

# Racine County Fair Idol 2019 Contest Rules

## Audition Date: July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Each Act must submit an entry form and questionnaire along with a photo head shot.

Entry form may be sent electronically along with a photo to: [treasurer@racinecountyfair.com](mailto:treasurer@racinecountyfair.com) Electronic entries must be received by 11:59pm on July 16th.

You may register day of auditions from 6:30-7:00pm on July 17th, 2019 at the Racine County Fairgrounds. Please bring photo with you!

Racine County Fairgrounds  
19805 Durand Ave (HWY 11)  
Union Grove, WI 53182  
In the Activity Barn

**This contest is for single or Duets. (NEW this year)**

Non-vocalists are ineligible.

An act may audition *only* once.

Due to time and set-up, personal accompaniment will not be allowed. Acts auditioning should have a CD with background music (no main vocals) ready.

Acts may sing acapella if they wish.

### Division:

All acts will compete in one division and must be 16 years of age or older by July 1, 2019. The Racine County Fair Idol Contest is an amateur singing competition meant in the spirit of fun, entertainment and as a showcase for local music enthusiasts. The title of "Racine County Fair Idol" carries no contractual or endorsement obligations or rights.

### Eligibility:

This contest is open to all amateur entertainers 16 years of age (as of July 1, 2019) and older. Entrants do NOT have to be a resident of Racine County to enter.

Professional (union musicians or those whose talent is a principle source of income) are not permitted to enter.

Persons who have been convicted of a felony and/or crimes against people or property are not eligible for the competition.

Employees of the Racine County Fair are not permitted to enter.

Prior winners are ineligible to compete.

If you are a finalist, you must be available on all dates listed. Each event starts at 7pm. Finalists are to be checked in by 6:45pm.

### Auditions:

The contest consists of three parts: Auditions, Semifinals, and Finals.

Auditions date is **July 17** with a start time of 7pm

Registration starts at 6:30pm in the Activity Center

All acts must audition in person.

Auditions may be in front of a live audience.

Audience members are encouraged to observe and positively support all contestants. All lyrics must be memorized - no props, prompters, or note card may be used

### Semifinals:

Entries will be eliminated to a maximum of 12 acts selected from all auditions to advance to the semifinals on Wednesday, **July 24** at 7 pm at the Racine County Fair.

The semifinalists will be chosen by a panel of judges and audience vote.

### Finals:

Entries will be eliminated down from the semifinals held on Wednesday, July 24 to advance to the finals on Friday, **July 26th** at 7 pm at the Racine County Fair. The finalists will be chosen by a panel of judges and audience vote. Results will be announced the same evening as competition, announced results are final.

### Winner:

At the Finals on Friday, July 26th, audience vote and judge vote will determine which of the finalists will be the 2019 Fair Idol. Winner will be announced at the finals and will be expected to perform the following evening. Announced results are final. Rules may be subject to change if deemed necessary.

## **General Rules:**

### **Admission and parking:**

Those individuals who are selected to advance to the semi finals and the finalists will receive entry into the fair on the date of semifinals or finals. Parking is free.

### **Dressing Rooms:**

Dressing rooms are not available. Please plan to use public restrooms for your audition and/or semifinals, and/or finals.

### **Personal outfit or clothing:**

The Racine County Fair is a family event. Any profanity or sexually suggestive material on either clothing T-shirts will not be allowed. Inappropriate attire or song lyrics will not be allowed. Judges will have the right to disqualify.

### **Judging:**

Judge's decisions are final and scores may or may not be released to the competitor. Acts will be judged by a panel of judges.

Acts will be judged on:

- Voice
  - Strength in high and low register
  - Pitch
  - Holding note when necessary
  - Tone
- Stage Presence
  - eye contact
  - facial expressions
  - body language
  - connection with audience
  - appropriateness of attire
- Entertainment Value
  - Song choice in relation to act's voice
  - memory of words/ melody
  - interpretation of music
- Overall Impression
  - Is this person an opening act?

**Semifinals and Finals will be selected by judges and audience vote by ballot which will be available the night of the performance. *In the event of a tie, ties will be broken by the contestants doing a sing-off.***

### **Time Limit:**

Time limit is five minutes including introduction.

**Selection can be a country, pop, soft rock song genre or cross over song.** Committee would just ask entrants to use common sense on music choice.

Questionable selections will be at the discretion of the judges and Contest Chairperson. Entrants may sing a medley of songs, but must remain within the 5 minute time limit. If sound amplification is necessary, all acts are required to use the sound system and sound technician provided by the Racine County Fair. The Fair will provide microphones.

### **Recorded accompaniment:**

Vocalist may use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniments ONLY; some background singing may be allowed on the recording but will be at the discretion of the judges. Only a CD will be used -no cassette tapes. Your name and the track number must be clearly labeled on your CD

### **Awards:**

The winner will receive a trophy, \$200.00 and will perform Saturday night, on the grandstand stage prior to the show. In the event a duet wins each will receive a trophy and 100.00 each. There will be no music contract. This is strictly a Racine County Fair local talent contest. This contest is not affiliated with any other "Idol" or Talent competition.

Questions? Please call the contest chairperson, Kris Endemann 262-930-2178 or email [treasurer@racinecountyfair.com](mailto:treasurer@racinecountyfair.com)

# 2019 Racine County Fair Idol Entry

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work or cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Song Selection(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are chosen as a Semifinalist, you must be available on Wednesday, July 24th at 7 pm, checked in by 6:45pm. If you are chosen as a finalist, you must be available on Friday, July 26th at 7 pm, checked in by 6:45pm. If you are chosen as winner of Racine County Fair Idol, you must be available on Saturday, July 27th time to be announced.

You must bring your CD with you to your audition, clearly labeled with name and track #.  
Anyone employed by the Racine County Fair is not eligible to participate in contest.

Have you ever performed the above mentioned talent as a professional or on a regular employment basis? (See enclosed rules) \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

I understand that my phone number will be given to the media for interviewing purposes if I am chosen as a semi-finalist or finalist. Please initial whether you agree to this or not:

\_\_\_\_\_ YES

\_\_\_\_\_ NO  
\_\_\_\_\_ NO

I acknowledge that I have read the Entry Rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature of contestant: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian~ \_\_\_\_\_

(You must be 16 years old as of July 1, 2019 If under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must also sign)

**No Dead Line for entry! Registration is from 6:30pm – 7:00pm.**

**All auditions will begin at 7pm with a first come first serve basis on July 17, 2019.**

# 2019 Racine County Fair Idol Questionnaire

The following information will be used for introductions at the Semi-Finals and Final Competitions by the MC of the event and also may be used in newspaper press releases. This Questionnaire must accompany your entry form.

When did you first start singing?

Who is your favorite singer?

If you could meet anyone who would it be and why?

What was your first music concert?

What is your favorite thing to do at the fair?

What is your favorite fair food?