



**WASHINGTON BLUES SOCIETY  
2025 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 7-11, 2025. We are working with multiple Blues Societies across the state to hold semi-finals to make it easier for blues acts to participate. We will hold semi-final competitions on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Snohomish, WA at Collector's Choice, on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> in Seattle, WA at Aurora Borealis, June, 16<sup>th</sup> in Spokane, WA (Venue TBA), on Sunday, June, 23<sup>th</sup> in Sumner, WA (Venue TBA), on Sunday, June, 30<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver, WA (Venue TBA). If we receive 10+ applicants for any event, our Board may select applicants via lottery on May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://www.blues.org/ibc/scoring.php)).

**\*\*Please note: We need at least two bands and two solo/duos at each event to hold a Semi-Final, if we don't have enough entries, we will offer the opportunity to move to a different Semi-Final\*\***

**LOCATION (CIRCLE ONE)**

**Snohomish (6/2)**

**Seattle (6/9)**

**Spokane (6/16)**

**Sumner (6/23)**

**Vancouver (6/30)**

<b>Band or Solo Duo (Circle One)</b>	
<b>Contact</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Best Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	

**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 Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 by a WBS Board member or at:

**Washington Blues Society  
ATTN: President, IBC Entry**

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## Washington Blues Society Sets Local Competitions for 2025 International Blues Challenge

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The Washington Blues Society's local competitions for the 2026 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 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2025 on Memphis' fabled Beale Street.

We are working with multiple Blues Societies across the state to hold semi-finals to make it easier for blues acts to participate. We will hold semi-final competitions on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Snohomish, WA, at Collectors Choice, on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> in Seattle, WA at Aurora Borealis, on Sunday, June, 16<sup>th</sup>, in Spokane, WA (Venue TBA), on Sunday, June, 23<sup>rd</sup> in Sumner, WA (Venue TBA), on Sunday, June, 30<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver, WA (Venue TBA). The finalists will compete on Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup> in Conway, WA at the Conway Muse.. If we receive more than 10 applicants for any semi-final event our Board may select applicants via a lottery on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

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 Blues Society member of an associated Greater Pacific Northwest Blues Society must be verified as part of the IBC entry. The contest entry application may be downloaded from [www.wabluessociety.org](http://www.wabluessociety.org), or in the August 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 2024 and one fundraiser in 2025 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 Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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](http://www.blues.org/ibc/scoring.php)) and rules ([www.blues.org/ibc/rules.php](http://www.blues.org/ibc/rules.php)). Acts may not be affiliated the WBS Board upon application. IBC rules also prohibit any act from competing three consecutive years at the IBC ([www.blues.org/ibc/rules.php](http://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 Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**\*\*Be advised- We need at least two solo/duo acts and two band acts to hold a semi-final event. If we do not have enough entries for one of our semi-finals we will allow those affected to move to a different semi-final\*\***