



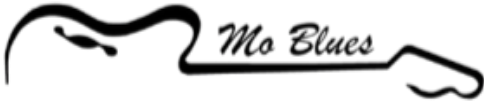
## International Blues Competition MO Blues – Local Competition

MO Blues intends to hold the first local International Blues Challenge (IBC) since the onset of COVID. The winners of this local challenge will be sponsored by MO Blues at the IBC in Memphis, TN in February of 2023. The IBC in Memphis represents the worldwide search for blues bands and solo/duo blues performers ready for the international stage, yet just needing that extra big break. The world's largest gathering of blues musicians will take place on Beale Street, with over 20 clubs hosting the challengers and fans. In addition to featuring these final rounds of the prestigious blues music competition, the IBC event week will offer seminars, showcases, master classes, film screenings, networking events, book signings, and receptions for blues societies, fans, and professionals.

In order to participate in the MO Blues local event, challengers must complete the accompanying registration form. Here is some additional information that the competing acts should know.

- The IBC on both the local and international levels is a competition. Consequently, there must be at least **TWO** acts registered to perform in their respective category. If there are not, there will not be a local challenge conducted.
- Each act that is participating must have at least **ONE** member who is also a current member in good standing with the MO Blues Association, Inc.
- The challengers are required to perform a **30 minute set**. The performances will be evaluated by a panel of three independent judges. Each judge will score the acts based on the following criteria:
  - Blues Content
  - Originality
  - Vocals
  - Instrumental Talent
  - Stage Presence
- Judges will score acts on a 10 point scale, with 10 points being the highest score received and 1 point being the lowest. The following weights will be used in calculating final scores:
  - Raw scores for **Blues Content** will be multiplied by **four**
  - Raw scores for **Originality** will be multiplied by **three**
  - Raw scores for **Talent** and for **Vocals** will be multiplied by **two**
  - Raw scores for **Stage Presence** will be multiplied by **two**
  - The maximum **Total Weighted Score** an act may receive is **130**.
- The MO Blues IBC will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2022. It will be held at the Eagles Club on 1411 Missouri Blvd, Jefferson City, MO. Performances will appear in the order that their registration was received. Performances will begin promptly at noon.
- All qualifying registered acts will receive notification of the order of performers prior to the date of the IBC. Further, any additional pertinent information will be provided at that time.
- MO Blues will provide a PA system, a drum kit and a bass amp. All acts must use this equipment. Drummers may provide their own cymbals and kick pedal.
- Guitarists must provide their own amp. Also, harp players may provide their own amp. Further, if the act includes a keyboard, it will be necessary for the key board to be portable and easily loaded on and off the stage. A keyboardist may bring their own amp.

**\*REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022\***



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Registration Form

Category: \_\_\_\_\_ (solo/duo, band)

Act/Band Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Act/Band Contact Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Act/Band Website (if active): \_\_\_\_\_

Act/Band Facebook (if active): \_\_\_\_\_

# of musicians in act: \_\_\_\_\_ Is your act/band a MO Blues Member: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Names of musicians and instruments, including vocalists:**

(Name – Instrument)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

6) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

7) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

8) \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_

9) \_\_\_\_\_

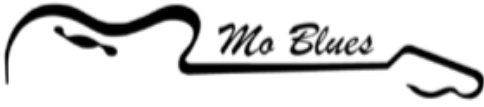
5) \_\_\_\_\_

10) \_\_\_\_\_

**Act Bio:**

(Please include a short bio)

**Act/Band Photograph:** Please include photo here or send a digital color or B&W band photo to [moblues15@gmail.com](mailto:moblues15@gmail.com) upon completion of registration form.



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- At least one member of your act must be a current member of MO Blues by the registration deadline and be members in good standing throughout the IBC process which includes local competition and should you proceed to Memphis IBC.
- You will be notified once your registration has been “accepted” for the local competition.
- After registration deadline, acts will be notified about their stage/set time.
- By registering for this local “IBC” the Act/Band as indicated on the attached registration form hereby agree to compete at the IBC in Memphis should they win the competition and abide by all the competition rules and regulations set forth by the Blues Foundation and MO Blues.
- If winning Act/Band cannot or elects not to perform at the IBC in Memphis, the Act/Band shall return/forfeit all monies paid or to be paid to them by MO Blues for travel expenses to compete at the IBC in Memphis.
- By registering, the Act/Band agree to hold MO Blues, members, the hosting venue, owners and staff members harmless of any damages, personal or otherwise in conjunction with the local IBC competition.

Your signature below indicates you have read, understand and agree to the terms of this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name (Band Leader/Rep)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Band Leader/Rep)

This is an “Interactive Form” once completed you can “save and then e-mail” the completed form to [moblues15@gmail.com](mailto:moblues15@gmail.com).

If you prefer, you can print and send this form. Mail Your Form To: **PO Box 105758 | Jefferson City, Missouri | 65101**  
If problems arise, please email [moblues15@gmail.com](mailto:moblues15@gmail.com) or call 573-353-2601.