

## Battle of the Bands Rules and Regulations

### Application Procedures:

1. Application forms will be available at all branches of Oshawa Public Libraries and at [www.oshawalibrary.on.ca](http://www.oshawalibrary.on.ca).
2. Applicants must submit their completed application forms along with a sound or video recording to any branch of Oshawa Public Libraries by 5:00 p.m. on February 26, 2010.
3. **Entries will be accepted for bands in three categories: Grades K-8; Grades 9-12 and Adults.**
4. Each band must consist of a minimum of three members and the majority of band members must be residents of Durham Region.
5. The Battle is open to all bands that have not yet been signed to a label.
6. Applicants may only enter and play with one band.
7. Applicants must attach a sound or video recording of an original song, no longer than 10 minutes in length, as well as a typed copy of that original song. **The typed song must indicate how offensive or obscene lyrics will be changed.**
8. Submitted audio and/or video recordings will not be returned.
9. The top three to five bands per age category will be selected by library staff to perform a set on March 27, 2010 (length of set to be determined).
10. All band members must be available to play on Saturday, March 27 between 10:00 am and 4:00pm at Oshawa Public Libraries, McLaughlin Branch, 65 Bagot Street, Oshawa to be eligible to enter.
11. Age categories will be determined by the ages of the majority of band members.
12. All applicants will be notified whether or not they will be in the Battle by March 5, 2010.
13. If chosen to perform in the Battle, applicants will provide lyrics to all songs being performed.

## **The Battle:**

1. The Battle of the Bands will be held at Oshawa Public Libraries (McLaughlin Branch), on Saturday, March 27, 2010.
2. All band members must be at the Battle one hour prior to their set time. Failure to arrive on time may result in **DISQUALIFICATION**.
3. **ABSOLUTELY NO** obscene or offensive lyrics will be allowed. Also, indecent or obscene body gestures will **NOT BE PERMITTED**. Any of the above will result in immediate **DISQUALIFICATION**.
4. Any participant who appears to be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any other controlled substance will result in immediate **DISQUALIFICATION**. In addition, the person in question will be asked to leave the premises for the remainder of the competition.
5. The Library will provide a P.A. system and drum kit. Participants must provide and transport their own equipment and be responsible for set-up and take-down. The Library is not responsible for lost or damaged equipment.
6. No background music or pre-recorded music will be permitted at the Battle.
7. Fires, pyrotechnics, fog machines, etc. are not allowed.
8. If a band incites moshing or any other sort of violence in the crowd, the band will be disqualified.
9. Bands are welcome to sell merchandise, however no designated Library staff or staff will be provided. The Library is not responsible for any transactions.
10. The winners will be decided by a panel of qualified judges, who will use a standardized criterion.
11. Winners will be announced after each age category. All decisions are final.
12. The Library reserves the right to use band names and video/sound footage from the Battle for advertising purposes.