

Official Rules for McLean County Fair Guitar Hero Contest



Registration Rules:

1. No entry fee or purchase is necessary to enter the McLean County Fair Guitar Hero III contest.
2. Contest is open to residents of McLean County and the following adjacent counties... Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Livingston, Logan, Piatt, Tazewell, and Woodford. Proof of residence is required.
3. This is an all-ages tournament; however, any participant under the age 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign their application. Applications will not be accepted and contestant will not be officially registered until their application is completely filled out.
4. To enter the contest a participant, or their parent or guardian, must register in person during regular business hours at the Best Buy store, 2103 N. Veterans Parkway, Bloomington IL between Monday, June 30 and Sunday, July 27, 2008. No exceptions will be made to these dates to allow for late entry.
5. The tournament will be limited to the first 512 registrants. Entries are accepted on a first-received basis. Sponsors reserve the right to close or re-open registration without any prior notice. Sponsors may decide at any time whether or not to use a waiting list of potential participants.
6. Contest will be held on Sunday, August 3, 2008 starting at 12:00 PM at the McLean County Fair Grounds located at the Interstate Center, 2301 W. Market St., Bloomington, IL 61704. (West of west side Wal-Mart). Contest shall proceed until a final winner is determined.
7. Each registered participant will receive 2 free admission passes to be used Sunday, August 3 to enter the McLean County Fair.
8. No one else except registered contestants can perform in the contest on August 3. Participants may not transfer or give their registration packet to anyone else. Unregistered participants using a registered contestant's name or identity will be immediately disqualified.

Tournament Play Rules:

9. Tournament will be single-elimination. Brackets will be based on the number of participants who register. All brackets will be determined by random drawing a week before the event. Contestants not in attendance at their designated time will be disqualified.
10. First round pairings and times will be available after 12 PM on Monday, July 28 at the Best Buy store, 2103 N. Veterans Parkway, Bloomington IL, and on the McLean County Fair website, www.mcleancountyfair.org.
11. Games will be played in a 1 vs. 1 Pro face-off mode with single-song rounds. The "winner" or player with the higher score will advance to the next round. Ties will be resolved by the number of notes hit, and then by longest note streak if required.
12. All players shall compete in the first round on the song "Paranoid" at the hard level; Second Round will be the song "Paint it Black" also at the hard level. All subsequent rounds will be one of the following songs: "Barracuda", "Cliffs of Dover", "Pride and Joy", "Rock You Like a Hurricane", "The Seeker", "One", "La Grange", or "The Number of the Beast" all played on expert level and decided by random drawing at the contest location by Sponsors designee. The final song in the Championship round will be "Through the Fire and Flames" played on expert level.
13. The chosen character and guitar will not affect game play.

14. Players must use provided Les Paul controllers to compete. No personal guitars will be allowed.
15. Players will not be allowed to use hyperspeed or cheats of any kind.
16. Any attempt by a player, parent, guardian, or friend of a player who distracts, disrupts; tampers with the contest; engages in cheating, collusion, or acts in an unsportsmanlike manner: or violate these rules during the tournament is prohibited and subject to disqualification. Sponsors or their designees have the discretion to issue a warning before disqualifying a player who violates these rules.
17. If at any time the game freezes, the XBOX 360 will be reset with the same options enabled and the round will start over from the beginning of the song. Sponsors are not responsible for performance or reliability of the XBOX 360 game console or its controllers. Players are responsible for understanding the game controllers for the XBOX 360, and how to play the game.
18. Players must not be under the influence of controlled substances or alcohol while participating in the contest or they will be disqualified. In the event of disqualification or ineligibility of any winner, sponsors may replace such winner with the next runner up at sponsors sole discretion.
19. All players agree to be bound by these rules and any decisions by sponsors or its designees regarding the contest are final and binding, and waive any right to claim ambiguity in the contest or rules.
20. Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion and without prior notice, to suspend or cancel the contest or alter the rules for any reason, including but not limited to, in at any time a computer virus, technical problem or other unforeseeable event or alter, corrupts or makes impossible the administration of this event.

Tournament Prizes:

21. The top 32 winners will receive the following cash prizes: 1st place will receive \$500; 2nd place will receive \$400; 3rd and 4th places will each receive \$250; 5th thru 8th places will each receive \$100 dollars; 9th thru 16th places will each receive \$50; and 17th thru 32nd place will each receive \$20.
22. All taxes associated with the receipt of the gifts and prizes are the sole responsibility of the recipient. All gifts and prizes will be awarded to the player, or their parent or guardian (if under the age of 18) and are not transferable.

Authorization and Release:

The undersigned Applicant, for his or her heirs, assigns and legal representatives, releases, discharges and holds harmless the McLean County Fair, Best Buy Corporation, The Eagle 99.5, all tournament and other sponsors and their affiliates, their directors, officers, members, employees, staff, volunteers, agents and representatives from any and all liability for any events or consequences whatsoever and in any manner arising out of or related to Applicant's entry and/or participation in this tournament, including but not limited to personal injuries sustained by Applicant.

By entering the contest, all players consent to Sponsor's use of his or her name, photograph and/or likeness, address, voice, and statements made by the player, in any and all media now known or hereafter developed (including without limitation print, broadcast and internet), for all tournament or business purposes including advertising and promotional activities without additional compensation, notice, or approval, unless prohibited by law.