



BATTLE OF THE BANDS 2008

RULES

- 1. The competition is open to all ages.**
- 2. One or more of the band members must live, work or go to school within the Horsham District.**
- 3. Musicians with recording contracts or in professional bands cannot enter.**
- 4. Original bands must be prepared to take part in a heat at the Drill Hall in Denne Road, Horsham on any of the following dates - 14th, 28th September 6th, 19th, 26th October. Acoustic performers must be available to perform on 12th October at the Holbrook Club, North Heath Lane, Horsham. Covers bands must be available to perform on 9th November at the Holbrook Club.**
- 5. The final will take place on Horsham Carfax Bandstand 19:00 – 22:00 on Friday 31st October 2008. If the weather is bad the event will be switched to the Drill Hall in Denne Road.**
- 6. Two members from each band must be prepared to attend an event briefing in Park Barn, North Street, Horsham at 19:00 on Tuesday 9th September 2008.**
- 7. There must be no swearing, smoking or drinking on stage*. Any band member who appears to be worse for drink or under the influence of drugs will not be allowed to perform. Please also refrain from directing the audience or inciting violence.**
- 8. Nothing must be thrown from the stage, this includes yourselves.**
- 9. Bands must stick to their allocated playing time. This will be 20 minutes. You must be ready to go onstage as soon as the preceding band has finished and have 10 minutes set up time. If you overrun the set up time, your playing time will be reduced.**
- 10. Previous winners of the event will not be allowed to take part unless as an individual playing in a completely different band.**

11. Bands must decide whether they wish to enter the covers, originals or songwriters section of the competition. If your set is a mixture of covers and originals you will be prejudiced within the originals section because of the judging criteria.
 12. Bands playing original material will be judged on the basis of originality, stage presence, content, musicianship and audience reaction. The judges are aware that some bands bring larger followings than others! If bands play cover versions they will receive no points for originality.
 13. Bands can ask for a copy of judge's scores and comments to be sent to them after the event.
 14. The original section final will comprise of at least 6 bands. The winner from each heat is guaranteed a place in the final and the sixth band will be drawn by lot from all the 2nd placed bands in the heats, including those that tied for 2nd place. The running order for all heats and finals will be drawn by lot.
 15. The closing date for entries is 29th August 2008.
 16. The judge's decision is final.
- * *The 'no-swearing' rule has been relaxed for the Drill Hall heats only in that swear words are allowed as long as it is considered 'art' i.e. within the context (lyrics) of a song. For the Final in the Carfax Rule 7 applies in its entirety. Gratuitous foul language will obviously not be tolerated anywhere anytime.*