



Mega Karaoke Rules and Guidelines

A. Eligibility:

1. The contest is open to all SOFA status personnel and their dependents. Contestants must be at least 18 years of age to enter the contest.
2. There is no cost to register for the contest. Signups begin one (1) hour prior to contest and are on a first come, first serve basis. To keep the length of the contest reasonable, the number of acts is limited to 20 per weekly preliminary event. The competition begins at 2000 hours, except Kinser Surfside which begins at 2100 hours.
3. MCCS Food and Beverage, Entertainment, & Marketing Employees are not eligible for the contest.
4. Previous winners may enter the contest.

B. Song Selection

1. Contestants must choose their songs from the DJ's available selection.
2. Any two or more contestants may sing the same song during the competition.
3. The order of competitors will be chosen by a blind draw by the Host.
4. If the contestants are singing as a duet, they will be judged as one act and are required to share any prizes that are won. Both must be present at the finals in order to qualify.

C. Judging

1. Contestants, their family members and their associates may NOT interfere with the judging process or the judges at any time during the competition. If interference is present, the contestant will be disqualified.
2. Contestants will be assigned a numerical score by each judge based on vocal/singing performance and showmanship/presentation (see section D).

3. The top two (2) qualifying acts/singers from each preliminary round will advance to the finals. From each preliminary a total of 12 finalists will compete at the final competition.
4. In the Finals, the winners will be determined by the sum of their scores. In the event of a tie, there will be a sing-off. The song selected for the tie-breakers must be different than the original song performed during the competition. The judges will then make a final decision using the scoring system as described in section D.
5. All decisions made by the judges are final.

D. Scoring System

1. Scoring will be on 30-point system: 15 points from Intonation/ Pitch/ Tempo/ Rhythm, 10 points from Voice, and 5 points from Expression/ Stage Presence/ Audience.
 - a. **Intonation / Pitch / Tempo / Rhythm**
 - Awareness of the intended key and mode
 - Accuracy in following the music
 - Strain or ease of pitch
 - Stays with tempo of music (following the lyrics of the song)
 - Holding notes too long or cutting them short
 - Use of vibrato (too much/too little)
 - b. **Voice (Vocal quality)**
 - Strength of voice
 - Dynamic range (loud & soft)
 - The quality and individual characteristics of the voice
 - c. **Expression / Stage Presence / Audience**
 - Articulation of words/phrases (understandable words)
 - Facial/Emotional expressions (body gestures)
 - Command of the audience
 - Appears confident and relaxed on stage
 - Audience reaction (applause)
 - Overall entertainment value
2. Contestants may view their scores only AFTER completion of the competition and the announcement of the winners has taken place. Should there be a dispute regarding the scoring, a complaint may be lodged in a dignified manner by emailing MCCS Entertainment at *mccsentertainment@okinawa.usmc-mccs.org*.

E. Agreement

By signing below, I agree to all rules and guidelines herein and further agree to comply with the same. I also agree to the use of my image by M CCS and/or JVC to promote future Mega Karaoke contests.

Printed Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Duty Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Signature

Date