

# **Ontario Fire Fighter Local 1430 St. Patrick's Day Karaoke Contest Rules and Guidelines**

1. The contest is open to amateur singers only. Professional singers are ineligible to participate.
2. This is a Karaoke contest. Performers are not allowed to play an instrument during their performance.
3. All participants must fill out registration information prior to performing.
4. Contestants must be at least 8 years old. Contestants between 8 and 18 must have a parent or adult guardian present at all times including registration. Be good parents, please.
5. Duets are allowed and are treated as one contestant.
6. Contestants will be selected to perform on a first come, first served basis.
7. All selected contestants shall pay an entry fee of \$20 by cash or major credit card prior to any performance.
8. Certain sponsors will receive one or more prepaid passes to participate in the contest. Sponsor contestants still must fill out a registration form and will be selected on a first come, first selected basis.
9. If you are not selected to perform in one time block, you will be able to be "advanced" to the next time block of performances as available.
10. Each participant must make their musical selection from menu of songs available at the event. Contestants are not allowed to bring in their own music. The KJ will have hundreds of titles available.
11. Contestants may sing the same song as another contestant.
12. Contests are these music categories: 1. Country/Western/Pop/Rock/Rhythm & Blues/Soul/Broadway. No Rap or Hip Hop.
13. 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 and may be asked to leave the Karaoke zone.
14. Contestants, their family or associates who exhibit offensive behavior during any portion of the contest will disqualify that contestant from further competition. If the contestant, their family or associates exhibit offensive behavior after the contestant has competed, and such behavior is in the host establishment, even after the winners are announced, that contestant's 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. If there is a tie for the next in line, the winner shall be decided by a toss of a coin.
15. The order in which each contestant competes shall be determined by random drawing.
16. Each contestant will be judged on a 100 point system. Judging criteria will be on:
  - a. Vocal ability: **40 Points**.
    - i. How well does the singer sing?
  - b. Song knowledge and timing: **10 Points**.
    - i. Did the singer know the words or glued to the monitor?
    - ii. Were the words sung at the right time?
  - c. Audience Interaction: **10 Points**
    - i. Did the singer sing to the audience?
    - ii. Was the singer able to get the audience into his or her performance?
  - d. Stage presence: **25 Points**.
    - i. Is the singer comfortable performing?
    - ii. Did he/she move, dance, etc?
  - e. Appearance: **10 Points**.
    - i. Did the singer dress for the song?
    - ii. Does the singer look like a winner?
  - f. Song Selection: **5 Points**.
    - i. Was this a good song selection for the singer?

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17. Qualification rounds will take place during the following time periods:
  - a. Block One 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM – one qualifier, one runner up
  - b. Block Two 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM – one qualifier, one runner up
  - c. Block Three 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM – one qualifier, one runner up
  - d. Block Four 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM – one qualifier, one runner up
  - e. Block Five 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM – one qualifier, one runner up
  - f. Block Six 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM – one qualifier, one runner up
18. There will be a maximum of 12 contestants per qualification rounds except during Block 3, where we will do as many as we can.
19. The finals round will begin competition at 8:30 PM.
20. All preliminary round winners must register no later than 8:15PM with the KJ to participate in the finals. There will be no exceptions. If you're late, you're out.
21. In the event a qualification round winner is not present at the finals, the runner up will be eligible to perform in place of the winner.
22. In the event of a tie in qualifying rounds, the KJ will make the decision
23. In the event of a tie in the finals, a sing off will take place to determine first and second place.
24. It is possible, that a contestant will perform three songs (qualifying, final, tiebreaker). It is up to the contestant to sing same song or vary selections.
25. Decisions of the judges are final. No arguing with judges is allowed. Any contestant, their family or associates who argue with a judge may be deemed to be using offensive behavior and the contestant may be disqualified from competition.
26. The decision of the judges is final. Don't take this event or yourself too seriously.
27. Winners will receive prizes as follows:
  - (a.) First place: \$100 (b.) Second place: \$ 75 (c.) Third Place: \$ 25
28. This is a fundraiser. Please note the first three letters: FUN. Have some.
29. Your picture may be taken during the contest. You acknowledge this fact and here
30. I hereby give the Steven's Hope for Children, the right and permission to copyright and/or use, publish, and reuse and republish photographic pictures or portraits made of me without compensation, for the purpose of advertising and promotion of Steven's Hope for Children.
31. I hereby release and discharge the agency, its clientele, the photographer, representatives, assigns, employees, or any person or persons, corporation or corporations, acting under the permission of the agency, including any firm publishing or distributing the finished product relating to claims I might have in the advertising or any photographs used. I hereby waive any right to approve the finished photograph or any copy, which might be used in conjunction with the finished photograph.
32. I hereby warrant that I am under/over twenty-one years of age, and am competent to contract in my own name.
33. I understand that Steven's Hope for Children will not be liable for any acts, injury or damage done to any person or property by me while at this event. Further, I will hold Steven's Hope for Children harmless on any acts, injury or damage to me or my property while at this event.

By my signature below I acknowledge that I have read and agree to all the terms and conditions as stated above.

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_