



Invitation for Bands to enter

THE 2009 BATTLE OF THE BANDS ENTERTAINMENT FESTIVAL

RULES

- Both Brass and Concert Bands will compete in a combined event.
- All grades welcome – there is no handicap system – the emphasis is on entertainment.
- Bands may play in only one heat.
- Preference will be given to bands located within the venue area.
- 30 minutes playing time per band (including on and off stage time) for each heat.
- Heat winners to advance to the Grand Final. If more than 5 bands play then a Runner Up may also be invited.
- Last year's winner will automatically qualify for the Grand Final.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Presentation and creative ability (atmosphere & visual impression).
- Selection of music (30%), Quality of performance (30%), Audience appeal (40%)
- The majority of music chosen within the program should be popular or well known to the audience and general public.
- Serious solo works are acceptable. Test pieces, symphonies and obscure works are not encouraged.
- Gimmicks, choreography and comedy are encouraged provided they add entertainment value to the performance.

PLAYERS and PERMIT PLAYERS

- No minimum or maximum number of players on stage.
- All players taking part must be registered members of the Band Association of NSW Inc (42 day rule does not apply).
- Four registered guest wind players will be allowed in each brass band with unlimited percussion permits.
- Six registered guest wind players will be allowed in each concert band with unlimited percussion permits.
- The use of guest permit players by participating bands is encouraged.
- All vocalists, instrumentalists, comedians or other featured acts must come from registered instrumentalists or permit players from within the band. No individual or group outside the band's membership such as independent dancers, pipers, violinists, vocalists etc. Are permitted to perform with the bands.
- Registered players from Bands within a particular organisation will be eligible to play for a Band from that organisation. Only one Band from the organisation will be permitted to enter.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ALL HEATS
SATURDAY, 10th October, 2009**

Why YOU Should Enter the Battle of the Bands.

BOB is a great end of year event which gives an opportunity for bands to develop their entertainment programs. The emphasis is on having fun, in the program preparation and the performance. We're really looking for programs suited to the General Public audience so as well as being a great opportunity to share ideas and see what other bands are playing in their every day concerts it's also a great event to invite all your friends and family to come see your band play at their best and most entertaining.

*****PLEASE ENTER NOW*****

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YES, Please include (Band name)
in the 2009 Battle of the Bands Festival heat listed below: (Please tick one only)

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| SOUTHERN | 8/11/09 Wollongong | _____ |
| HUNTER | 18/10/09 Toronto Workers Club | _____ |
| METROPOLITAN | 8/11/09 Padstow RSL Club | _____ |
| CENTRAL WEST | 7/11/09 Dubbo Civic Theatre | _____ |

Please tear off and send to:

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