

The 2018 WALLS 102 Country Showdown at Starved Rock Lodge.

The Showdown will be held on Thursday July 12th. We will only be accepting 12 entries. First come first serve. There is a \$30 registration fee in order to compete in the competition. The local winner will advance to the state competition. The runner-up will take the place of our local winner in the state competition, should the first place winner not be able to attend.

Official Rules Specific For The 2018 WALLS 102 Country Showdown at Starved Rock Lodge.

Registration to compete in the 2018 WALLS 102 Country Showdown at Starved Rock Lodge in Utica, Illinois opens **May 29th** and continues until **July 2 at 5 p.m.**

The showdown consists of only one night of competition where a maximum of 12 contestants will compete for a place in the state competition. A "contestant" is one entry whether it is one individual or a group.

The 2018 Walls 102 Country Showdown will be at 7:00 p.m. on July 12th at Starved Rock Lodge (rain or shine)

Entry Fee: \$30 (Cash or Money Order only. NO CHECKS)

Entry Deadline: **July 2nd at 5pm**

We are only accepting 12 entries... first come first serve.

Must be 18 years or older to compete.

To register, print off the 2018 Country Showdown registration form at walls102.com. You may also receive a form by mail or at the offices of WALLS 102.

Entry form and \$30 fee should be mailed or hand delivered during office hours to the WALLS 102 office:

Walls 102
Attn: Country Showdown
3905 Progress Blvd
Peru, IL 61354

Registration will cease after we receive our first 12 entries. However, we will hold on to entries and notify you if your entry came through after the first 12 were received. Should your entry arrive after the first 12, we will keep a contestant "reserve" list in order of entries received after the 12th entry, and notify those individuals, in order, should one of our first 12 contestants back out of the 2018 Walls 102 Country Showdown for any reason. You will also be invited to attend our 2018 Walls 102 Country Showdown and be on "reserve" should we have any of our contestants not show up the night of the competition. Deadline to be put on the "reserve" list will be July 2nd at 5pm.

For questions, please call 815-224-2100 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Scoring is based 75% on judges votes and 25% on audience votes. All scoring is final and the judges have the final say.
- All contestants must sign-in with the WALLS 102 representative by 6:15 p.m. on July 12th.
- Contestants must be prepared to perform two songs.
- Music and lyrics must be memorized. No sheet music or words of any kind are allowed during the competition.
- CDs used as background music must be instrumental. We understand finding karaoke tracks for certain songs with NO vocals at all can sometimes be difficult. A CD with limited vocals during the chorus will be accepted, however judges may deduct points from your score for songs with excessive background vocals.
- All members of a group must be able to perform should the group advance to state or finals. If any member of the group is not able to perform or is replaced by someone else, by Country Showdown Rules, the act must be disqualified.
- One contestant will advance to the state competition for a chance to perform on national TV for the Country Showdown grand prize of \$100,000.

Official Rules for the Country Showdown and **The 2018 WALLS 102 Country Showdown at Starved Rock Lodge.**

1. ENTRY PROCEDURE: You must complete this form and return it to the sponsoring radio station with your registration fee before their deadline date.

2. REGISTRATION FEE: TO ENTER THE COUNTRY SHOWDOWN A ONETIME REGISTRATION FEE OF \$30.00 PER ACT IS REQUIRED - U.S. CURRENCY. THIS FEE IS TO BE COLLECTED ONLY ONCE, PER STATION, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF PERFORMANCES DURING THE COURSE OF COMPETITION. A CONTESTANT MUST PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE AND COMPLETE AN ENTRY FORM FOR EACH DIFFERENT RADIO STATION. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW.

3. DISPUTES: The sponsoring radio station is authorized to resolve all disputes at their Showdown. CSI is the sole authority in resolving all disputes at the state, regional and national level competitions and to disqualify any contestant at any level of the contest for failure to comply with the rules and regulations including errors and omissions. CSI's decisions are final.

4. PERFORMANCE: The following applies to any Showdown contest:

- a) Each act entered in the Showdown must perform only with the personnel listed on Sections 1 and 2 of the Entry Form. No personnel changes or substitutions will be permitted once local competition has been produced. Once an individual withdraws from an act at any level of the Showdown, he/she cannot perform at the next level.
- b) Individuals may perform with only one act during any local Showdown.
- c) A Radio Station may, at its discretion, provide a backup band for acts requiring instrumental support or allow contestants' pre-recorded music.
- d) No live "backup band" vocals are allowed. Neither the backup band nor any of its members is permitted to compete in the Showdown in which they are the backup band.
- e) Each act must perform live, vocally and/or instrumentally. No special lighting, props or special effects may be used.

- f) Any act with three or more individuals playing an instrument may not use the backup band or any part of the backup band, or pre-recorded music.
- g) The amount of performance time given to each local Showdown contestant will be determined by the local radio station.
- h) All performances must be done in good taste: no music or lyrics that the radio station or CSI considers offensive may be performed.
- i) Age restrictions will be at the discretion of the radio station and/or its venue.
- j) Contestants may perform their own music and receive extra bonus points from the judges. Music eligible for bonus points will be defined as any piece of music written or co-written by the contestant (either individual or member of group). Any contestant (either individual or member of group) who claims to be using his own music may be disqualified at any level of the contest at the discretion of CSI if a musical copyright for the music exists which does not name the contestant as author or co-author.
- k) Acceptable documentation to prove ownership of your music shall include either a certificate of copyright, proof of song registration with BMI, ASCAP, etc., or a notarized copy of the music.
- l) Performances will be awarded 0-10 points in each of the following categories: **1) Overall Talent** **2) Marketability in country music;** **3) Vocal/instrumental ability;** **4) Originality;** **5) Stage presence/ charisma;** **6) Talent.** An optional bonus of up to three points may be awarded for acts performing their own music.
- m) In the event of a tie, the first tie-breaker shall be the highest number of points given in the Talent category. The second tie-breaker shall be the highest number of points awarded in the Marketability category. The third tie-breaker shall be by secret vote of the judges based on overall performance style and impact.

5. LOCAL CONTEST PRIZES: The only official prize offered at the local Showdown level is the opportunity for the winner to advance to the state Showdown competition. Local Showdown contestants must pay their own expenses during the competition at the local, state and regional levels. In signing this Entry Form, the Showdown contestant acknowledges that neither CSI nor any national sponsor is responsible for any prizes promised or offered at the local Showdown contest level (except for the local Showdown winner's chance to compete in the state Showdown competition)

Official Rules of WALLS 102 contests

Employees and families of Studstill Media (d/b/a/ Mendota Broadcasting, Inc. and Laco Radio, Inc.), contest sponsors, participating locations, and other radio stations are ineligible to win.

No purchase is necessary.

Studstill Media, all participating co-sponsor companies and their advertising and promotional agencies are released and shall be held harmless from any action or liability arising from any station contest or prizes awarded in any station contest. Winners shall be required to sign a release form and affidavit of eligibility to claim their prize. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of prize.

Winners consent to the use of their name, likeness, and all verbal and written communications with the station for publicity purposes.

All prizes are non-transferable and are not redeemable for cash. Studstill Media reserves the Right to substitute a prize of similar value.

Winners are solely responsible for all applicable local, state and federal taxes. Winner may be issued a 1099 MISC federal tax form if in one calendar year the prize value of all prizes won in contests from Studstill Media and/or participating co-sponsors exceeds \$600.00. Studstill Media assumes no liability for situations, repairs, or incidents arising from any aspect of any prize awarded in any contest.

The following are specifically related to E-contests and entries on Studstill Media stations' websites:

- a) All appropriate information in required fields must be filled out or you will be disqualified.
- c) Any problems with the internet or email are not Studstill Media's responsibility

As a licensee of the FCC and a trustee of the public airwaves, Studstill Media reserves the right to interrupt and/or discontinue any contest or promotion (and not award the offered Prize) at the discretion of Studstill Media management if world events, the national mood, or Public safety so warrant. Studstill Media reserves the right to disqualify any winner if the contest rules have been violated in any way. Stations reserve the right to amend the rules to any contest at any time. All decisions of Studstill Media are final.

A copy of these rules is available during business hours at Studstill Media studios, 3905 Progress Blvd. Peru, IL 61354.

Must be at least 18 years old and a legal resident of Illinois to participate and must show legal ID to claim the prize. No purchase is necessary.

By accepting the prize, the winners agree to hold harmless Studstill Media; its employees; all participating co-sponsor companies and their advertising and promotional agencies from any action or liability arising from this contest or from the prizes awarded. The prize is awarded by the participating businesses. Studstill Media is not responsible in the event that the business is unable to award the prize for any reason.