

# BATTLE *of the* BANDS

## APPLICATION & OFFICIAL RULES

Presented by the Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau

In partnership with the Stroede Center for the Arts

Band Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Band's Website/Social Media: \_\_\_\_\_

Where is your band from (City & County)? \_\_\_\_\_  
(See official rule #3 for eligibility)

When was your band established (year)? \_\_\_\_\_

Genre of music? \_\_\_\_\_

List of Band Members (First & Last name) and what instruments they play:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Bands chosen to perform in Round 1 will all receive a t-shirt.

*I understand this application is not a binding agreement and my band may or may not be selected to perform in the Battle of the Bands competition.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By signing, I grant the Battle of the Bands committee the rights to use band name, voice & audio, image of physical likeness, biographical material, contact information, and any other information on the DDVB/Stroede Center for the Arts website and/or social media sources, and any other multimedia application.

**Applications must be received by March 15, 2024.**

Submit completed applications, including all demos to Kirstie Mack or Lori Hagerman at Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau; 325 Clinton Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512 or [marketing@visitdefianceohio.com](mailto:marketing@visitdefianceohio.com)

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1. Bands must submit a completed application form accompanied by a CD Demo or web link including video (strongly encouraged) of your music, and a high resolution photo of your band to be considered. The 2023 Battle of the Bands 1st place winner is not eligible to participate for 2024.
  2. A non-refundable application fee of \$50 is required with application.
  3. Only bands from Defiance County, Williams County, Fulton County, Henry County, Paulding County, and Putnam County may apply. One band member must reside in one of the listed counties to be considered.
  4. Bands must have a minimum of 3 musicians, not including the vocalist who does not play an instrument. Band members who perform at the Battle of the Bands competition are also required to be present and perform at the Defiance RibFest.
  5. All performances must be live. No recorded soundtracks will be permitted.
  6. Audio technician, sound, back line (to include drum kit, 2 guitar amps, 1 bass amp, keyboard, up to 4 microphones, and 2 DI boxes) will all be provided for you. No personal microphones or outside audio technicians will be allowed.
  7. Competition dates for applicants are as follows:
    - **Round 1** — April 20, 2024, at Stroede Center for the Arts, 319 Wayne Avenue, Defiance, OH 43512. Maximum 20 bands will be chosen to battle. Top 10 bands will be chosen to move onto Round 2.
      - Performances should not last more than 10 minutes. Exceeding 10 minutes will result in scoring deductions. A performance clock will be provided.
    - **Round 2** — July 11, 2024, at Kingsbury Park, Defiance, Ohio (outdoor venue). Top 10 bands from Round 1 will battle. Three winning bands will be announced at the end of Round 2. These bands will be the winners of Battle of the Bands!
    - **Round 3** — The 3 winning bands will play on the Main Stage at the 2024 Defiance Rib Fest set for Saturday, September 28, 2024.
      - Prize Winnings (plus Rib Fest contract amount)
        - 1st Place Band—\$1,500 (\$2,000)
        - 2nd Place Band—\$1,125 (\$1,500)
        - 3rd Place Band—\$750 (\$1,000)
- \*\*By submitting the application you are committing to perform if chosen.
8. Bands signed by any national label are not eligible.
  9. All music genres are welcome.
  10. Bands will be judged by a panel of judges on technical performance, professionalism, stage presence, vocals, audience engagement, and musicianship.
  11. Battle of the Bands committee has the right to reject any application for any reason.
  12. No explicit lyrics or inappropriate behavior will be tolerated. Performances and song lyrics must be appropriate for family audiences and community events.
  13. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by March 29, 2024.

**Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2024.**

