

BATTLE of the BANDS

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Terms & Conditions

1. Eligibility

- In the 2026 calendar year, all performers must be aged 18–30.
- Bands must not be signed to a record or publishing label.
- All members must be available to perform on Friday 24 July 2026 in Mosman.
- For the purpose of this competition, a “band” refers to a solo artist, duo or group performing live music.
- Performances must include live musical elements and may not rely solely on pre-recorded backing tracks.

2. Entry Process

- Entries must be submitted via the official online form.
- A demo link and artist profile is required (YouTube, SoundCloud, Google Drive, Dropbox or similar).
- Demos must clearly represent the current performing lineup.
- Applications close on 29th May, 2026
- Bands will be shortlisted by internal Council panel and bands will be notified in writing.
- Acceptance is not confirmed until written confirmation is issued by Mosman Council.

3. Performance Requirements

- Each band will perform a 15-minute set (approx. 3 songs).
- 5–10 minutes changeover is allocated (final time confirmed by organiser).
- Bands exceeding their set time may have points deducted.
- Line-up order will be determined by random draw on the day.
- All competing bands must arrive by 4:45pm for briefing and soundcheck.
- Late arrival may result in disqualification.

4. Equipment

Provided:

- Shared drum kit
- PA system
- Microphones

Bands must bring:

- All instruments (except drum kit)
- Amps (if preferred but set up must comply with changeover timing)
- Personal cymbals and drum accessories if required
- Any additional equipment required

Council accepts no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged equipment or personal belongings.

5. Technical Requirements

- Technical requirements must be submitted by Friday 10th July, 2026.
- Shortlisted bands must provide a stage plot (hand-drawn or digital) showing the placement of band members, drum kit, amplifiers, microphones and any additional equipment on stage.
- Shortlisted bands must provide an input list outlining all instruments and microphones required.
- The input list must specify the number of vocal microphones and any backing tracks or additional audio sources.
- Bands must outline any additional backline requirements beyond the shared drum kit and PA system provided, including amplifiers, keyboard stands, drum hardware (excluding the main drum kit), power requirements or any special technical needs.
- All technical arrangements are subject to venue limitations and approval by the organisers.
- Failure to provide required technical information by the specified deadline may result in reduced soundcheck time, inability to accommodate technical requests or disqualification at the organiser’s discretion.

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6. Code of Conduct

This is a drug-free event for young people aged 18–24. As such:

- Any performer under the influence of alcohol or under the influence of or possession of drugs will be immediately disqualified.
- Security will be present.
- Professional conduct is expected on and off stage.
- Organisers may deduct points for misconduct.
- Organisers reserve the right to refuse entry or remove individuals for safety reasons.

7. Voting and Judging

- One Judge's Choice Winner.
- One People's Choice Winner.
- The same band may win both.
- Judges' decision is final.
- People's Choice voting limited to one vote per attendee.
- Voting closes during judges deliberation.
- Council staff oversee vote count.
- Fraudulent voting may result in disqualification at organiser discretion.

8. Prizes

- The prize for the Judge's Choice is a supporting performance opportunity to be facilitated by Cult Artists for one of their signed artists within six (6) months of the event date (24 July 2026).
- This opportunity is subject to availability, artist suitability and scheduling as determined by Cult Artists and relevant event organisers. Mosman Council does not guarantee a specific performance date, venue or artist.
- The Judge's Choice winner will also be added to a Council artist database and may be considered for future Council events and programming opportunities including but not limited to Mosman Markets and Mosman Festival.
- The prize for the People's Choice is a \$500 voucher for a music store, to be nominated by Mosman Council.
- The voucher is not redeemable for cash and is subject to the terms and conditions of the issuing retailer.
- Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable.

9. Intellectual Property and Media

- Bands confirm all material performed is original or properly acknowledged.
- Performers consent to photography, video and promotional use.
- Participants indemnify Mosman Council against claims arising from participation.

10. Liability

- Council public liability insurance applies to the venue.
- Bands are responsible for their own equipment and personal insurance needs.
- Participation is at the band's own risk.