

# Road to Memphis 2025 Competition Rules and Regulations

- 1. AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF EACH ACT ENTERING THE COMPETITION MUST BE A GRAND RIVER BLUES SOCIETY MEMBER.**
- 2. ALL WINNING PARTICIPANTS IN THE 'ROAD TO MEMPHIS' COMPETITION MUST HOLD A VALID CANADIAN PASSPORT (WITH MORE THAN 6 MONTHS TO EXPIRATION).**
- 3. ALL WINNING PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ABLE TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO COMPETE.**
- 4. ALL ENTRIES MUST NOT HAVE COMPETED IN ANOTHER IBC CONTEST FOR IBC FOR JAN 2026.**
- 5. WINNING SOLO/DUO AND BAND ACTS MUST REPRESENT THE GRAND RIVER BLUES SOCIETY AT THE INTERNATIONAL BLUES CHALLENGE IN THE SAME CONFIGURATION THAT WON THE COMPETITION. • SUBSTITUTION OF ANY MEMBER MUST HAVE A VALID REASON (FOR EXAMPLE – A MEDICAL PROBLEM THAT STOPS YOU FROM ATTENDING) AND MUST BE APPROVED BY THE IBC COMMITTEE.**
- 6. THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT WILL BE AWARDED AT THE GRAND RIVER BLUES SOCIETY'S DISCRETION AND AFTER THE SOCIETY'S OFFICIAL FUNDRAISER. THE AWARDING OF AN ACT TO REPRESENT THE GRAND RIVER BLUES SOCIETY IN MEMPHIS ACCEPTS THAT THIS IS NOT AN ALL-EXPENSES-PAID COMPETITION. ACTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DO ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISING TO HELP FUND THEIR OWN ACT TRAVEL EXPENSES.**
- 7. THE FUNDS RAISED AT THE GRAND RIVER BLUES SOCIETY'S OFFICIAL FUND-RAISER WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF MUSICIANS THAT WILL BE COMPETING OF EACH ACT TRAVELING TO MEMPHIS.**
- 8. ALL ARTISTS THAT ARE COMPETING MUST BE AVAILABLE TO GO TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE FROM TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026 TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026, INCLUSIVE.**

**9. WINNERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO STAY IN MEMPHIS FOR THE DURATION OF THE COMPETITION, ARRIVING ON TUESDAY OF COMPETITION WEEK AND DEPARTING ON SUNDAY. • EXCEPTIONS MUST BE PRESENTED BEFORE TRAVEL TO THE IBC COMMITTEE.**

**10. WINNERS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR PROMOTIONAL WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GRAND RIVER BLUES SOCIETY EFFORTS.**

**11. IN THE EVENT ANY OF THE GOVERNING LOCAL RULES AND BYLAWS OR COMPETITION RULES FOUND AT BLUES.ORG ARE VIOLATED, THE SECOND-PLACE SOLO/DUO OR BAND WILL BE PROMOTED AND SENT TO REPRESENT THE GRAND RIVER BLUES SOCIETY IN MEMPHIS.**

**12. DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING THE LIMITED NUMBER OF ENTRIES IS , FEB. 1ST, 2025**

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