

# Whiskey Roadhouse Battle of the Bands

## Show Format

1. The competition will take place within Whiskey Roadhouse at the Horseshoe Casino, 2701 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Council Bluffs, IA 51501.
2. The contest will be split into three (3) semi-final rounds and one (1) final round.
3. Each of the semi-final rounds will have four (4) bands competing to become a finalist.
4. The three (3) Finalists from the semi-final rounds will compete within the Final Round.
5. Bands will be randomly assigned a performance day and time for the competition to ensure fairness and equality of judging for all contestants.
6. The audience is age restricted to 21 years of age and older
7. Whiskey Roadhouse encourages the artists to bring their fans to be members of the audience. One of the judging areas is Crowd Reaction/Applause. Bring your fans!
8. Those allowed through the loading dock and Backstage will be limited to Band Members only.
9. Bands will play only original music and must be able to perform a minimum set of twenty (20) minutes. Pending the number of entrants, the minimum amount of time could be increased; however, it will not exceed forty-five (45) minutes.
10. Doors for the venue will open at 8:00 pm CST.
11. The first band will take stage at 9:00 pm CST.
12. The event will end pending the number of entries; however, this time will not exceed 1:00 am CST.
13. At the conclusion of the event, tabulation of scores will commence.

## Judging Process and Tabulation of Scores

1. Bands will be judged on a rubric at the conclusion of their session to ensure fair and equal judging of all contestants.
2. The judging panel will include four judges to be selected by Horseshoe Casino and Whiskey Roadhouse. At least one judge will have a musical background.
3. The four judging areas are as follows and will be scored on a scale of 1 to 10:
  - a. Cohesiveness – Does the band play and interact well together as a unified group?
  - b. Stage Presence/Appearance – Does the band appear comfortable on stage in front of the audience?
  - c. Talent – Are the artists technically successful with their instruments and/or voice?
  - d. Crowd Reaction/Applause – Did the band create positive reactions/applause from the audience?
4. A representative of Whiskey Roadhouse will collect the score cards from each judge at the conclusion of the band's set and secure them for tabulation.
5. Bands going over the maximum time limit, or stopping before the minimum time limit, will have ten (10) points deducted from their total score for every one (1) minute they go over or under the allotted times.
6. The band is solely responsible for the timing of their set, Whiskey Roadhouse and its representatives will not notify the band that they are over or under in time (note the exception in rule #8). However, a representative will keep track for scoring purposes.
7. A representative of Whiskey Roadhouse has the authority to remove the band from the stage due to any item(s) deemed inappropriate or unprofessional.
8. Whiskey Roadhouse and its representatives have the authority to place a hard stop and remove the band from the stage if the band goes over their allotted maximum time by five (5) or more minutes. If this action happens, the band will be disqualified from the contest.
9. One hundred sixty (160) maximum points are possible (forty (40) points from each judge).
10. In the event of a tie, the judges' score cards will be reviewed. The band with the highest score in the Talent category will be declared the winner of the tie.
11. At the conclusion of the event and tabulation of all scores, a member of Whiskey Roadhouse will announce the winner of the round from the stage.

## **Prizes and Awards**

1. All contestants within the semi-finals will be guaranteed one (1) paid performance within Whiskey Roadhouse during the 2019 entertainment schedule.
  - a. Payments to be commensurate with the typical first-time performer pay at Whiskey Roadhouse.
2. The three (3) Finalists will also be competing for cash prizes as follows:
  - a. First Place: \$2,000
  - b. Second Place: \$1,000
  - c. Third Place: \$750
3. No places will be awarded after the Third Place winner.
4. All Winners must have a complete W9 on file with Horseshoe Casino and Whiskey Roadhouse to receive their prize payout.
5. Prizes will be distributed in the form of a check written and distributed to the contact information provided on the W9.
6. Payments will be processed and mailed within 30 days of the event.

## **Equipment and Gear**

1. Whiskey Roadhouse and Horseshoe Casino will provide the following:
  - a. Audio production, including a mic package and FOH PA with a maximum of five (5) monitor mixes.
  - b. Lighting
  - c. Power
  - d. Drum kit (note: due to time set ups, all bands must use the drum kit provided)
2. The band is responsible for providing all other instruments and required amps.
3. Bands are required to submit a stage plot and input list when requested to do so by the Whiskey Roadhouse representative.
4. Bands will be assigned a specific sound check time on the day of their performance. If they do not show up during that time, they will waive their sound check slot and must perform without an official sound check, or withdraw from the competition.

## **General Terms and Conditions**

1. No purchase is necessary to participate in the contest.
2. All participants must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older.
3. Prizes are non-transferable and non-replaceable.
4. Employees of Harrah's and Horseshoe Casinos are not eligible to participate.
5. All applicable federal and state taxes are the sole responsibility of the winner.
6. The interpretation of rules and eligibility are the sole discretion of Caesar's Entertainment, Horseshoe Casino, Whiskey Roadhouse, and their representatives.
7. Horseshoe Casino and Whiskey Roadhouse reserves the right to modify this competition at any time, for any reason, subject to all applicable regulatory approval, provided that such modification shall not, as of the date of such modification, materially alter or change any participant's prize previously won.
8. A list with the winners' names, rules and any associated documents or electronic files (if applicable) will be retained for a minimum of thirty (30) days in order to resolve any disputes.
9. Participants cannot win more than once per iteration of this competition.
10. Winners must show their valid picture identification.
11. A complete list of winners will be posted at the conclusion of the event.
12. Participants must be present to win.
13. No band, band member, or any person affiliated with the band shall engage in, or encourage, any solicitation for votes or favorable scores from judges by offering prizes, gifts, products, services or any other type of incentive (monetary or non-monetary). Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification of the band and forfeiture of any and all prizes won.
14. Artists agree that their name, photo, and any information may be used for media and marketing efforts to include, but not limited to; direct mail, radio, TV, social media, and websites.