

# Wayne County Idol 2026 – Official Contest Rules

## Overview

- Wayne County Idol is a live vocal performance competition hosted by Brewer Broadcasting, including KICKS 96, 101.7 The Point, and 95.3 The Legend. Presented by Fricker's in Richmond. Additional Support from Weiland Jewelers.
- Contestants will audition and compete for a chance to be named the 2026 Wayne County Idol and win the grand prize of \$1000. Participation in this competition requires agreement to all terms outlined below.

## Grand Prize

- One (1) winner will be selected at the conclusion of the final competition to receive a \$1000 cash prize. The winner is solely responsible for any applicable federal, state, and local taxes.

## Eligibility

Participants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Must be a legal U.S. resident and is at least 18 years of age as of June 10, 2026 (born on or before June 10, 2008).
- Previous winners of any Wayne County Idol competition are not eligible to participate.
- The following individuals are not eligible to participate:
  - Employees of Brewer Broadcasting or any event sponsors as of June 1, 2026.
  - Immediate family members (spouse, parent, sibling, or IRS dependent) or household members of the above-mentioned employees.
  - Employees and immediate family members of any other broadcast radio station.

## How to Enter

### Advance Online Registration

- Participants are strongly encouraged to register online prior to the audition dates. Registration is available at the following websites: [www.kicks96.com](http://www.kicks96.com), [www.1017thepoint.com](http://www.1017thepoint.com), [www.953thelegend.com](http://www.953thelegend.com)

### Onsite Registration

- Limited onsite registration may be available at audition locations, depending on the number of pre-registered participants. Onsite registration is not guaranteed and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Auditions (June 10 & 17, 2026)

All participants must attend one of the two open audition events held at Fricker's in Richmond, Indiana:

- **Wednesday, June 10, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (check-in from 5:30 PM–6:00 PM)**
- **Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (check-in from 5:30 PM–6:00 PM)**
- Each contestant must:
  - Present a valid photo ID at check-in.

- Sign a release form prior to performing.
- Perform approximately 30 seconds of one song of their choice, acappella (no instrumental backing, headphones, earbuds, or external audio devices permitted)

## Semi-Finals (June 24, 2026)

- The semi-finals round will take place on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Indiana.
- Check-in begins at 5:30 PM. The competition will run from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.
- Semi-finalists must be checked in by 6:00 PM to retain their eligibility.
- Each semi-finalist will perform the first 90 seconds of their selected song. Timing begins as soon as the submitted MP3 track starts playing, including any instrumental intro.

## Music Submission Requirements

- Semi-finalists must email three (3) karaoke-style MP3 tracks to [wcidol@kicks96.com](mailto:wcidol@kicks96.com) by Monday, June 22, 2026 at 12:00 PM EST. The three submitted songs should include:
  - Semi-Finals performance 90-Second song (File Name: "FULLNAME-SEMIFINALS')
  - Finals Round 1 90-Second song (File Name: "FULLNAME-FINALS1')
  - Finals Round 2 Full song (File Name: 'FULLNAME-FINALS2')
- ***In the body of your email, please be sure to include song titles with your submission.***
- If music is not received by the deadline, the participant will be required to perform acappella.
- Participants may perform with an acoustic instrument if they choose.
- Song files must be performance-ready and will be played as submitted. The station will not edit, trim, or alter any audio files.
- *After the semi-finals, finalists must confirm their final songs with event staff at the check-in table.*

## Finals (June 27, 2026)

- The final round will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond, Indiana.
- Check-in begins at 4:30 PM. The competition will run from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM (approximately).
- Finalists must be checked in by 5:00 PM to remain eligible to compete.
- Finalists should arrive prepared to compete in two rounds:
  - Round 1: 90-second performance of their chosen song (same format as semi-finals).
  - Round 2: Full-length performance of their second selected song. Only those advancing past Round 1 will perform in Round 2.
- Acoustic instruments are allowed. As with the semi-finals, all tracks will be played as submitted. The station will not make any changes to the audio files, and intros will be included in timing.

## Attire and Appearance

Due to photography and video recording during the event, contestants must avoid wearing apparel with: Designer brand names or logos, Corporate or team logos, Copyrighted images or characters, Celebrity likenesses or names, and Inappropriate language or graphics. Contest officials reserve the right to ask participants to modify, cover, or remove such items. Noncompliance will result in disqualification.

## **Media Release**

By participating in Wayne County Idol, all contestants grant Brewer Broadcasting (KICKS 96, 101.7 The Point, 95.3 The Legend) and event sponsors permission to use their name, likeness, image, voice, and performance in audio, video, photo, or other promotional content for current and future promotional use without further compensation or consent. If you or your guests do not agree to these terms, please do not attend or enter the event venue.

## **Accommodations**

Participants requiring special accommodation due to a disability should contact Brewer Broadcasting in advance at (765) 962-1595.

## **Disqualification & Rule Enforcement**

- Brewer Broadcasting reserves the right to disqualify any individual for any reason, including but not limited to: Failure to comply with contest rules, Misrepresentation of eligibility, Failure to attend required events, tampering with registration or judging processes, and unacceptable or disrespectful behavior toward staff or other participants.
- Rules, dates, and procedures are subject to change at the discretion of the event organizers. Participants are encouraged to check [www.kicks96.com](http://www.kicks96.com) for the most current information.

## **Force Majeure Clause**

- In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Brewer Broadcasting or its sponsors (including but not limited to weather events, natural disasters, health crises, or governmental orders), the event may be modified, postponed, or canceled without prior notice. Brewer Broadcasting and event sponsors are not liable for any damages, losses, or inconveniences resulting from such cancellations or delays.

## **General Contest Rules**

This competition is subject to all standard contest policies of Brewer Broadcasting. Additional general rules may apply.