



Application to Enter - 2023 Triangle Blues Challenge

Enter Name of Act - Band Name or Solo/Duo Name(s)

Act Category: Band Solo/Duo

The undersigned hereby attests that he or she is in fact eighteen years of age or older, and is, in fact, the responsible Spokesperson for the individuals listed on this form and identified by a real or stage name, and herein referred to as The Act.

NOTE: If any member of the Act will be less than 18 years of age on **Oct. 8, 2023**, a parent or legal guardian must act as responsible spokesperson for the Act.

The Act affirms that it meets the following criteria:

- Acts must live within 250 miles of Triangle Blues Society at of the time of appearance at the Triangle Blues Challenge on **Oct. 8, 2023**.
- Acts must play Blues music. All styles of Blues are acceptable, from the most traditional Delta Blues and Piedmont Blues, to Chicago Blues, Soul Blues, Rock Blues, etc.
- Entering acts must fill out this application and mail or electronic transfer the completed and signed application with the \$25 fee, submitted or postmarked no later than **September 23, 2023**, to the mailing address provided below. Make checks payable to: **Triangle Blues Society**.

In addition, Acts must submit the following content and information to the mailing address or e-mail address provided below, no later than **September 23, 2023**:

1. Photo of your act that you have all rights to (the photo may be used on the Triangle Blues Society website and promotional materials).
2. Short description and biography of your band (for promotional use).
3. Samples of your music – CD/DVD, MP3, YouTube via email, or link to online recordings of your music.

Mailing Address: Terri Robbins – 2023 Blues Challenge
1108 Four Wheel Drive
Wake Forest, N.C. 27587

Email: DataPros1@gmail.com

- **Please read the IBC rules carefully** - All entrants must be eligible to compete in the Blues Foundation's 39th International Blues Challenge (IBC), to be held **Jan. 16-20, 2024**. You can view the IBC official rules [here](#).
- Acts may compete in one of two categories: either as Solo/Duo act or as a Band. Individual performers can compete in one category only.
- Previous winners of the Triangle Blues Challenge are ineligible to compete again for one year. Individual members of a previous winning TBS act may compete with a new act, providing more than half of the new act's members are not members of the previous winning act.
- **As of 2018 there must be a break between Challenges 1 and 3. After 3 times participating in a TBS Challenge, the act is ineligible to compete again.**

Spokesperson initial page 1 of 3: _____

- Acts will refrain from indecent, lewd, and disruptive behavior on stage and when other Acts are playing. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.
- Good sportsmanship is a basic expectation of contestants. Overt acts of poor sportsmanship before, during or after the event will result in the Act being disqualified from the Triangle Blues Challenge and may result in the Act being banned from future Triangle Blues Challenges and other Triangle Blues Society events.
- All photos, videos and audio recordings taken by the Triangle Blues Society and/or Triangle Blues Society representatives in conjunction with the Triangle Blues Challenge are the sole property of the Triangle Blues Society and the Triangle Blues Society owns the copyright of the performance media (pictures, videos, audio, et al).
- Due to the number of musicians involved, the Triangle Blues Society **cannot offer a guest list**. Only participating musicians get in free. All others pay admission.
- Musicians under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their own parent or legal guardian. Parents or legal guardians must remain on premises at all times with their own minor child.
- Neither Triangle Blues Society membership nor an application to the Triangle Blues Challenge guarantees a slot in the Triangle Blues Challenge (e.g. there may be more applicants than available slots). All decisions by Triangle Blues Society regarding Acts chosen to compete are final.
- Acts chosen to compete will be notified on, or before, **Sept. 27, 2023**. Acts not chosen to compete will have their application fee refunded.

It is agreed by the Spokesperson that he or she and each member of The Act do hereby exempt from all liability the Triangle Blues Society and all persons, individuals, and companies that are directly or indirectly associated with the Triangle Blues Society and the Triangle Blues Challenge.

It is further agreed by the Spokesperson that he or she and each member of The Act do hereby accept full responsibility for taxes and restrictions related to any contest prizes received by the Act. Further, each member listed on this form hereby grants to the Triangle Blues Society the right to use his/her name, voice, picture, and other likenesses of The Act for the purposes of advertising, and publishing the Blues Challenge through the media, including syndicated entertainment radio, film, and/or television shows produced by the Triangle Blues Society or their agents. In addition, the Spokesperson agrees that the Triangle Blues Society will retain total and sole ownership of the programs (including photos, videos and audio recordings taken during the Triangle Blues Challenge), the right to copy and distribute the programs, and the right to license others to use these rights. The Act Spokesperson hereby acknowledges that each member of The Act has knowledge of and agrees to all rules and restrictions stated herein and elsewhere which are applicable to the Triangle Blues Society Blues Challenge as set forth by the Triangle Blues Society.

Spokesperson

Printed Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Act Category _____ **Solo/Duo** _____ **Band**

Spokesperson initial page 2 of 3: _____

I hereby attest and certify to compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to the Triangle Blues Challenge stated herein and elsewhere:

Spokesperson Signature _____

Date _____

List ALL musicians playing in the Challenge (Name / Age / City / State / Parent signature if applicable): The parent or legal guardian of each performer that will be less than 18 years of age on **Oct. 8, 2023**, must sign below to signify (1) parental permission to participate in the event, and, (2) agreement to accompany their own minor child to the event and to remain on premises with their minor at all times. **Continue on back of this page if more space is needed.**

Name	Age	City	State	Parent/Guardian (if applicable)

Make application fee checks payable to: Triangle Blues Society.

Mail-in Applications: Send your Triangle Blues Challenge application and \$25 application fee to:

Terri Robbins – 2023 Blues Challenge
 1108 Four Wheel Drive
 Wake Forest, N.C. 27587

Email: DataPros1@gmail.com (Subject line “**2023 Blues Challenge**”)

Only members of the Triangle Blues Society Board of Directors or their designated personnel may resolve Questions of eligibility, rules interpretation, and judging.

Spokesperson initial page 3 of 3: _____