

ARMENIAN NATIONAL SELECTION RULES FOR "EUROVISION SONG CONTEST – 2010" IN OSLO

The organizing committee invites you to participate in Armenian selection for "EUROVISION SONG CONTEST – 2010" in Oslo.

1. The exclusive rights to represent Armenia at the "EUROVISION SONG CONTEST – 2010" in Oslo belong to the "Public TV Company of Armenia" CJSC.
2. The organizer of the National Selection is the "Public TV Company of Armenia" CJSC.
3. The National Selection will be broadcast on the First Channel of "Public TV Company of Armenia" CJSC, as well as through satellite in USA, Europe, Russia and CIS countries.

OBJECTIVES

1. Settlement and enlargement of mutual cultural relations among different countries of the world.
2. Integration of the talented Armenian artists living abroad into the cultural life of Armenia.
3. To discover talented artists and performers aged at least 16 on the day of the National Selection and to select the best one(s) for the "EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 2010" in Oslo.

NATIONAL SELECTION

1. The first step towards the National Selection is scheduled on February 10, 2010 to take place in Yerevan, when organizing committee decides 10 best songs to compete further.
2. The jury selected by the "Public TV Company of Armenia" CJSC will estimate the music, lyrics, and the vocal skills of the performers with the maximum of 20 points and by means of the undisclosed and confidential voting.
3. Foreign lyricists and composers are allowed to submit songs for the Armenian National Selection. The performers must be found by the songwriters themselves.
4. All songs must have the copyright certificates from registered collecting societies.
5. Submitted compositions must not be published or in any manner presented to the public before October 1st, 2009.
6. The duration of the compositions must not exceed 3 minutes. The language of the submitted entry can be Armenian or any other European language.
7. 10 songs will be chosen for the televised National Final out of the received entries.
8. The organizers bear no obligations and responsibility for the compositions which haven't been qualified for the televised National Final.
9. The performers of the chosen best songs qualified for the televised selection, will be informed further.
10. During the selection both the authors of the songs and the performers should carry the expenses related to the professional arrangement, record of their compositions as well as the stage performance (outfit and props).
11. "Public TV Company of Armenia" CJSC bears no financial responsibility (accommodation, transportation and per-diem fees) for the artists arriving from the regions and abroad.

12. Each performance may consist of a maximum of six people on stage. No live animals shall be allowed on stage.
13. The winning artist may not compete for any other country than Armenia in the ESC in a given year.
14. Artists shall perform live on stage, accompanied by a recorded backing-track which contains no vocals of any kind or any vocal imitations.
15. Only live back-vocals are allowed during the performance.
16. The lyrics and/or performance of the songs shall not bring the Shows or the ESC as such into disrepute. No lyrics, speeches, gestures of a political or similar nature (chauvinistic, racist, against human rights) shall be permitted during the National Selection. No swearing or other unacceptable language shall be allowed in the lyrics or in the performances of the songs. No commercial messages of any kind shall be allowed. A breach of this rule may result in disqualification.

JURY VOTING AND TELEVOTING

1. The best 10 compositions from the first step of the Selection will be presented during the televised National Selection, the exact timing of which will be announced to the applicants later. The venue is AMPTV studio.
2. Both Jury and the viewers have the right to vote to select the best song.
3. Only local viewers of the territory of the Republic of Armenia can vote for their favorite entry.
4. Jury of the National Selection will estimate the results through closed and confidential voting.
5. The final scores of each entry shall be calculated on the basis of both the results of the televoting and of the Jury's vote, on a 50-50% basis. The final scores shall be determined as follows:
 - 12 points shall be allocated to the song having obtained the highest number of points from the combined number of votes from the televoting and from the juries;
 - 10 points should be allocated to the song having obtained the second-highest combined number of votes from the televoting and from the juries,
 - 8 points to the next and etc.
6. The performers of the best composition ("The Winner"), which collects the highest 12 points from the Jury and televoting will obtain the right to represent Armenia at the EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 2010 in Oslo, Norway. An agreement will be signed between the Winner and "Public TV Company of Armenia" CJSC.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

1. The solo performers, duets and bands can send their applications to take part in the National Selection.
2. The applications must be submitted before February 1, 2010 to the "Public TV Company of Armenia" CJSC.
3. The address to send the applications to is as follows: "Public TV Company of Armenia" CJSC, 26 G. Hovsepyan Street, Nork, 0047, Yerevan, Republic of Armenia, room 114.
4. The applications are accepted in a sealed envelope with a "EUROVISION" remark on it.

5. The application should contain contact information of the artists, the songwriters, dancers, back-vocalists; the passport copies of those mentioned and any other info the artist would like to share.
6. The application should contain the documents proving the copyrights for the song as well as the written permission of the songwriters to perform the song during the televised live National Final. The applicant should ensure the protection of the copyrights and adjacent rights; and bears responsibility for any claims and requests of the third-parties related to the broadcast of the song via "Public TV Company of Armenia" CJSC.
7. The application should contain the original track (+1) and the backing-track without any vocals or vocal imitations (-1) on CD or MD.

For additional information please call the following telephone numbers:

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