



## *Rules for 2016 RivahFest Idol*

### **PRELIMINARIES**

All participants must be no younger than twelve (12) years of age and no older than eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the finals on June 18, 2016. **Participants must register by 4pm on April 27, 2016.** The preliminaries will be held on Monday, May 2nd and Monday, May 9th at River Fitness at 1025 Hobbs Hole Drive, Tappahannock VA 22560. Preliminary time slots are filled on a first come first serve basis. **Each participant must have a parent or legal guardian sign a release form before competing. Proof of age must be provided to the organizers at your preliminary.** Proof of age includes, but is not limited to, birth certificate, school records, passport, or state or military issued identification cards. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your audition time to hand in your release form and proof of age. Previous RivahFest Idol Grand Prize Winners are ineligible to participate.

At the preliminaries, the participant will perform one song without musical accompaniment for up to 2 minutes. Only the participant, judges and timer will be allowed in the room for the preliminary performance. Three judges will rate each participant on a weighted scale on each of the following criteria: song selection, talent, and overall performance. **ALL OF THE JUDGES' DECISIONS WILL BE FINAL.**

Here are a few suggestions to prepare for your preliminary....

1. Practice at home in front of your family without the music.
2. Learn all the words.
3. Sing recognizable songs.
4. Relax and enjoy yourself, the judges are on YOUR side!

There are ten (10) slots available for the finals. The 10 participants with the highest score will be declared finalists. In case of a tie, the judges will collaborate and break the tie. Finalists will be notified by email and telephone. Final participants will also be announced on the RivahFest Website, on 105.5 WRAR and 107.5 WNNT.

### **THE FINALS**

The finalists will perform one (1) song with musical accompaniment not to exceed 4 minutes in length. The finalist must provide RivahFest Idol **by June 1, 2016** with an instrumental copy of the song they wish to perform and the lyrics. Submit only one song and label it with the Finalist name, title of the song and artist. An mp3 file of the music and typed lyrics can be sent to [terry@realradio804.com](mailto:terry@realradio804.com) or mail labeled CD of music and typed lyrics to Real Media, Inc. Attn: Terry Brooks, PO Box 1023, Tappahannock VA 22560. The officials reserve the right to reject any song if they believe that the subject material is deemed offensive.

Please note that the RivahFest grounds are closed to vehicular traffic. You will need to park near Tappahannock Elementary School or somewhere a few blocks from the venue. See details about RivahFest at [www.rivahfest.com](http://www.rivahfest.com)

Finalists will perform at RivahFest in Tappahannock on Sat., June 18, 2016 on the Main Stage on Prince Street at 11am. The order of performances is selected by random drawing. Please arrive at the WRAR/WNNT tent site at 156 Prince Street, Tappahannock **by 10:30am**. The final decision of the winner of RivahFest Idol will be made by the judges as a group. **ALL DECISIONS MADE BY THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.** The winner will be announced during the first break of the first band performance which follows the RivahFest Idol competition. The winner and runner up will need to remain for an encore presentation between the first two bands performing. Finalists are required to be present for the award presentations and to perform the encore presentation if they are selected as the winner or runner up.

Decisions made on any situation that occurs that is not covered by the "Rules of RivahFest Idol" will be made by the directors of RivahFest Idol within thirty (30) minutes of the situation being brought to their attention. The directors have the final decision on all matters concerning this contest. All questions about the rules should be directed to Terry Brooks at (804) 443-4321 at WRAR/WNNT.

Any contestant found in violation of the rules will be disqualified.