

## 2018 Arena Bar & Grill Battle of the Bands

**EVENT DATES:** Fridays  
March 2, March 9<sup>th</sup>, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup>  
April 6<sup>th</sup>,  
Saturday – April 13<sup>th</sup> - **FINALE**

**PLACE:** Arena Bar & Grill  
**START TIME:** 8 pm (see page 3 for specific details)  
**ENTRY FEE:** No Entry Fee  
**DEADLINE:** Until all qualifying spots are booked  
**PRIZES:** 1<sup>st</sup> place - Cash & Booked Gig  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Cash  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Cash

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Arena: 814-237-8833 Darlene: 814-424-8811

### **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. Four bands will perform each night for 5 weeks, with one winner per week. The finale will feature the 5 weekly winners.
3. The finale will take place Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>. 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:**

1. Each band must fill out a registration form and send a one-song demo (audio or video link) to [hddrums@gmail.com](mailto:hddrums@gmail.com). Along with the demo, please include a 150-word bio and a band photo.
2. The first 15 bands to apply and pass the screening process will compete. No bands will be accepted once all 15 slots are filled.

## SCORING AND JUDGING:

1. **The final score of each round will be a combination of the judge's scores.**
2. **Audience participation:** The Judges will observe the audience reaction to each band as part of their voting. It's important to invite your friends.
3. **Judges' scoring:**
  - 20 points for Musicianship
  - 10 points for Visual presentation
  - 10 points for Professionalism
  - 20 points for Audience response
  - 40 points for OVERALL entertainment value

**Total of 100 points**
3. **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.*
4. **Finale Winners:**
  - We will announce the winners at the end of that night.
  - Otherwise 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 [hddrums@gmail.com](mailto:hddrums@gmail.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. Please let us know ahead of time and if you need electric.

## **MERCHANISE TABLES:**

Bands are allowed to bring merchandise to sell.

You must let us know when you submit your application if you want a table and need electric. There is a place on the application for this.

- If you have a Merch Person do not forget to include them on your application.

## **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 of 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** 20 points
- **Visual Presentation** 10 points
- **Professionalism** 10 points
- **Audience Response** 20 points
- **Overall Entertainment Value** 40 points

## **PERFORMANCE DATES & TIMES:**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> Fridays**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> Friday**

**April 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday- *Grand Finale (all winners from the past 5 weeks return)***

### **Fridays**

1<sup>st</sup> Band 8p - 9p

2<sup>nd</sup> Band 9p - 10p

3<sup>rd</sup> Band 10p - 11p

4<sup>th</sup> Band 11p - 12 p

### **SATURAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> GRAND FINALE**

1<sup>st</sup> Band 7p - 8p

2<sup>nd</sup> Band 8p - 9p

3<sup>rd</sup> Band 9p - 10p

4<sup>th</sup> Band 10p - 11p

5<sup>th</sup> Band 11p - 12 p