2017 FReeZA Push Start Comp

FReeZA Push Start Comp is open to soloists, duos and bands and is of most benefit to artists performing original material.

How to Enter:
1. Complete the FReeZA Push Start Comp Artist Application Form.
2. All performers need to complete a Mildura Rural City Council Photo Consent Form.
3. Applications and Photo Consent Forms must be received by Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services by 5:00pm on Friday 17 March 2017.

Mail: Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services, PO BOX 105, MILDURA VIC 3502
By hand: Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services, 108 Madden Avenue Mildura
Email: youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au

Important dates:
- Application’s close on Friday 17 March at 5.00pm
- FReeZA Push Start Comp will be held on Friday 24 March at the Mildura Senior College gymnasium

For More Information
For more information or assistance with the application, please contact the Youth Program & Participation Officer, Suzie Christensen on (03) 5018 8280.

Conditions of the Push Start Comp Entries
1. Entry is free of charge, but participants must cover all costs incurred by travel and accommodation.
2. All prospective participants must meet and be aware of all of these criteria:
   - Any act that has won a heat event and has gone on to compete in a Regional Final in any previous year, is not eligible to re-enter
   - Half of the band members must be 21 years of age or under
   - No members can exceed 25 years of age on the date of the first heat
   - Performers are not to have a recording, publishing or distribution deal
3. All applicants will be notified on whether they were successful to perform in the Push Start Comp by phone or email after the closing date on 17 March 2017.
4. Only the acts whose members live, work, recreate or study in the local area to the FReeZA provider will be awarded a performance opportunity. Priority will be given in the following order:
   - Young people who live, work, recreate or study in the Mildura Rural City Council municipality will be awarded a performance opportunity
   - Where places are available in the Push Start Comp, applications from outside the municipality will be considered
   - Priority will be given to all new bands/performers who have not competed in the competition before
   - In the event the number of artists/bands entering the heat is greater than timeslots available. The selection of the artists/bands will be at the discretion of Mildura Rural City Council and the FReeZA Committee
• Bands will be weighted depending on the percentage of members who either live, work, recreate or study in the Mildura Rural City Council municipality

5. By entering the Push Start Comp, performers agree to be available to perform at the Regional Final, should they win the heat even if the date and location is not available upon entry. If you are unavailable for the Regional Finals, your position will be offered to the band that placed 2nd and they will represent the region in your place. If this occurs, you ARE eligible to enter a FReeZA Push Start Heat again. Participants must cover all costs incurred by travel and accommodation.

6. If you enter more than one FReeZA Push Start Comp heat event (whilst correctly adhering to entry conditions) and you win, you will proceed to the Regional Final, but will no longer be permitted to compete in any entered heats that you may have previously entered during the same year. The committee hosting the subsequent events retain the right to offer your performance spot to another band or to allow you to play as a non-competing guest artist, not subject to the judges scoring.

7. Bands must perform for a maximum of 20 minutes. All acts must adhere strictly to their performance time, or have points deducted for playing over-time.

8. With the exception of solo artists, no more than ½ of any act members can play in any other band performing at the event.

9. All acts must have at least one member in attendance at the pre-event performer meeting.

10. At each FReeZA Push Start Comp event, there is backline equipment provided for your use. This includes full PA, drum kit, guitar and bass amplifiers. Performers may use their own snare drum, kick pedal, hi-hats and cymbals. Performers need to adhere to the strict stage times that will be clearly communicated before and at the event. All performers are responsible for their own equipment and no responsibility will be taken by the event organisers for any damaged or lost equipment.

11. The judging panel’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into on the night or thereafter.

12. If you successfully win through to the Regional Finals, the band line-up that performs at that event must be consistent with the line-up of the winning heat event. Replacement line-up changes are permitted, but no additional members are allowed (i.e. a solo artist winning a heat solo, is not allowed to then perform at the Regional Finals with a full band). All band members must adhere to the entry conditions of the competition, regarding age limitations.