

# Podunk Telefunken Band Competition Information

The goal of the band competition is to give bands an opportunity to present to a wider audience and establish themselves as a band to be “watched and heard.” All the bands entered are able to meet with the judges for feedback and discussion. Each band performs a band competition set and later that day a second set, both on the main stage. All bands selected are compensated the same amount and the winning band receives additional prizes and a spot at the festival the next year.

## **Rules and Regulations Band Competition**

Each band will have a 30 minute time slot. That includes setup, performance and exiting the stage. Each band will be responsible for keeping track of their allowed time.

Podunk is a Bluegrass Festival and our band competition is a reflection of that tradition of music. Bands should stay within the bluegrass theme and style of music for the band competition.

After all the bands have completed their first set the judges will meet with each band for discussion. All band members are required to attend the judges meeting as part of the band competition.

It is suggested that each band performs a vocal song, an instrumental song and an original song. Bands will be required to perform the winning song from the previous year’s songwriters’ competition as part of the set, which will be sent electronically. Interpretation of the song is up to each band.

All instruments used must be acoustical. Appropriate sound including microphones will be provided for each band during the competition set. Electrical amplification of instruments is prohibited except for bass during the band competition. No drum sets or standing percussion is allowed.

Any band member who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled substance may result in band disqualification. No display of alcohol on stage is allowed.

After you have been notified of your acceptance, Podunk must be notified in advance of any personnel changes.

Band members may consist of 3-7 members. The participating bands and musicians in the band competition shall not perform in any other bands or spaces except for those approved by the band competition director.

Bands may setup for merchandise sales in an area provided on the day they perform.

**Prize Money**

All bands will receive payment for participating in the band competition.

**Grand Prize**

The band selected by our judges will receive a Telefunken microphone and a spot on the Main Stage at the next Podunk Bluegrass Festival.

**Fan Favorite**

Separate from the band competition is the selection of Fan Favorite. Audience members may submit one vote per person for their favorite band. The band that has the most votes will have bragging right as fan favorite.

**Where To Park or Camp?**

All performing band members will be allowed to park on the fairgrounds. Free rough camping is available for band members performing on stage. Electric and water hookups may be purchased if desired.

All rules and prizes may be subject to change without notice.

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# Podunk Bluegrass Band Competition Application

Please return this form to Jim Perry at 73 Thomas Dr, Manchester, CT 06040 or via email at bandcompetition@podunkbluegrass.com

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to send pre-festival material: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number at festival time \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Website, Instagram, Facebook etc. (links may also be sent electronically) \_\_\_\_\_  
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How long has this configuration of the band been playing together publicly? \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to camp on the festival grounds if selected: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

The Podunk / Telefunken band competition is on the main stage on Thursday of the festival. We also offer a second opportunity to perform on our Housatonic Stage during the festival, date and time TBD. Would you be interested in learning more about this option? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please print a list of band members first and last name.

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I hereby submit our application to the Podunk Band Competition on behalf of the band listed above. I and the band members agree to adhere to the rules outlined and if selected will arrive by Noon on Thursday of the competition. Please provide a picture of the band with the application.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_