YANKEE HOMECOMING 2025

PRESENTS

THE 14th ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL BATTLE OF THE BANDS

July 26th, Saturday 6:00 pm | WATERFRONT STAGE | Newburyport, MA

Qualifying Band Contestants Will Compete For

Multi-Member Band (2 or more people)	
1st PRIZE	• THE OPENING ACT FOR A YHC EVENING WATERFRONT CONCERT • $100 CASH • PAID PERFORMANCE YHC PARADE FLOAT, SUNDAY AUG 3rd
2nd PRIZE	• $100 CASH SATURDAY, AUG 3RD, PAID PERFORMANCE MARKET SQUARE
3rd PRIZE	• $100 CASH

Acoustic/Solo (2 or less people)	
1st PRIZE	• $100 CASH • SATURDAY AUG 2nd, PAID PERFORMANCE MARKET SQUARE
2nd PRIZE	• $100 CASH

Criteria of Application

- **High school** students who reside in or attend school in the Massachusetts towns of:
  - Amesbury, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury, and West Newbury may apply.
- Bands will be selected as follows:
  - One band will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis from each of the listed towns, up to a maximum of 10 bands.
  - After June 27th, applications will be open to all high school bands and acoustic/solo acts, up to the 10 acts maximum.
- An application must be signed by a music teacher, band teacher, or music director who can vouch for your musicianship.

Band Members Must Agree to the Following

1. Vocals will contain no vulgar language and all on-stage acts regarding content, lyrics, presentation and production are family-friendly.
2. No pre-recorded or background tracks are allowed for any performers.

3. The duration of their performance will be determined by the number of band entries and will be announced on the night of the event.
4. Bands should be ready to play for a maximum of 20 minutes, depending on the number of entries.
    - If a performance exceeds the 20- minute limit, a warning will be given to conclude. No exceptions will be granted.
5. **Students can only compete in one division**, either the Multi-member band or Acoustic/Solo.
    - **Artists in Multi-Member Bands**
        - Participants are asked to prepare 5 songs.
        - Can be made up of 2 or more people.
    - **Artists in the Acoustic/Solo division:**
        - Can be made up of 2 or less people.
        - Participants are asked to prepare 3 songs.
        - Can play more than one instrument.

Production / Stage Notes

- 10 minutes will be allotted in between acts for setup/breakdown
- Stagehands will be provided to assist.
- Band members will need to bring their own guitars, basses, pedalboards, drumsticks or anything else required for the performance.
- The following equipment will be provided:
    - 4 guitar amps
    - 1 bass amp
    - 2 direct line inputs
    - 4 vocal microphones with boom stands.
    - An 88-key weighted keyboard
    - A 5-piece drum kit with at least one crash and one ride
    - PA System with Sound Engineer
    - Monitors
- **Not permitted:**
    - No personal microphones/amps/sound systems or sound engineers are allowed.
    - No personal in-ear systems are allowed.

The competition will take place on the Newburyport Waterfront Stage. Judges will cast their votes for Multi-Member Bands as well as Acoustic/Solo Placement. Prizes will be awarded at the competition.

Applications must be completed in full and received by the Battle of the Bands Committee by midnight July 19, 2025, along with a $15/band application fee.

Yankee Homecoming 2025

14th Annual High School Battle of the Bands - APPLICATION

Saturday, July 26, 2025 - 6:00pm | Newburyport Waterfront Stage

School Name	
Band Name	
Band Social Media Accounts	

Type/Style of Music				
Contact Name				
Contact Email				
Contact Phone #				
Do you or anyone in your band either attend a school or reside in the towns of Amesbury, Groveland, Merrimac, Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury, or West Newbury: Yes_____ If not where_____				
Division	Multi-member band		Acoustic/Solo (2 or less people)	
Music Instructor / Band Director	Signature:			
	School/Affiliation:			

A $15.00 fee must accompany this application (cash/check made out ***Yankee Homecoming***). Application completed in full must be received by midnight July 19, 2025, by the Yankee Homecoming - Battle of the Bands Committee.

Email: battle@yankeehomecoming.com for more information.

Application may be mailed to:

- Yankee Homecoming Battle of the Bands Committee
- Attn: Brittany Verville
- P.O. BOX 493, NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date received: _____ Paid: Y/N