

# March Karaoke Madness

## (Official Rules and Regulations)

This is a “first come, first served” amateur competition for solo singers. There are no auditions or demos required, but there is a **\$100.00** entry fee which is sufficient to ensure that only serious singers enter.

With that said, here are the rules & regulations:

1. The contest will showcase the areas best karaoke singers, and will require a commitment to be available to compete as many as three (3) nights in March. (Wednesday, Saturday and maybe Friday)
2. Anyone under 18, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
3. Employees of Li'l Jo's BBQ, Ray Varner Ford or Merle 96.7 are NOT eligible to compete. Likewise, family or close friends of any judge, and singers who qualify as professional\* are also ineligible. (\*The entry form will allow you to quantify your amateur status.)
4. Entry forms are available at [liljosbbq.com](http://liljosbbq.com) ; [rayvarnerford.com](http://rayvarnerford.com) ; or [967merle.com](http://967merle.com). You can print them off the web or get them at: **Li'l Jo's BBQ - 2805 Maynardville Hwy. Maynardville, TN** or **Ray Varner Ford - 2026 N Charles G Seivers Blvd, Clinton, TN.**
5. Deadline for entries is Saturday, the 11th of February at midnight. However, we reserve the right to declare an **early cutoff** if the number of entries exceeds our contest capacity.
6. All entry forms and the accompanying fees must be submitted to Li'l Jo's BBQ at the above address. It is recommended that you do this in person so you can observe the venue, but it is not mandatory. Do NOT deliver them to Ray Varner Ford or Merle FM as they are unable to accept them.
7. Entry fees can be paid by cash or check, but fees paid with a check will incur a delay for bank clearance.
8. The contest will consist of three (3) rounds starting on March 1st and concluding on April 1st (Yes,.. April Fool's Day!). Each contestant will sing at least two (2) songs during the 1st round of competition, **and as they advance**, they will continue to sing at least two (2) songs during the subsequent rounds.
9. All songs must be under four (4) minutes in order for approval. We will not approve any songs with profane lyrics or offensive content.

10. During any given night of competition, there can be no repetition of songs. Therefore, you must submit your choices for each round in advance also on a “first come, first served” basis. Keep in mind that diversity of songs will play a part in the judge’s decision, so pick well. You can request changes up to two (2) days before your round.
11. The first round will feature all of the contestants. During this round, half of all the singers each night will advance to the 2nd round.  
**Round 1: March 1st, 4th, 8th, 11th, 15th & 18th (w/ 3rd & 10th if necessary).**
12. The second round features the advancing singers from the first round. In this round, three (3) or four (4) singers will advance each night (depending on whether we expand to include Friday the 24th) to make up our twelve (12) finalists. Finalists will win **\$100** ea.  
**Round 2: March 22nd, 25th & 29th (w/ 24th if necessary).**
13. The third round is the Finals on Saturday, April 1st. Our three (3) winners will be chosen during this round, and they will win:  
**1st Place - \$3,000      2nd Place - \$2,000      3rd Place - \$1,000**
14. **Knoxville Area Karaoke** will post contest information on their Facebook page including a full calendar of rounds complete with contestant’s names and daily updates as the singers advance.
15. We will have experienced judges for the competition. During the 1st round, one (1) judge will preside each night. We will utilize two (2) judges each night during the 2nd round. Then, we will have three (3) judges available to choose the three (3) winners for the Finale.
16. All the judges will observe criteria on which they will shape their decisions. This will serve to help them be more objective.
17. The judges will reserve the right to recall certain singers back to the stage for a third performance, so be prepared!
18. Singers must be willing to allow us to use their name and likeness in ads, on pertinent websites or social media pages and to promote subsequent contests so long as there’s no negative connotations.
19. All contestants will receive one (1) free ticket to each round of the competition in which they are performing to use for the guest of their choice. All of their other guests will need to purchase tickets.
20. Additional tickets will cost \$5 each, and they can be purchased in advance for your performance round.
21. Any disruption or disturbance by a contestant, or anyone with the contestant, will result in a disqualification of the contestant and a forfeiture of their fee.