

Ultimate DJ and Karaoke Contest Rules*

1st Place **\$1,000 Cash**, 2nd Place **\$750 Cash**, 3rd Place **\$500 Cash**, 1st – 5th Place receive **1 hour of 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 an 18 week contest, consisting of twelve to fourteen weeks of qualifying rounds followed by 3 weeks of semi-finals and then a contest final during week 18. The semi-finals will all be held at the qualifying bar.

The contest qualifying rounds starts Jan. 19th and end April 18th. The semi-finals will be on the 13th through 16th week of the contest and the finals will be held at Harrah's North Kansas City Facility on Sunday May 24th. The exact start time 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. 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 110 point system.

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

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? Correct Lyrics?

10 Points for Stage Presence

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

5 Points for Appearance

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

10 Points for Song Selection

Does the song fit the singers vocal range and ability.

15 Points for Audience Reaction

Applause

Tie Breaker

In the event of a tie, there will be a sing-off to break the tie. If a winner can't be determined after 2 sing-offs for any place the two will tie and split the money for both places.

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 in the bar they work. Bar employees can compete at other venues though.

Employees of Ultimate DJ and Karaoke 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