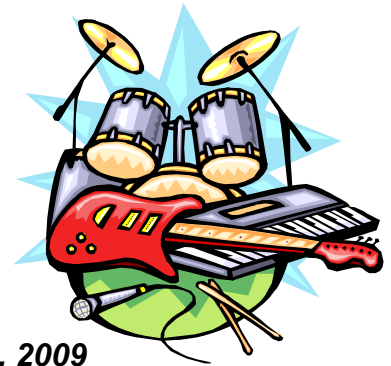


# NORFOLK'S SEARCH FOR THE ULTIMATE BAND

## 2009 Norfolk County Fair Battle of the Bands Rules

Date: Friday October 9, 2009  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show  
At the Recreation Centre Stage



***Deadline for Submissions is September 18, 2009***

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### Rules:

- 1) All members of your band must complete and sign the official contest entry form. An official entry includes:
  - An official entry form
  - A completed Tech & Stage Layout Sheet
  - CD or Cassette containing at least 2 songs (live or studio recordings acceptable)
  - 1 to 2 page Bio of the Band
  - Good quality photo of the band (8x10 glossy black and white preferred but not required)
  - Video of the band performing at least one song if possible
  - A copy of the rules signed by all members of the band/group
  - Lyrics of any original songs included or submitted to committee

This form must be completely filled out. Send your official entry to  
"Search for Norfolk's Ultimate Band"  
c/o Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show  
172 South Drive, Simcoe, Ont., N3Y 1G6  
Limit: One official entry per band.
- 2) Only complete entries will be accepted. One spokesperson per band will be listed and only that person will receive communications from the Fair. If a submission is incomplete or does not comply with the specifications and rules described herein, then the submission will be disqualified and there will be no entry in the contest.
- 3) Norfolk County Agricultural Society will not be responsible for lost, misdirected, illegible, incomplete, delayed or postage-due entries.
- 4) Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show will not verify receipt of entries. You should retain a copy of all materials submitted for the contest. All entries become the property of Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show and will not be returned.

- 5) In the event of a tie score, the top and bottom scores will be removed and the band scores re-tallied.
- 6) Bands and participants grant permission to Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show to use artists/band(s) name, likeness, and voice for future advertising and publicity purposes without additional compensation. Entrant will retain full rights to all works submitted for the competition.
- 7) Bands are encouraged to perform original materials. Covers songs are allowed, but participants are encouraged to present original songs.
- 8) All sound equipment and lighting will be supplied, unless otherwise stated in future communications. It is the bands responsibility to supply instruments (guitars, amplifiers drum kits, special effects etc.) All equipment must be assembled and ready to go within short notice.
- 9) Any entry containing obscenity, crude language, depictions of a sexual nature (as determined solely by Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show) will not be accepted and will result in disqualification. Bands should be respectful of all performances and follow these rules:
  - No confrontational attitudes
  - No last minute surprises
  - No heckling or acting in a derogatory manner towards other bands
  - No drugs of any kind
  - No fighting
  - No moshing (and do not encourage your fans to do so)
  - No stage diving
  - No cursing or derogatory speech (either within your songs or talk in between them)

Violation of any of these rules will result in immediate disqualification of your band and the decision is at the discretion of the judges and is final.

- 10) Entry deadlines: Entries must be submitted between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 18, 2009. Entries will be accepted throughout this time for judging in order to compete at the Norfolk County Fair and Horse Show on Saturday, October 9, 2009. The competition runs between 6:00 pm and 11:00 pm.

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- 11) Band Selection and Notification:

Finalists will be notified by October 4th, 2009 that they have been chosen to appear on stage at the Fair. The Youth Participation Committee will choose band finalists at the fair competition. The judges shall use criteria based on Vocal and Instrumental ability of band participants and the Band as a whole, Arrangement - difficulty of music selected, Originality; and Execution – ability to perform selected music with life and feeling.

- 12) Prizes:
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| First Place.....   | \$500 cash |
| Second Place.....  | \$250 cash |
| Third Place.....   | \$125      |
| Fourth Place.....  | \$75       |
| Fifth Place.....   | \$75       |
| Sixth Place.....   | \$75       |
| Seventh Place..... | \$75       |
| Eighth Place.....  | \$75       |

Local partners may provide additional prizes. These will be announced on the evening of the performance. Amounts may vary depending on number of entries.

- 13) Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show assumes no responsibility whatsoever for any damage or otherwise to any personal property, equipment, instruments, etc. used by or which is in control or ownership of the contestant.
- 14) One admission pass and one parking pass will be provided for each registered contestant. Lost or stolen tickets will not be re-issued.
- 15) Final participants will be advised of performance time limits and rules for set up and tear down when they are notified of their acceptance into the contest.
- 16) All selected bands are encouraged to attend an orientation on Sunday, October 4th, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the Recreation Centre Stage, where all rules and regulations, stage setups, etc. will be reviewed. If you are unable to attend, it is the responsibility of the band representative to make arrangements.
- 17) Bands selected will be required to have their identified spokesperson check in at the Recreation Centre prior to performance time.
- 18) These rules may be modified or changed at any time at the discretion of the Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show. Changes will be posted at [www.norfolkcountyfair.com](http://www.norfolkcountyfair.com).

By submitting materials to Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show, entrants agree to be bound by any entry rules as stated above. The undersigned agrees that if accepted to participate, they will comply with all policies, procedures and regulations included with this application, and agree to be bound by and comply with all those documents. The undersigned on the entry form understands that Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show staff and volunteers are responsible for making final decisions with regard to the event operations and agrees to abide by their decisions. It is further agreed that the undersigned on the entry form releases the Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show and any agents or representatives of these groups from any responsibility for theft, damage or loss.

