



QUALIFYING FORMAT

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There shall be 4 qualifying nights for both the Open and Junior Divisions. The judges' selections from each of these qualifying nights will appear at the finals in September at the Kingston Fall Fair.

Junior Division

1. Junior Division qualifying begins at 8:00 p.m.
2. Up to 12 contestants shall be accepted each qualifying night however, the contest organizers reserve the right to accept additional entries at their discretion.
3. Judges will select up to two qualifiers per night to advance directly to the Finals at the fair.
4. **Finals:** Ten finalists will perform at the Kingston Fall Fair from whom judges will select the three winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and these winners will be awarded prizes accordingly.

Open Division

1. Open Division qualifying begins immediately following the completion of the Junior Division qualifying.
2. Up to 12 contestants shall be accepted each qualifying night however, the contest organizers reserve the right to accept additional entries at their discretion.
3. Judges will select up to two qualifiers per night to advance directly to the Finals at the fair.
4. **Finals:** Ten finalists will perform at the Kingston Fall Fair from whom judges will select the three winners. (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and these winners will be awarded prizes accordingly.

Winners need to contact Duncan Holt at “Concept Audio” before Oct 31st to schedule their recording time!

TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS, AT THEIR DISCRETION, MAY ADD UP TO 2 WILDCARD FINALISTS IN EACH DIVISION. SHOULD A WILD CARD ENTRY BE CHOSEN, THEY WOULD THEN JOIN THE OTHER 10 CONTESTANTS AT THE FALL FAIR FINALS. COMMITTEE ORGANIZERS ALSO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO FILL ANY VACANT SPOTS AT THE FINALS WITH ANOTHER CONTESTANT WHO HAS COMPETED IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

JUDGING CRITERIA

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- Vocal Ability (20 pts):** How well do they reach the notes, easy/pleasant to listen to?
- Stage Presence (10 pts):** How well do they captivate the audience? Stage appearance ?
- Talent (10 pts):** Does the act have natural ability/talent?
- Original Song:** Singers are permitted **one original song** for which judges **may award** a maximum of one point. All songs must be country.
- Electronic Devices:** **Please do not have any cell phone and/or electronic devices operating during your performance on stage.**