



## REGULATION OF THE CONTEST

### “SUWAŁKI BLUES FESTIVAL 2014 – THE BLUES BANDS’ CONTEST”

Suwałki Cultural Centre, hereinafter referred as the Organization, announces an open contest for the blues bands within Suwałki Blues Festival 2014 and contest for qualifications to the European Blues Challenge 2015 (only for bands from Poland). The contest will be conducted according to the rules set out in this document.

#### § 1

1. The contest is organized by Suwałki Cultural Centre, 5 Papieża Jana Pawła II street, Suwałki, 16-400.
2. Schedule of the contest:
  - a) the deadline for submission of applications: 15 May 2014
  - b) the date until which the applicant will receive the information about qualifying for the contest: until end of May 2014
  - c) date of the contest: 11-12 July 2014
3. The aim of the contest is to create conditions to present a particular group of blues performers from the Baltic countries including Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, as well as Russia (Kaliningrad Oblast) and Belarus to a wider audience during Suwałki Blues Festival 2014 and to perform a qualification for the European Blues Challenge 2015 (for the Bands from Poland).
4. Participants of the contest can be the bands from the Baltic countries including Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Belarus and Russia (Kaliningrad Oblast).
5. If there is/are any member/members of a group who is/are underaged by law - a written permission from a legal guardian is required allowing a member/members of a group to participate in the contest and travel to the Festival.
6. Participation in the contest is free of charge and voluntary.

#### § 2

1. Requirement to submit the contest is to deliver to the Organization a CD with the sound recording with the Band's repertoire ( recordings from the concerts are also welcome), as well as the filled in and signed application form which is a document attached to the Regulation of the Contest.
2. Technical requirements: a CD must contain minimum of 30 minutes of the band's music recorded in the mp3 format: (stereo, 44100 Hz, 192 kbps or more) or WAV (PCM 44100 Hz, 16bit).
3. The CD must be signed with the name of the band with the track list and the surnames of the authors of the songs.
4. Described CD together with the filled in application form ought to be delivered to the Organization up to 15 May 2014 to the following address: Suwałki Blues Festival 2014 Suwałski Ośrodek Kultury, ul. Papieża Jana Pawła II 5, 16-400 Suwałki with the note „SBF 2014 - contest”.

5. Application forms which will be delivered to the Organization after 15 May 2014 will not be taken into account.
6. CD which will not meet the technical requirements and/or will be delivered without filled in application forms will not be taken into account.
7. Each Band can submit only one application.
8. Cost for the delivered medium and the delivery costs is borne by the contestant.
9. Qualifications to the competition will be made by the Suwałki Blues Festival Contest Committee, established by President of Suwałki Municipality's byelaw, based on the sent music materials together with the applications. Contest Committee will judge, inter alia, the level of the performance, sound, arrangement and overall artistic impression.
10. The Organization assures a safekeeping of the equipment as well as the free entrance to all ticketed concerts during the Festival held on 11-12 July 2014.
11. Bands performing during Suwałki Blues Festival 2014 as contracted artists can not participate in the contest.

### **§ 3**

1. Winners of the contest will be chosen by the Jury, which will consist of people invited by the President of Suwałki Municipality and the Organization.
2. Members of the Jury will choose the best Bands by voting. Each member of the Jury has the right to vote once.
3. Jury will judge, inter alia, the level of the performance, sound, arrangement and overall artistic impression.
4. All Committee's and Jury's decisions are final and irrevocable.
5. The results of the Contest will be announced on the Organization's website [www.soksuwalki.eu](http://www.soksuwalki.eu) and [www.suwalkiblues.com](http://www.suwalkiblues.com) accordingly on 11 and 12 July 2014.

### **§ 4**

1. Winners, upon Jury's decision, shall be awarded with two main prizes:
  - a) Grand Prix Suwałki Blues Festival – the President of Suwałki Municipality's award (statue) together with a money award of 10 000 zł and the right to perform on Main Stage during the Festival on 12 July 2014,
  - b) for the performers from Poland - qualification to take part and to represent Poland during European Blues Challenge 2015 organized by the European Blues Union.
2. Organization shall cover the costs of accommodation and catering during the period of 11-12 July 2014 (2days) for the qualified to the contest Bands. Cost of travel to the Festival's premises shall be borne by the Bands.
3. The winners of the contests have the obligation to participate during the Suwałki Blues Festival 2014. Absence shall be considered as a resignation from the award which will be in Organization's disposition. Winners of the Contest shall not receive any money equivalent for not accepting the award.

4. In case of resigning from the award or unforeseen circumstances preventing winners from playing a concert during Suwalki Blues Festival 2014, the Organization reserves the right to transfer the prize to the Band, which according to the protocol has received the highest number of Jury's votes.
5. The Band qualified to take part in European Blues Challenge 2015, mentioned in § 4(1) b) shall cover the travel and accommodation cost by itself.

## § 5

1. Participant of the Contest sending an application to the contest declares that has an exclusive and an unlimited copyright to the submitted works and that:
  - a) in case of winning the contest agrees: to the multiple public use of the tracks, publication of personal data (name, surname, place of residence) of all members of the Band in all promotional materials associated with the Organization.
  - b) The Band authorizes Organization to the use songs and images taken during the concert of a Band and taken during Suwalki Blues Festival 2014 in order to make documentation, reportage, and in particular in order to share the above mentioned with the television, radio, online media. This also includes sharing images taken by accredited photographers with the press,
  - c) in case of winning the competition the Band authorizes to make registration of the Contest Concert by means of audiovisual techniques as well as to multiple public playback of the recording of the Concert in the promotional materials made by the Organization and their use in marketing and promotional purposes used by the Organization for an indefinite period of time which also includes promotional CD published by the Organization.
2. In case of claims made by the third party for the violation of rights of the track qualified for the Contest, the participant of Contest who sent the track has the obligation to take all the actions in order to dismiss the claims as well as to cover all the costs and losses associated with the above mentioned including costs of possible trial and legal services.

## § 6

1. Organization reserves the right to change the rules of the Regulation of the Contest, if it does not affect the deterioration of the Contest's conditions.
2. Organization does not return sent materials.
3. This Regulation of the Contest document is the only document which defines the rules for the Contest. It is available in the Organization's office: Suwalki Cultural Centre, 5 Papieża Jana Pawła II, Suwalki, 16-400 and on the website: [www.suwalkiblues.com](http://www.suwalkiblues.com)
4. People who do not meet all of the requirements specified in this Regulation or submit false information will be disqualified. The Contest Application which do not meet all the requirements specified in this document will not be taken into account.
5. All questions regarding the Regulation of the Contest document should be forwarded in writing via email on: [festival@suwalkiblues.com](mailto:festival@suwalkiblues.com) or [bogdan.topolski@soksuwalki.eu](mailto:bogdan.topolski@soksuwalki.eu).

Attachments are an integral part of the Regulation of the Contest document.  
Attachment 1 - Application Form