

CROSSWINDZ

BATTLE OF BANDS (ROCK BAND)

ABOUT

Crosswindz, the oldest battle of bands in India, is one of the Flagship events of Kashiyaatra. Since its inception, Crosswindz has been home to major rock bands in India. Mindshift (Sweden), Tiny Fingers (Israel), Demonic Resurrection (Mumbai), Undying Inc (Delhi), Albatross (Mumbai), Underground Authority (Kolkata) have been our past headliners. Some of the past winners include Escape Artist, Diabolical Damage, High Frequency and the Purple Jays. Like the previous year, this year Crosswindz will organise a road trip for multi-city elimination rounds to ensure high-quality participation from bands all over the nation leading to a tight battle to be the best.

After the road trip selected bands will compete in the final to be held in Varanasi. The finals will be the opening act for headliners followed by the announcement of results.

RULES

The competition will be held in two phases, zonals in various cities and the finals in Varanasi.

Zonals (subject to change as per venue)

1. The competition is open to all English semi-professional bands.
2. Each band would be given a playing time of 25 minutes, inclusive of sound set-up.
3. Basic sound equipment and a standard drum-kit will be provided; bands are however advised to bring their guitars, keyboards, and additional equipment.
4. There is no upper limit for the number of members in a band, however, at any point in time, at least three members need to be on the stage.

5. No pre-recorded audio or MIDI interfaces are allowed. However, bands can use looper pedals for live loopings.
6. All songs must have their lyrics written in English.
7. The judge's decision will be final.
8. Based on the participation, we will select a maximum of two bands who will advance for the finals in Varanasi. (we can choose more bands on the particular recommendation of judges)

Finals

1. Every band should have at least one original composition.
2. Varanasi zonals will be held during Kashiyatra. The bands which have already participated in any other zonals can also join in the Varanasi Zonals.
3. The finals will be held in Varanasi during Kashiyatra. All the bands have to arrange their travel up to Varanasi.
4. Bands will be given 15 minutes time before their performances for sound setup. They can save the patches at that moment for their performances.
5. The performance time is limited to 20 minutes per band. The performances will be right before the headlining act by Guest Bands.
6. No pre-recorded audio or MIDI interfaces are allowed. However, bands can use looper pedals for live loopings.
7. All songs must have their lyrics written in English.
8. The judge's decision will be final; the judges would announce the results right after the headlining act of that day.
9. Any change in the above rules will be notified to the concerned band prior to their performances.