



Rules for Rivahfest Idol

All participants must be no younger than twelve (12) years of age and no older than eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the finals on June 20, 2009. Proof of age must be provided to the organizers before the finals. Proof of age includes, but is not limited to, birth certificate, school records, passport, or state or military issued identification cards.

The preliminaries will be held on Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30st at the Tappahannock Elementary School in Tappahannock, VA. Each participant must have a parent or legal guardian sign a release form before competing.

At the preliminaries, the participant will be asked to perform one song for up to 2 minutes. The song will be performed with no musical accompaniment. Three judges will rate each participant on a weighted scale on each of the following criteria: song selection, talent, star quality, and overall performance. Each judge will grade separately and will not base their judgments on the opinions of the other judges. The participant will not be informed of their score until after their performance. **ALL OF THE JUDGES' DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.**

The score sheet will be tabulated by an independent party. These individuals will be present during the performances. There are ten (10) slots available for the finals. Once all of the tabulations have been completed, and the finalists have been chosen, all participants will be called to be informed on the decision.

Finalists will perform at Rivahfest on the second stage in front of St. Margaret's Hall on Water Lane at 2:00pm. The finalist will be asked to perform one (1) song not to exceed 5 minutes in length. The finalist will provide musical accompaniment on tape or CD format. The finalist will have to provide RivahFest Idol with an instrumental copy of the song they wish to perform. The top two finalists will be asked to perform on the Main Stage at the intersection of Water Lane and Prince Street during the break of the main performance band, approximately 5:30pm. The finalist will not be allowed to "sing along" with vocals prior to June 20th. The officials reserve the right to reject any song if they believe that the subject material is deemed offensive.

The final decision to the winner of RivahFest Idol will be made by the judges as a group. **ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.** The winner will be announced at the conclusion of the event.

Any situations that occur that are not covered by the "Rules of Rivahfest Idol" will be made by the directors of Rivahfest Idol within thirty (30) minutes of the situation being brought to their attention. The directors have the final decision on all matters concerning this contest. All questions about the rules should be directed to Angela Jones at (804) 443-6015 at Riverside Tappahannock Hospital.

Any contestant found in violation of the rules will be disqualified.