

# 2024 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. **Submissions and auditions will be taken online**. Video can be uploaded to YouTube or send by We Transfer (free) with link sent to [maryannegibson@globalcountry.ca](mailto:maryannegibson@globalcountry.ca)
7. Competitors must submit **a video of their performance and a one-page on their plan & goals to pursue a career in "Country Music"**
8. Competitors must submit **two songs for their online audition**, including one **country cover song**. The second song can be an original or cover.
9. Competitors may sing to a recorded track with no lead vocals, and limited background vocals or accompany themselves on a solo instrument. They may also submit a performance video with a band as long as the music does not overpower the vocals.
10. If you wish to provide a short introduction to yourself with your performance video you are welcome to do so but you must **also submit the one page written submission. Total audition presentation shall not exceed 10 minutes**.
11. Entry forms, including registration fee, must be received in the Global Country Office by 11:59 PM, Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Incomplete, ineligible forms will not be accepted. Please ensure all forms are legible and all spellings are correct. **Registration fees are non refundable**.
12. Judges will make their decision based on vocal ability, performance, star quality, stage presence, overall talent, and marketability. The business plan submission and a follow up interview will also be a large component of this year's process. The judges decision is final.
13. The winner of Country Star Search must be able to provide proof of passport eligibility in case of travel. **Must be able to travel to the US** and have no prior issues that would prohibit this travel.
14. Global Country, Country Star Search committee, and Black Gold Media, have the right to photograph, film and/or sound record performances for promotional purposes in any publications, other advertising media or online without limitations.
15. Global Country, Country Star Search, Black Gold Media, their officers, volunteers, directors, employees, sponsors, and agents are not responsible for any claims, any loss, causes of actions, grievances, or damages.
16. Global Country, Country Star Search, and Black Gold Media, 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.

Please Note:

Besides the audition submissions, there will also be an interview process, after all submissions are in.

