



## ECBS Maritimes to Memphis Rules

By participating in this event, you agree to the following:

1. Should your Solo/Duo act or Band be chosen the winner of the ECBS Blues Challenge, you agree to travel to Memphis for the International Blues Challenge. The Solo/Duo members and Band members who go to the IBC in Memphis must be the **same** as those members who competed in and won the ECBS Blues Challenge. If one of your members will be unable to make the trip to Memphis, that member should not participate in the ECBS Blues Challenge. (A passport is required to cross the border; members of the band and solo/duo should not have any 'issues' which will make it impossible for them to enter the United States) It is the Blues Foundation's stated position that "An Affiliate's entrant is considered a representative of that Affiliate in every capacity. Thus, the Affiliate remains liable for any problems created by its representative."
2. The ECBS Blues Challenge winning Solo/Duo and Band agree to complete the formal application process on the Blues Foundation website in a timely manner and submit their application to Memphis prior to the end date (to be announced). The ECBS will provide any assistance required/requested.
3. The East Coast Blues Society is in the process of arranging funding which could provide travel assistance to help defray expenses. The ECBS will provide some financial assistance to help defray travel expenses to Memphis. The winning Solo/Duo and Band are responsible for all travel and accommodation charges.
4. ECBS Maritimes to Memphis events are intended to be fund-raisers for the winning Solo/Duo and Band travel expenses. A cover charge will be charged at the door for all Maritimes to Memphis qualifying and Final rounds. Solo/Duo and Band finalists will not be required to pay the cover charge, however there will be **no guest list** for Solo/Duos and Bands and no friends and/or family members will be admitted without payment of the cover.
5. Each performance set will be a maximum of 25 minutes. **Points will be deducted from your score if you exceed the allotted time.** A timekeeper will display the time remaining at two minutes, one minute, 30 seconds and time up.
6. Should the Solo/Duo and Band winners be unable to attend the competition in Memphis, Tennessee, USA, for any reason whatsoever, the Act will notify ECBS as soon as possible. Notification is to be by email and sent to [info@eastcoastblues.ca](mailto:info@eastcoastblues.ca) or in writing delivered to 351 Pleasant Street, Dartmouth, NS, B2Y 3S4.
7. Full rules and regulations appear on the Blues Foundation website at [blues.org/official-ibc-rules](http://blues.org/official-ibc-rules). The Maritimes to Memphis Blues Challenge will follow these rules with few exceptions.
8. Please read through the rules and ensure that all participants understand and agree with what is included in them. All musicians participating in Maritimes to Memphis must sign a copy of this agreement, signifying acceptance of these conditions, before their set.

Signatures indicate agreement to all guidelines and eligibility criteria as outline in this document:

Name	Signature

Date: \_\_\_\_\_