



**WASHINGTON BLUES SOCIETY
2019 International Blues Competition (IBC) Contest
Two Categories: Bands (Three Piece and Larger) and Solo/Duo Acts
CONTESTANT APPLICATION**

Please complete this application if you want to compete in the Washington Blues Society contest to send a band or a solo/duo act to the IBC in Memphis in January of 2020. We are working with Blues Societies across the state to hold semi-finals across the state to make it easier for blues acts to participate. We will hold semi-finals on: Monday, May 27th in Snohomish, WA at Collector's Choice Restaurant; Sunday, June 2nd in Tacoma, WA at the Airport Tavern; Sunday, June 9th in Anacortes, WA at the Rock Fish Taproom; Sunday, June 16th in Cashmere, WA at Club Crow; Sunday, June 23th in Vancouver, WA at TBA and Sunday, June 30th in Spokane, WA (TBA). The finalists will compete Sunday, August 11th in Everett, WA. If we receive 10+ applicants for any event, our Board may select applicants via lottery at the May 2019 Board meeting. This form is an initial statement of interest, and not binding. Judges will evaluate acts using the Blues Foundation score sheet (www.blues.org/ibc/scoring.php).

LOCATION (CIRCLE ONE)

Snohomish (5/27)

Tacoma (6/2)

Anacortes (6/10)

Cashmere (6/16)

Vancouver (6/23)

Spokane (6/30)

Band or Solo Duo (Circle One)	
Contact	
Mailing Address	
Best Phone	
Email	
Signature	

PARTICIPATION CRITERIA, FEES, AND DEADLINE: Contestants must be a blues act, pay the non-refundable entry fee, reside in WA, OR, ID, MT, BC or ALB, and at least one member must belong to (or join) the WBS upon application. (Membership in the CBA, IEBS or Idaho/Montana based Blues Society will also meet Blues Society membership requirement) Entry fees go into a fund for winning Band and Solo/Duo to help with expenses for travel to Memphis, TN, but we cannot guarantee an "all-expenses paid" trip. Band entry fee is \$30; Solo/Duo entry fee is \$15. Applications and entry fees must be received no later than Thursday, May 14th by a WBS Board member or at:

**Washington Blues Society
ATTN: President, IBC Entry
PO Box 70604
Seattle, WA 98127**



Washington Blues Society Sets Local Competitions for 2019 International Blues Challenge

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The Washington Blues Society's local competitions for the 2020 International Blues Challenge in Memphis have been set! It's time for bands and solo/duo acts to make their plans to compete. One band and one solo/duo act will represent the Washington Blues Society (WBS) in Memphis at the world's largest gathering of blues musicians on January 28th through February 1st of 2020 on Memphis' fabled Beale Street.

We are working with the Inland Empire Blues Society (IEBS) to hold semi-finals across the state to make it easier for blues acts to participate. We will hold semi-final competitions on Monday, May 27th in Snohomish, WA at Collector's Choice Rest, on Sunday, June 2nd in Tacoma, WA at Airport Tavern, on Sunday, June 9th in Anacortes, WA at the Rock Fish Taproom, on Sunday, June 16th in Cashmere, WA at Club Crow, on Sunday, June 23rd in Vancouver, WA (TBA) and on Sunday, June 30th in Spokane, WA at (TBA). The finalists will compete on Sunday, August 11th in Everett, WA. If we receive more than 10 applicants for either event, our Board may select applicants via a lottery at the May 2019 Board meeting.

Each competition will follow the rules of the Blues Foundation. Each set will be limited to 25 minutes, and each competitor will be allowed one 15-minute set change. Any blues act that resides in WA, OR, ID, MT, BC or ALB, may enter, and the act must include at least one who is a member of the WBS. Membership can be established at IBC entry, using the membership form in the WBS Bluesletter or online at www.wablues.org. Please note: Membership in CBA, IEBS or Idaho/Montana based Blues Society is accepted in place of the WBS membership requirement. The contest entry application may be downloaded from www.wablues.org, or in the April and May edition of the WBS Bluesletter and must include the non-refundable entry fee, which pays for the backline and a PA system. Each winner will be required to perform at a minimum of two fundraisers in 2019 and one fundraiser in 2020 at no charge. Proceeds from these events and fees, will be deposited into a WBS fund to help defray expenses to get each winning act to and from Memphis, but we cannot guarantee an "all-expense paid" trip. Band entry fee is \$30; solo duo entry fee is \$15. Applications and entry fees must be received no later than Thursday, May 14th.

All proceeds will help with expenses for Memphis. The WBS will help winners in fundraising, but cannot guarantee that all expenses for Memphis will be covered. Judges will evaluate each act using the Blues Foundation scoring criteria (www.blues.org/ibc/scoring.php) and rules (www.blues.org/ibc/rules.php). Acts may not be affiliated the WBS Board or act upon application. IBC rules also prohibit any act from competing three consecutive years at the IBC (www.blues.org/ibc/rules.php). Application is an initial statement of interest and not a binding agreement between the applicant and the WBS. Make your plans to enter now! Applications and entry fees must be received no later than Thursday, May 14th.