



Battle of the Bands (BOB) is an official Utah PTA Program for PTSAs.

Rules

- All bands are eligible.
- Band members are only allowed to be in one band for the competition.
- Bands may not have members younger than grade 9 or older than 20 years old.
- All bands must have at least two (2) members. At least 70% (50% when it is 2 members) need to be in grades 9 through 12.
- Band members do not need to be from the same school, but they must compete at the school where the majority of the band members attend and that school must have a PTSA in good standing.
- Bands will need to play a set of two (2) songs, one will be an original song and one will be a cover of a song from 1960 to present.
 - The set will be no longer than 8 minutes playing time - beginning when the band member first speaks or first note is played.
 - Total time is ten (10) minutes. This includes getting on stage, performance, and getting off stage.
 - Points will be deducted for going over time.
- Each band will submit a typed copy of the lyrics of both songs. Remember that all lyrics must be “family friendly.” If the lyrics during the performance are different than what was turned in, you may be disqualified.
- Each band will submit a recording on CD of the performance. Please write your band name and school on the CD. *These will not be returned.*
- There must be no vulgarities, profanities, lewd comments, racist remarks, violence, sexual content, references to suicide, etc. in the lyrics.
- You must provide your own instruments, amplifiers, and cords. Please mark these items for identification. *Utah PTA is not responsible for any damaged, lost or stolen equipment.*
- Your dress must meet school guidelines. No clothing may be removed during the performance.
- Each band will submit a short, typed biography for the emcee of the competition to read. Be creative and humorous, list some of the events you have played. You do not have to list band members’ names, ages, or schools.
- *The Media Release must be signed by ALL band members’ parents/guardians and 18-year-old band members, or the band will not be allowed to participate.*

How Bands are Selected for State Competition

School Playoff

There should be only one (1) band representing each school that will compete in the multi-region competition. Each school that has more than one band applying to compete will have to hold a school competition. This will be run by the school PTSA President or BOB Chair.

All school winner applications will be forwarded by the school PTSA President or BOB Chair to the Region Director or Chair in charge of the multi-region competition by March 1st.

Multi-Region Competition

The multi-region competition will take place between March 1st and 31st. The Region Director or Chair will be in touch with all school winners with the date, time, and place of the multi-region competition.

- Three (3) bands from each multi-region competition will advance to the State Battle of the Bands competition.
- There are 2 options for advancing winners: • Send 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. • Send 1st and 2nd place winners and Audience Favorite. (Audience Favorite is decided by vote. Have audience members write the name of their favorite band on a slip of paper. Collect papers in a container. Votes are then tallied and winner announced at the end of the competition.)
- The multi-region competition winner's application will be sent on to the Utah PTA Student Involvement Commissioner by the Region Director or Chair.

Wild Card Entry Any band who does not win at their multi-region competition may send a video of their performance to be uploaded to YouTube. The band receiving the most votes will be invited to participate in the Utah PTA Battle of the Bands. Additional information will be given at the Multi-Region competitions. Voting will be open from April 5 to April 15th at 11:00 PM. Contact Betty Shaw at Betty@UtahPTA.org with questions. The winning band will be contacted by the Student Involvement Commissioner by phone or email. If your band is the winner of the Wild Card Entry, you need to get all the paperwork from the Region Director or Chair of the multi-region competition.

Membership Increase Entry The school with the biggest percentage of PTSA membership increase will be invited to have a BOB entry. The Student Involvement Commissioner will contact the Region Director over this school and issue the invitation.

Competition Information

Band Set Up

You are responsible for providing your own instruments and cables.

A drum set is provided by the Grand Theatre and you will be required to use that set.

There will be a place at the back of the stage to store your instruments.

Microphones will be provided.

If you need more than three (3) minutes to set up, please contact Betty Shaw at Betty@UtahPTA.org.

PLEASE MARK ALL ITEMS FOR IDENTIFICATION

Utah PTA is NOT responsible

for damaged, lost or stolen equipment.

Media Release and Entry Form

All band members under the age of 18 MUST have a parent/guardian sign the Media Release form. If member is over the age of 18, they may either have a parent sign or sign their own Media Release form. There must be a signed Media Release for every student participating or band will not be allowed to participate.

All band members MUST be listed on the Entry Form. If you need more space on either form, you are welcome to make copies.

T-Shirts

Bands participating in the Utah PTA Battle of the Bands competition in April will receive a t-shirt. All shirts are adult men's sizes. The Entry Agreement Form has an area for you to fill in how many shirts are needed in which sizes.

Judging Process

There are to be a minimum of three (3) Musicality and Performance Judges.

- ◆ Each Musicality and Performance Judge will complete one (1) judging sheet per band.

There will be one (1) Timing and Penalties Judge who is separate from the Musicality and Performance Judges.

- ◆ This judge should be totally impartial and willing to make the hard decisions as needed.
- ◆ Each Timing and Penalties Judge will complete one (1) judging sheet per band.

There should only be one (1) person keeping possession of the completed tally sheets.

Two (2) additional people will assist with counting and tallying the judges scores.

- ◆ Keep these papers in case there are any questions about the scoring.

Please go over the judging sheets with the Judges prior to the start of the competition. Answer any questions they may have and make sure they all understand what they are judging.

Check List

- Entry Agreement Form - Signed
- Media Release Form - Signed
- Biography
- CD Recording
- Lyrics, both original and cover

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All band members must have a parent/guardian sign

Parents/Guardians:

The undersigned parent/guardian, or 18-year-old member, of the band

_____, hereby gives permission to Utah PTA to use, alter, publish, and film the band’s music and filming of performance as appropriate for advertising. I understand that the said band members’ names, grade, and school may appear with the music and filmed performance. I do further release and discharge Utah PTA and its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all damages, complaints, costs, and fees arising from said use of such art work. I agree to refrain from instituting, pressing, or in any way aiding any claim, demand, action or cause of action for damages, cost, compensation, or fees against the same in connection with such use.

Please choose one of these options and circle the appropriate number by your signature. Choosing #2 will not prevent your child from participating, just from their band being filmed or photographed or entered into the Wild Card Entry.

- 1. Utah PTA has permission to publish music, film, and photographs of my student or my student’s band, their name, grade, and name of school on the Utah PTA Website, any of their publications, or where appropriate for promotion of Utah PTSA Battle of the Bands.**
- 2. I do not give permission for music, film, or photographs of my student to be published by Utah PTA.**

*By signing below, I verify that I understand the above release and that I have indicated my preference.

Student’s Name (Please Print)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date	1 2 (Circle One)
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2017-2018 Entry Agreement

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Band Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name _____ Instrument _____ Age ____ Grade ____ School _____

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In order to provide a variety in the performance sequence, please classify the type of music your band plays:

Each band member will receive a Utah PTSA Battle of the Bands T-shirt. Please fill out how many of each size you will need:

Small: _____ Medium: _____ Large: _____ X-Large: _____