



State College Singing Sensation 2019 Rules

- 1) With the exception of the first 4 weeks of preliminary rounds ***all contestants will be expected to perform every week until eliminated.*** Failure to arrive on time (based on performance slot) or missing a scheduled night will result in the contestant's elimination and they will not be eligible for the Judges' save.
- 2) Judges will have one save for State College Singing Sensation 2019. The save will allow the judges to bring back one eliminated contestant on or before the Nov. 20th Semi-Final round. The save will occur on a week to week basis, meaning once a new week begins previously eliminated contestants are no longer eligible to be saved. The Judges' save must be unanimous amongst all 3 judges. The Judges' save does not have to be used and if it is not used by the Nov. 20th Semi-Final round it becomes null and void. The judges save will not affect the number of people eliminated the following week.
- 3) All song selections for the Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals and Finals must be submitted no later than 3 p.m. on the *Monday before the competition.* All song selections are also first come, first serve and are final after the 3 p.m. deadline on Monday. This means contestants may not change their song choice(s) after the deadline.
- 4) All song selections must be confirmed through the DJ, Ricky LaPean, by the contestant, before the submission deadline. This includes song versions and song availability. Contestants should plan ahead as if they will be moving forward in the competition each week.
- 5) Instruments will not be allowed this year for the competition; however, props and/or people may be permitted at the request of the Arena Bar & Grill. State College Singing Sensation is first and foremost a karaoke competition.
- 6) No two contestants can sing the same song on the same night and no one contestant may repeat a song they have already sung in the competition once quarterfinals begin.
- 7) In the event of a tie, the contestant with the higher singing ability score will be deemed the winner. If there still remains a tie, there will be a sing-off between the involved parties the following week before the competition begins. Contestants will be allowed to repeat a song choice for tiebreakers. This will ensure that no one contestant sings more new songs than another if they so choose. Tiebreakers that occur during the finale will take place that night before any results are revealed.
- 8) Total points will be based on 3 judges selected by the Arena Bar & Grill.
- 9) There will be no penalties for contestants that read the karaoke words from the screen; however, there will be opportunity to receive more points for the contestant's stage performance score that do not have to rely on reading the words because they will be able to interact with the audience more.
- 10) Contestants will be allowed to adjust the pitch of their song.
- 11) Rules and regulations are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Arena Bar & Grill. All contestants will be informed of any and all rule changes immediately via email.

Preliminary Round

- Will be held August 28th, September 4th, 11th and 18th
- There will be 40 contestants moving forward to the Quarterfinals at the end of this leg of the competition.
- Judging will be done on overall vocal ability and stage performance with a combined maximum score of 25 points from each judge, equaling 75 points total. Contestants with the most combined points from all 4 weeks overall will advance.
- Contestants may only perform one week at this level.
- In the event that a contestant cannot fulfill their commitment to move on during this leg of the competition the contestant next in line to move forward based on their score will take their spot.

Quarterfinals

- Will be held September 25th (40 contestants), October 2nd (35 contestants), October 9th (30 contestants) and October 16th (25 contestants)
- Each week 5 contestants will be eliminated leaving 20 remaining contestants after the October 16th competition advancing to the Semi-finals.
- Each contestant will be expected to sing one song but have a second song prepared for a tiebreaker round if needed.
- Judging will be done on overall vocal ability and stage performance with a combined maximum score of 30 points from each judge, equaling 90 points total.
- In the event that a contestant cannot fulfill their commitment to move on during this leg of the competition the contestant next in line to move forward based on their score will take their spot.

Semi-Finals

- Will be held October 23rd (20 contestants), November 6th (17 contestants), November 13th (14 contestants) and November 20th (11 contestants)
- Each week 3 contestants will be eliminated, leaving only 8 remaining contestants after the November 20th competition advancing to the Finals. **No competition October 30th or November 27th.**
- Each contestant will be expected to sing two songs from genres and/or artists for each round selected by the Arena bar & Grill that will be announced before the first Quarterfinals week. Contestants will be expected to have a third song prepared for a tiebreaker round if needed.
- Judging will be done on vocal ability, vocal expression and stage performance with a combined maximum score of 50 points from each judge, equaling 150 points total.
- In the event that a contestant cannot fulfill their commitment to move on during this leg of the competition the contestant will be eliminated, and no contestant will be taking their place.

Finals

- Will be held December 4th & December 11th
- 8 Finalists will be required to provide a list of 6 songs.
- The first week of finals all but five will be eliminated after a two-round series. Songs will be from two themes to be determined by the Arena Bar & Grill and announced before the first week of the Semi-finals.
- The last week contestants will be judged on a three-round series. The first round the finalists will choose their favorite song they sang during the 2019 State College Singing Sensation contest. The second round will be a song chose by the judges based on the contestant's submitted list of 6 songs. The final song will be a new song chosen by the contestant that they have not already sang this year.
- In the event of a tie the contestants will be asked to sing a song off the remaining songs on their list of 6.
- Judging will be done on opening/song choice, technical, vocal expression, stage presence and overall performance with a combined maximum score of 80 points from each judge, equaling 240 points total.
- Only three will walk away winners 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.