

## The 406 Voice Rules and Regulations

1. Become 21 years of age on or before April 4th, 2018. Local, State and Federal laws supersede these rules where persons under the age of 21 are prohibited to enter businesses or locations governed by Local, State or Federal laws.
2. Persons who entertain vocally are not allowed to compete. Including those that belong to any professional organization connected with the entertainment industry including singing in a band. This is strictly an amateur event.
3. Any person may enter the contest that belongs to an Organized Labor Union connected with the entertainment industry, as long as that person is not disqualified by rule number 2.
4. Contestants MAY NOT utilize live props. This will include back-up singers, dancers or animals. Non-human props such as costumes and other accessories are permitted. Musical instruments may be used as props, but are not allowed as an accompaniment to the contestants' performance. Such musical instruments must be hand carried. Larger instruments/ props that utilize the aid of others to bring them on stage, or are difficult to handle will NOT be permitted. An example of this type of instrument is a piano, harp, etc. Any prop used by a contestant must be carried on stage or into the stage area by the contestant, and must be completed in one trip onto or into the stage area. The non-use of live props will include the passing of flowers or other items to anyone, touching hands of an audience member or any other similar act.
5. Contestants may not use their own discs and must use venues discs. THE 406 VOICE will do our best to acquire any song needed.
6. Song time limit is about 6 minutes. Songs going over the 6 minute time limit are subject be cut off. Judges will be instructed to not to deduct points due to a song being cut off.
7. Contestants may sing the same song as another contestant.
8. **Songs containing vulgar or explicit sex lyrics will not be allowed. Contestants who, during their performance, use vulgar lyrics or perform in an obscene manner will be disqualified from any THE 406 VOICE competition.**
9. On qualifying nights contestants will sing one judged song. If at the end of the first judged song there is a tie, the contestants, who are tied, will sing another judged song. Contestants are not allowed to repeat the song used for the first judged song. Should this method not break the tie, the judges will collaborate between each other and decide a winner. The winner moves on to the finals May 12th,2018 at The Flathead inn and Suites Grand Ballroom.
10. A contestant may enter as many preliminary contests at different venues as desired in an attempt to qualify for a place in the finals. Once a contestant has qualified at a participating venue, that contestant MAY NOT enter another preliminary contest.
11. Contestants, their family or associates are not allowed to have contact with a contest judge before or during any contest connected with THE 406 VOICE. Contact includes verbal conversations and handshakes. Badges will be provided to judges to prevent contestants from approaching judges. This rule applies only before and during the time contestants are performing. It is not reasonable to expect contestants; their family or associates from having contact with a judge directly after all contestants have performed. Breaks for judges during a contest shall be considered the same as time during a contestant performance and judges are off limits for conversation or any other contact.
12. Contestants, their family or associates who exhibit offensive behavior during any portion of the contest will disqualify that contestant from further competition. Offensive behavior includes poor sportsmanship, bad manners, and lack of decorum. If the contestant, their family or associates exhibit offensive behavior after the contestant has competed, and such behavior in the host establishment, even after the winners are announced, that contestants score will be nullified. If the contestant whose score has been nullified is a winning contestant, the next contestant in scoring position shall be the winner.

13. The order in which each contestant competes shall be determined by random drawing.

At the qualifying and finals 12 Contestants will be scored using a 50 point system:

Vocal Ability (rhythm/pitch/phrasing) 1-20 points

Stage Presence (movement/confidence/command) 1-10 points

Appearance (costume/attire) 1-10 points

Audience Response 1-10

14. Decisions of the judges are final. No arguing with judges is allowed. Any contestant, their family or associates who argue with a judge or may be deemed to be using offensive behavior may cause the contestant to be disqualified from competition.

15. Clubs/Venues shall post in a conspicuous place, the final scores of all contestants of a qualifying competition. All contestants during the qualifying portion of the contest are entitled to know their individual score only.

16. Complaints may be directed in a dignified manner to the contest host. If the host is unable to satisfy the complaint, the host will furnish the complainant the proper address to lodge a formal complaint. Should the complaint need immediate assistance, such as possible disqualification of a contestant, the host will furnish the proper telephone number to lodge a complaint.

17. Any person who judges a THE 406 VOICE contest at any level of the contest is deemed ineligible to participate as a contestant for that year.

18. No KJ/KJ assistant/Club owner/Venue owner/Venue lessee/their family or any other individual connected directly with THE 406 VOICE contest may enter at any venue.

19. FAMILY is defined as: Specific group of people that may be made up of partners, Children, Parents, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins or Grandparents.

20. Contest site definitions: The Rainbow Bar Kalispell, The VFW Whitefish and The Spinnaker in Lakeside

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