,000 (Cdn.) for personal music performances and/or Internet downloads (e.g. YouTube, iTunes, etc.), as of the date set for the current Kingston Fall Fair.
5. Registration and sign in: Junior Division: 7:00pm - 7:30pm. Open Division: 7:30pm- 8:00pm. Junior Division competition begins at 8:00pm with the Open Division immediately following.
6. No contestant is an owner, controlling stockholder, employee (within the last 6 months) or immediate family member of the sponsoring businesses or presenting groups.
7. Performers of any age may enter the Open Division of the contest. However, you may only compete in one division in any given year.
8. An ENTRY FEE shall be paid by each contestant to the organizers prior to performing at the qualifying nights. Open Division = \$20.00 and Junior Division = \$10.00. Contestants who do not qualify on a given night may re-enter the contest space permitting. The fee for re-entering shall be \$10.00 for the Open Division and \$5.00 for the Junior Division.
9. Previous first place winners are NOT eligible to compete in the contest once they have won the open division however, a junior division winner may enter the open category in some subsequent year. A Junior winner may not re-enter the Junior Division contest.
10. Junior contestants must show I.D. clearly stating that they are 18 or younger as of the date the first night of qualifying begins for that year’s contest.
11. All finalists performing at the Kingston Fall Fair must become a member of the Agricultural Society. A membership fee of \$8.00 for all adult contestants and \$1.00 for all junior contestants shall be charged for insurance purposes and collected the night each contestant qualifies.

**EXCEPTIONAL CONDITIONS WILL BE EXAMINED BY EVENT ORGANIZERS
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