

Ultimate DJ and Karaoke Contest Rules*

1st Place **\$1,000 Cash**, 2nd Place **\$750 Cash**, 3rd Place **\$500 Cash**

The top five contestants also each receive one hour of professional studio recording time

Weekly Prizes

Each bar that participates in our contest series will award weekly prizes. These prizes will vary from bar to bar and range from a free drink to T-shirts, hats or gift certificates.

Karaoke Contest Rules

This will be a 16 week contest, consisting of ten to twelve weeks of qualifying rounds followed by a semi-final round and then a contest final during week 16. The semi-finals will all be held at the qualifying bar on each subsequent qualifying day.

The contest starts Jan. 15th and ends on a date yet to be determined. The semi-finals will be held during a time that will be announced at a future date. The finals will be held at Harrah's North Kansas City Facility in The Voodoo Lounge. The exact start time and date of the finals has yet to be determined, but all finalists will be notified in advance.

Once a person wins one of the qualifying contests, he or she advances to the semi-finals. You can win a qualifying round at any of the bars that are participating in the contest, however you can only win one semi-final. A wild card drawing the night of the semi-finals will add one additional contestant to the original finalists. This gives contestants a minimum of nine opportunities to compete in the final round. There will also be an additional opportunity as there is a wild card drawing at the finals at Harrah's.

To have a valid qualifying round contest, there must be at least 4 contestants. Each qualifying round will be limited to eight participants. Sign-ups will be on a first come first served basis. The sign-up sheet will not be put out until the normal start time for karaoke that night.

Singers may bring their own discs, but you must bring a disc in good condition for the computer to read them. Please make sure your song is not already in our music library. We cannot guarantee that your disc will play correctly.

Scoring will be based upon a 100 point system as follows:

10 Points for being a regular patron

Regular patrons will receive an automatic ten points to their scores. This is to reward regulars and to level the playing field with "Contest Sharks" who only show up to win and are never seen again. A regular is a patron who has been to the bar on a regular basis before the contest period starts. The KJ and the Bartender will determine who is a regular.

If you have never been to the bar before the karaoke contest started you will be awarded one point for each night you have been to karaoke during the contest. For example the second week you compete you will receive 1 point, the 3rd week you get 2 points.

50 Points for Vocal Ability

This is the combination of tonal quality, articulation, clarity, emotion, or anything that goes into pure singing ability. OVERSINGING is a reduction of points.

5 Points for Audience Interaction

Did the singer sing to the audience? Was the singer able to get the audience into his or her performance?

5 Points for Song Knowledge and Timing

Was the singer glued to the lyrics monitor? Are the words sung at the correct time? Were they the correct lyrics? This does leave some interpretation for ad-libbing within reason.

5 Points for Stage Presence

Is the singer comfortable performing? Did he or she move, dance etc.?

5 Points for Appearance

Did the singer dress like he or she is a winner?

5 Points for Song Selection

Does the song fit the singers vocal range and ability.

15 Points for Audience Reaction

This represents applause and positive audience reaction to the singer's performance.

Tie Breaker

In the event of a tie, there will be a sing-off to break the tie.

Contest rotation selection

Names will be randomly drawn to determine the singer's rotation for qualifying rounds and the final round.

Who can participate?

This is a singing contest open to all skill ranges. Contestants must be 21 years old.

Employees of the bar will not be allowed to compete. Bar employees can compete at other venues though.

Employees of Ultimate DJ and Karaoke and anyone working one of our regular karaoke shows during the contest period will not be allowed to compete.

Relatives (immediate family) of the bar owners will not be allowed to compete.

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Boyfriends or girlfriends of the KJ or bar owners will not be allowed to compete.

Duets

Duets are not allowed.

Judging

Judging for qualifying rounds will be done by patrons in the audience who are unbiased toward participants in the contest.

Judges for the finals will be selected by owners of the bar and the karaoke company. Judges will be selected that have a professional knowledge of music. Professional singers, professional band members, music teachers, vocal coaches, recording engineers, etc.

*These rules are subject to change