

**THUNDER BAY BLUES SOCIETY (TBBS)
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR ACTS COMPETING IN THE TBBS IBC
TO QUALIFY FOR THE 2019 MEMPHIS INTERNATIONAL BLUES CHALLENGE**

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This document is required to be completed and submitted prior to your first performance.
(you can bring it with you to your first performance night, or submit earlier)

By A CHECKMARK to the questions below and by signing this memorandum of understanding, I/we confirm that;

I/we have read the TBBS Band Entrance Requirements (application), understand them, and re-confirm we meet those requirements.

I/we have read the TBBS Competition Rules, understand them and re-confirm I/we understand them and will abide by them.

I/we have been briefed about, or have read about, the TBBS method of scoring the competition and understand it.

I/we have read The Blues Foundation's IBC Official Rules, understand them and I/we are clear on how the TBBS is applying those rules.

I/we have read the TBBS performance guidelines, requirements and disclosure memo, understand it and will abide by it.

I/we will hold harmless the TBBS from any and all liability for personal or property injury sustained while attending or travelling to or from my/our scheduled performance.

I/we confirm that we understand that once our application is accepted that I/we cannot add additional performers to my/our act. I/we also confirm that we understand that substitution of an act member is allowed for work conflict, illness or other suitable reasons- if approved in advance by the TBBS. Any such substitute would have to be/become a TBBS member.

I/we understand the prizes for this competition are:

First Place: BAND: \$350 per person maximum 5 MEMBERS SOLO/DUO: \$350 per person

Second Place: Keg Gift Certificates

Third Place: IBC T-Shirt


I/we understand that prior to competition that I/we must be a paid member of the Thunder Bay Blues Society.

I/we understand that in the event we win, and are fundraising, we are precluded from approaching TBBS Corporate Sponsors for donations.

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I/we acknowledge that if I/we win the First Place Prize, that I/we have sole responsibility for ensuring that I/we can cross the U.S. Border and attend the IBC competition. Requirements to cross the border include, but may not be limited to:

- a) having a valid passport that meets the expiry guidelines of the issuing country (Can.) and the country you are entering (US)- you can be denied access on both sides of the border if your passport expires within a specified #of months of your travel date. Therefore "validity" needs to be confirmed prior to getting to the Border.
- b) not having any type of criminal record (ie. DUI or Impaired Driving, etc.) which has not received a pardon from USA Customs and Immigration prior to IBC travel dates.
- c) that you must not be on a no-fly list of the USA, for whatever reason.



In the event that you personally, or one of your band mates, cannot cross the border, your prize award is null and void and all advances, including airfare, must be immediately returned to the TBBS. In the event one band mate is compromised at the border and a suitable replacement is found (In time), it is at the sole discretion of the TBBS to determine if the overall trip is forfeited or not, or if it will fund this individual(s) prorata share of the prize or not.



As band leader I confirm that I have discussed the contents of this memorandum with my band mates and that I have the authority to sign on behalf of them and the Band. I also confirm that I accept responsibility, financial or otherwise, for my band mates for all of the items listed above. Alternatively, I've signed for myself and my band mates have signed for themselves.

ACT NAME _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

BANDS and DUO ONLY:

1: NAME _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

2:NAME _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

3:NAME _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

4:NAME _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____

5:NAME _____ **SIGNATURE:** _____