



Chautauqua's Brews & Bands Rules & Regulations

This is a competition on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Open Door Cafe (650 W. Main St., Wytheville, VA 24382) in Wytheville, VA between local bands for cash prizes and the chance to perform at the Chautauqua Festival. For more information and dates about the Chautauqua Festival, please www.wythe-arts.org. Bands must consist of at least two members, one of which plays an instrument throughout the majority of the performance. The entire performance must be live with no prerecorded music is allowed. Bands must submit the completed application form to "**Chautauqua's Brews & Bands**", PO Box 911, Wytheville, VA 24382 or by e-mail to wythevillefestival@yahoo.com by April 25, 2026. Photos, bios, etc. are welcomed but not necessary. Materials will not be returned.

All bands have 1 hour total to set up, perform and strike equipment. Timeslots will be assigned randomly beginning at 12:00pm. Bands must not exceed 1 hour. For every minute exceeding the 1-hour limit, the band will be penalized 5 points from their total score. Time slots begin at 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, & 4:00pm.

On the day of the performance, band members must be dressed in clothing free from obscenities, drugs, or any other subject matter not suitable for a family audience. Band name and lyrics of performance songs must not contain any obscenities. The entire performance must be violence-free and suitable for a family audience. Drugs are not permitted. If a band incites moshing or any other sort of violence in the crowd, the band will be disqualified and ejected from the event.

There will be a required band/ organizer meeting at 11:30 pm near the stage on the day of the show. Bands will meet the organizers in charge of the event who will introduce the performance area and go over last-minute announcements. Bands must report to the staging at their designated setup time and remain on site until the end of their performance. Finally, all bands or a band representative must be present at 5:30pm for the announcement of the winners. Any bands not present at the required times may be disqualified.

All competing bands are strongly encouraged to promote spreading the word of **Chautauqua's Brews & Bands** event and related festivities as crowd interaction and response will be part of the judging criteria.

JUDGING SCALE AND CRITERIA- A panel of judges (3) will score musicians using a point system. Criteria to be considered included on sample scorecard (separate attachment).

All bands agree to have their name, voice and /or likenesses used in any advertising or broadcasting material relating to this contest without any compensation or rights to royalties for such use. Band members must provide all musical instruments and equipment necessary for their performance. The sound system, sound technician and a static drum set will be supplied by **Chautauqua's Brews & Bands**. Band members are responsible for the security of their equipment and the event organizers cannot be held liable for any lost, damaged, or stolen property or equipment. Fires, pyrotechnics, fog machines, etc. are not allowed.

The Wythe Arts Council reserves the right to make changes to the Rules and Regulations of the contest as well as the final word in any disputes that should arise concerning the contest. All band members must sign the registration form acknowledging they have read and understand the rules as outlined in this document. All band members under the age of 18 are required to have a parent or guardian sign the document on their behalf as well.

Failure to comply with any contest rules may result in bands being disqualified.

Please send application and all other required materials to:

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