



Annual MBAS BLUES CHALLENGE

2025 ENTRY FORM - BAND

BAND = 3 OR MORE MUSICIANS INCLUDING VOCALISTS

BAND REPRESENTATIVE CONTACT DETAILS:

This can be the Band Leader or Manager

Name:

Address:

Phone: Mobile:

Email:

BAND DETAILS:

Name of Band: Number of Band members:

Names of Band members: 1. 2.

3. 4.

5. 6.

BAND members ALL have current individual MBAS Membership (include known Membership No. next to names above):

☐ YES ☐ NO - complete MBAS Membership Form on Page 4 for each Membership Subscription required.

NOTE: Unless ALL Band individuals are already MBAS members, then an MBAS Membership Form must be completed.

Website of Band:

Social Media site of Band:

Music Link sites for Band track reference (BandCamp, Spotify, YouTube etc.):

BAND ALTERNATIVE CONTACT DETAILS:

Alternative contact:

Alternative email address:

Alternative phone: Mobile:

IMPORTANT: All entrants are encouraged to read the International Rules & Scoring Criteria for the International Blues Challenge (IBC) available on The Blues Foundation (USA) website. The MBAS Blues Challenge judging criteria is exactly the same, and the means by which the judging panel will score your performance in the local and international Blues Challenge. **See the IBC International Rules & Scoring Criteria here: <https://blues.org/official-ibc-rules>**

ACKNOWLEDGE AND TICK THE FOLLOWING:

YOU (THE BAND):

- ☐ Have all read and understand the Entry Rules and Conditions of the MBAS Blues Challenge (BAND) and declare the information provided is accurate and true.
- ☐ ALL Band members are current financial Members of the MBAS (as individual MBAS members).
- OR**
- ☐ One or more are not a current financial member of the MBAS, but have completed the attached Membership Form and paid the required fee. (include a completed Membership Form for EACH new membership or renewal)
- ☐ Have paid the Blues Challenge Entry Fee of \$60 for EACH member of the band (as per payment method listed below).
- ☐ Have included the completed Blues Challenge Entry Form (BAND).
- ☐ Are providing **ONE digital promotional jpeg image** of the band being at least 300dpi (hi-res) if possible.
NOTE: NO logos or text within supplied band images.
- ☐ Are providing a **current, edited bio (200 words maximum)** NOTE: The bio should **describe your music to give an insight into your blues genre style**, sound, instrumentation, performance and music influences etc.
- ☐ Are providing a social media, website reference or other online link where a sample of your music can be heard.
- ☐ **Availability:** It is a condition of entry that all members of the act are available to perform on the required Blues Challenge dates. **IMPORTANT: Please note all these dates and times:**
Band Heats: Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th AUGUST - from 7pm onwards (+ 1 hr prior for induction)
You will need to perform on one of these dates. Performance order and day is decided by draw after all entries are received. NOTE: Only the top 3 scoring BAND acts from the Heats progresses to the Final.
Band Final (with Solo/Duo Final): SUN 14th SEPTEMBER - from 4pm onwards (+ 1 hr prior for induction)
The top scoring BAND act wins the MBAS Blues Challenge Final and is sent to Memphis USA to perform at the IBC.
IBC Memphis USA: 13th JANUARY – 17th JANUARY 2026 The MBAS winning BAND act should expect to at least be away in the USA from Sunday 11th January and returning Sunday 18th January 2026 (7 nights in Memphis).

The undersigned BAND representative hereby acknowledges that each member of the BAND is available on the nominated dates, knowledgeable of, and agrees to abide by, the terms of The Official Rules & Conditions of the Blues Challenge and this document, as set forth by MBAS Inc.

Spokesperson's signature: **Date:** / /

ENTRY PAYMENT DETAILS: Payment of \$60 PER BAND MEMBER applies

CREDIT CARD

Cardholder's name: _____ Amount \$: _____

Card number: _____ Expiry date: ____/____

Cardholder's Signature: _____ Card CCV #: _____

BAND ENTRY CHECKLIST:

SEND COMPLETED ENTRY FORM WITH ALL REQUIRED ENTRY MATERIALS:

ALL ENTRIES BY EMAIL ONLY:

Email to: president@mbas.org.au

NOTE SUBJECT LINE : "Blues Challenge Band Entry"

CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Completed ENTRY FORM (scanned as PDF)
- ☐ ENTRY PAYMENT via nominated Credit Card
- ☐ BIO as text attachment (Word file or simple text doc)
 - ☐ IMAGE attachment (high res 300dpi JPG)
 - ☐ MUSIC online reference link for sound play
- ☐ Completed MBAS MEMBERSHIP FORM/S (if applicable & scanned as PDF)

EMAILED ENTRY DEADLINE:

BY MIDNIGHT FRIDAY 27TH JUNE 2025

Please ensure your Entry to the Blues Challenge (BAND)

is **COMPLETE** and received **ON TIME**.

Late entries will NOT be accepted.



All memberships are for 12 months

3 FILL IN YOUR DETAILS (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP:

Name : _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP:

Name 1 (Adult): _____

Name 2 (Adult): _____

1 SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP

☐ **NEW** All new memberships receive a **FREE MBAS KEYRING**

☐ **RENEWAL** Member No. (IF KNOWN) _____

2 SELECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP TYPE

☐ **INDIVIDUAL** Membership: **\$40** annually

☐ **FAMILY** Membership: **\$60** annually
(Couple residing in the same household including dependant children)

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email : _____

**BLUES
WEEKLY**



All Memberships receive MBAS Blues Weekly by email Mondays for updates on Blues events plus a weekly Gig Guide. If you decide you no longer wish to receive the Blues Weekly e-subscription, you can unsubscribe at any time.

4 MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT DETAILS

I enclose: ☐ **CHEQUE** Make all cheques payable to: Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society (not MBAS)

☐ **CASH** In person only at an MBAS Event

☐ **CREDIT CARD:** ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard Amount: \$ _____

Card Number: _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ Expiry Date: _____ | _____ CCV #: _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

**NOTE:
DO NOT
POST CASH!**

Print and send this completed form with your payment to:

Melbourne Blues Appreciation Society,
PO Box 104, Williamstown VIC 3016 Australia
or scan and email to: president@mbas.org.au

MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

MBAS Membership can also be completed electronically at:
mbas.org.au/membership.htm

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