

Blount's Got Talent – Terms & Conditions

1. Eligibility

- The competition is open to individuals who are 18 years of age or older as of January 1, 2026.
- Participants under the age of 18 will not be permitted eligibility in any instance.
- Employees, contractors, or immediate family members of CASA of the TN Heartland may be excluded.
- The organizer reserves the right to verify eligibility at any time.

2. Entry Requirements

- Entry into the competition is free.
- All entries must be submitted by 11:59 PM EST on Sunday, May 31, 2026.
- Each participant may submit one (1) entry unless otherwise stated.
- Entries must comply with all rules outlined in these Terms & Conditions.

3. Talent Content Rules

- Performances must be original or the participant must have the legal right to perform the material.
- Performances can be up to seven (7) minutes total run time.
- Content must not include:
 - Hate speech, harassment, or discrimination
 - Explicit sexual content
 - Illegal activity
 - Excessive violence
- The organizer reserves the right to disqualify any entry deemed inappropriate, offensive, or against the mission and values of CASA of the TN Heartland.

4. Official Communication

- All primary communication between CASA of the TN Heartland and participants will be conducted via email to ensure clear, consistent, and documented correspondence.
- Participants are responsible for providing a valid and regularly monitored email address at the time of entry.
- Important information regarding the competition, including but not limited to:
 - Schedule updates
 - Voting details
 - Rule clarifications
 - will be communicated via email.
- The organizer is not responsible for missed communications due to:

- Incorrect or outdated email addresses
- Emails filtered to spam or junk folders
- Failure of the participant to monitor their email
- Communications made via email shall be considered official and binding.

5. Performance Run Time & Time on Stage

- Each participant is allotted a maximum performance time of 10 minutes, inclusive of entry, setup, performance, and exit from the stage.
- Performances must begin promptly when the participant is called to the stage.
- A visible or audible time signal may be used to indicate remaining time.
- Participants who exceed the allotted time may be:
 - Stopped at the discretion of the stage manager or organizer
 - Subject to score deductions
 - Disqualified, depending on the severity of the overage
- No additional time will be granted for:
 - Late arrival to the stage
 - Technical difficulties caused by the participant
 - Extended setup or breakdown
- The organizer reserves the right to:
 - Adjust performance order or time limits as necessary to maintain event flow
 - Enforce strict time limits to ensure fairness for all participants
- Failure to comply with run time limits may impact judging or eligibility.

6. Judging & Scoring

- Entries will be judged by a combination of judges and public voting, both taking place during the event.
- Judging criteria may include (but are not limited to):
 - Skill level
 - Creativity
 - Originality
 - Stage presence or presentation
- Judges' decisions are final and binding.

7. Public Voting Rules

- Voting Period
 - Public voting will take place during the live event.
 - Votes submitted outside the voting period will not be counted.
- Fair Voting & Fraud Prevention

- The use of bots, scripts, vote-trading, multiple accounts, VPN manipulation, or any automated or deceptive means to influence voting is strictly prohibited.
- The organizer reserves the right to:
 - Audit voting activity
 - Remove fraudulent or suspicious votes
 - Disqualify participants who attempt to manipulate results
- Transparency & Finality
 - Vote totals may be displayed publicly during or after the voting period at the organizer's discretion.
 - All voting results are final once verified.
 - The organizer's interpretation of voting rules is final and binding.
- Technical Issues
 - The organizer is not responsible for:
 - Website outages
 - Delayed or lost votes
 - Technical issues beyond reasonable control
 - No additional voting time will be added due to technical difficulties unless determined by the organizer.
- Participant Conduct
 - Participants may encourage voting but may not:
 - Offer incentives in exchange for votes
 - Misrepresent the voting process
 - Harass others to gain votes
 - Violation of these rules may result in disqualification.

8. Prizes

- A winner will be announced live at the event and prizes will be awarded on the day of the event, with winners leaving with their prize in hand.
- Prizes are non-transferable and may not be exchanged for cash unless stated otherwise.

9. Intellectual Property & Media Release

- By entering, participants grant CASA of the TN Heartland a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use their name, likeness, and performance for promotional and archival purposes.
- Participants retain ownership of their original work.

10. ADA Accommodations & Accessibility

- CASA of the TN Heartland complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to ensure individuals with disabilities have equal access to participate in and enjoy this live event.
- Participants who require accommodations under the ADA must submit a written request via email to director@casatnh.org no later than 21 days prior to the live event.
- Accommodation requests may include, but are not limited to:
 - Wheelchair-accessible performance and audience areas
 - Accessible seating and staging
 - Assistive listening devices or sign language interpreters
 - Modified performance logistics or scheduling considerations
- Requests should include sufficient detail to allow CASA of the TN Heartland to evaluate and implement reasonable accommodations.
- While the organizer will make good-faith efforts to provide requested accommodations, accommodations that would fundamentally alter the nature of the competition or impose an undue burden may not be required under the ADA.
- Late accommodation requests will be considered when feasible but cannot be guaranteed.
- All accommodation-related information will be kept confidential and used solely for the purpose of facilitating accessibility.

11. Disqualification

- The organizer reserves the right to disqualify any participant who:
 - Violates these Terms & Conditions
 - Provides false information
 - Attempts to tamper with the competition process

12. Withdrawal from Competition

- Participants who need to remove themselves from the competition must notify CASA of the TN Heartland in writing via email at director@casatnh.org as soon as possible.
- Withdrawal notifications should include the participant's full name and the reason for withdrawal (optional but encouraged).
- Failure to provide written notice of withdrawal may result in disqualification from future events at the organizer's discretion.
- Once a withdrawal is confirmed, the organizer reserves the right to:
 - Remove the participant from the performance schedule
 - Adjust judging, voting, or event programming as necessary
- The organizer is not responsible for any consequences resulting from a participant's decision to withdraw.

13. Limitation of Liability

- Participants enter at their own risk.
- CASA of the TN Heartland is not responsible for lost entries, technical failures, or injuries incurred during participation.
- By entering, participants agree to release and hold harmless CASA of the TN Heartland from any claims arising from the competition.

14. Right to Modify or Cancel

- The organizer reserves the right to modify, suspend, or cancel the competition at any time due to unforeseen circumstances.

15. Governing Law

- The competition is governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee, USA.

16. Acceptance of Terms

- By entering the competition, participants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to these Terms & Conditions.