

# Rules & Regulations



1. Competitors must be a Canadian Citizen.
2. Competitors are responsible for their own expenses incurred.
3. Global Country employees, volunteers, sponsors, immediate family involved with this event, Global Country Rising Stars and Alumni, or winners from previous years (Global Country) are not eligible.
4. Individuals with a recording contract with an independent, major, national or multi-national label, a management or agency contract, **or major market radio airplay are not eligible.**
5. Competitors must be a “solo or duo” act only.
6. Competitors must 1<sup>st</sup> perform one **country cover song** during the Preliminaries, Semi-Finals, and Finals. The 2<sup>nd</sup> song can be a cover or original song.
7. Competitors may sing to a CD or MP3 with no lead vocals, and with limited background vocals or **accompany themselves on a solo instrument.** (Competitors must provide their own instrument.) They may also have a solo instrumentalist accompany them.
8. **Time on stage shall not exceed 8 minutes.** All acts will be timed. Two songs only are allowed with the 1<sup>st</sup> one being a cover song, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> being a cover **or** original song.
9. Props, pyrotechnics will not be allowed.
10. Entry forms including registration fee must be received in the Global Country Office by the cutoff date listed on the website. Incomplete, ineligible forms will not be accepted. Please ensure all forms are legible and all spellings are correct. **Registration fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.**
11. Judges will make their decision based on vocal ability, performance, star quality, stage presence, overall talent, and marketability. The business plan submission and interview will also be a large component of this year’s process. The judges’ decision is final.
12. The winner of Country Star Search 2018 must provide proof of passport.
13. Global Country, Country Star Search committee have the right to photograph, film and/or sound record performances for promotional purposes in any publications, and other advertising media, without limitations.
14. Global Country, Country Star Search, their officers, volunteers, directors, employees, sponsors, and agents are not responsible for any claims, any loss, causes of actions, grievances, or damages.
15. Global Country, Country Star Search reserve the right to make any final decisions on all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, as well as the right to change, alter, and/or rearrange parts or all of these rules and regulations, including the prize package, at any time.

If you are interested in competing for Country Star Search, please complete the entry form and return it along with the registration fee to Global Country.

Only the first 100 entries will be accepted. Entry forms that are incomplete, illegible, or not including the entry fee will not be accepted. Please ensure you have read the Rules & Regulations.

Competitors will be notified by phone or email. Please ensure you have the correct contact phone number and a legible email address on your entry form.