

## **2016 Arena Bar & Grill Battle of the Bands**

**EVENT DATES:** THURSDAYS

October 13<sup>th</sup>, October 27<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
FINALE on December 15<sup>th</sup>

**PLACE:** Arena Bar & Grill

**START TIME:** 7pm (see page 3 for specific details)

**ENTRY FEE:** \$30.00 per band

**DEADLINE:** Until all 20 qualifying spots are booked or November 23<sup>rd</sup>

**PRIZES:** 1<sup>st</sup> place – Cash & Booked Gig, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – cash

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** 814-237-8833

**WHO MAY ENTER:**

1. All band members must be at least 18 years old. Bands must let the Arena know if they have any members who are not 21 or older. If a majority of the band is under 21, they may be asked to play in an earlier time slot.
2. Bands may be as small as one person. The only requirement is that at least one person in each band must play an instrument.

**SCHEDULE:**

1. The Arena will begin screening bands as soon as the bands submit their paperwork and demos.
2. Five bands will perform each night for 4 weeks, with one winner per week. The finale will feature the six weekly winners.
3. The finale will take place Dec. 15. The winner and runner-ups will be announced that evening.
4. Bands will be allowed to submit a preferred date for their performance, and accommodations for those dates will be made on a first come, first served basis.
5. All band members must be present at least 30 minutes before the band's start time. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

**REGISTRATION & PAYMENT:**

1. Each band must fill out a resitration form and send a one-song demo (audio or video link) to [kara.hammond@northlandbowl.com](mailto:kara.hammond@northlandbowl.com). Along with the demo, please include a 150-word bio and a band photo.
2. Each band must all pay a non-refundable \$30 entry fee, which covers the cost of the PA and sound technician. Please pay this fee in person at The Arena Bar & Grill prior to your performance date.
3. The first 20 bands to apply and pass the screening process will compete. No bands will be accepted once all 20 slots are filled.

## **SCORING AND JUDGING:**

1. The final score of each round will be a combination of the judges' scores and the audience's voting.
2. Audience voting: Each paying member of the audience received a ballot. The audience member will circle the name of the band for whom they're voting. Each band will receive a share of 50 points based on the percentage of audience votes received. Percentages will be rounded down to the nearest whole number. Popular votes may be cast from 11:15pm to midnight.
3. Judges' scoring: Judges will award 10 points for musicianship, 5 points for visual presentation, 5 points for professionalism, 10 points for audience response and 20 points for overall entertainment value, for a total of 50 points.
4. Ties will be broken in the following order: higher overall entertainment value score; higher musicianship score; higher audience response score; higher visual presentation score; higher professionalism score. In the extremely unlikely event that the bands are still tied, the judges will toss a coin.
5. All scores will be tabulated the next day. Rankings will be posted at <http://thearenabarandgrill.com>

## **BAND PERSONNEL:**

1. Only people listed on each band's registration form may perform. If there's a lineup change between registration and performance, you must email that change to [kara.hammond@northlandbowl.com](mailto:kara.hammond@northlandbowl.com) at least one week before the performance.
2. Only registered band members will be admitted free of charge.

## **EQUIPMENT:**

1. Each band must provide their own instruments. The Arena will provide a PA system and sound technician.
2. Each band will have one hour to set up, perform and tear down. Going over that hour will result in a loss of points from a band's professionalism score.
3. Bands are responsible for equipment loss or damage, whether done to their own or the Arena's or another's band equipment.
4. Bands may sell merchandise before and after their time slot. A merch table will be provided.

## **GENERAL RULES AND PRIZES:**

1. All participants must be courteous and respectful of other participants, audience members, judges, and staff. Failure to be respectful could result in loss of points or disqualification.
2. No overly explicit lyrics. Violations will result in immediate disqualification.
3. The Arena reserves the right to stop any band's performance for violation of these rules.
4. Judges' decisions are final.
5. Cash prizes will be based on door sales from the \$5 cover charged to the public each week for the Battle of the Bands.
6. The grand prize winner will be booked for a Friday or Saturday night show at The Arena. Tickets for that show will be \$5 per person, and the band will be paid based on door sales.

## **JUDGING CRITERIA:**

- **Musicianship** 10 points
- **Visual Presentation** 5 points
- **Professionalism** 5 points
- **Audience Response** 10 points
- **Overall Entertainment Value** 20 points

## **PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES:**

**THURSDAYS:**  
October 13<sup>th</sup>  
October 27<sup>th</sup>  
November 10<sup>th</sup>  
December 1<sup>st</sup>

1st Band: 7p-8p  
2nd Band: 8p-9p  
3rd Band: 9p-10p  
4th Band: 10p-11p  
5th Band: 11p-midnight

### **FINALE on December 15<sup>th</sup>**

1st Band: 7p-8:30p  
2nd Band: 8:30p-10p  
3rd Band: 10p-11:30p  
4th Band: 11:30p-1a