



Road to Memphis Competition Rules and Regulations

1. At least one member of each act entering the competition **MUST** be a Great Lakes Blues Society member.
2. A fully-refundable deposit of \$25 must accompany each entry submission. The deposit will be returned on the day of your first performance. Withdrawing after submission, forfeits deposit.
3. All competitors in the 'Road to Memphis' Competition must hold a valid passport and show proof of such passport with registration into the competition (with more than 6 months to expiration).
4. Any substitution of bandmates for the winning entry must be completed by November 1, 2019.
5. All winning participants must be eligible to enter the United States of America to compete.
6. Winning Solo/Duo and Band acts must represent the Great Lakes Blues Society at the International Blues Challenge in the same configuration that won the competition.
 - substitution of any member must have a valid reason (for example – a medical problem that stops you from attending) and must be approved by the IBC Committee.
7. All artists that are competing must be available to go to Memphis, Tennessee from January 28, 2020 to February 1, 2020 inclusive.
8. The financial support will be awarded at the discretion of the Great Lakes Blues Society, and will not be awarded in cash.
 - examples of support are accommodations (two people per room), travel costs and daily meal per diems.
9. Winners will be expected to stay in Memphis for the duration of the competition, arriving on Tuesday of Competition week and departing on Sunday.
 - exceptions must be presented before travel to the IBC Committee.
10. Winners must be available for promotional work in conjunction with the Great Lakes Blues Society efforts.
11. These Local Rules and Bylaws will be in addition to the Rules found at the Blues Foundation website, under <https://blues.org/international-blues-challenge>
12. In the event any of the governing Local Rules and Bylaws or Competition Rules found at blues.org are violated, the second place Solo/Duo or Band will be promoted, and sent to represent the Great Lakes Blues Society in Memphis.