

Guidelines for the ABU Song Contest

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ABU Song Contest is the first big-scale international music competition hosted by ABU, the equivalent to Eurovision Song Contest in Europe. This will be a golden opportunity for young and promising singers in the Asia-Pacific regions to rise to fame.

The winner will be selected through regional preliminary round, the Semi-Final and the Final. Don't fail to witness the first winning singer of the Contest!

Host: ABU

Organizer: Qingdao Municipal Bureau of Culture, Radio, Television, Press and Publication

Dates: Thursday, 17 October 2019 for the Semi-Final

Saturday, 19 October 2019 for the Final

Venue: West Coast Star Island, Qingdao, China

Requirements:

1. Broadcaster

- ◇ABU TV and Radio members in the Asia-Pacific Regions are eligible to join the Contest.
- ◇1 organization per country is allowed to join the Contest. The organization represents the country.
- ◇Should there be more than one organization per country, ABU will use its discretion to decide through discussion with applicants.
- ◇Participating broadcaster selects one singer as a representative of the country. If there are more than 2 candidate singers, it is encouraged to hold a preliminary round.
- ◇Participating broadcaster needs to live broadcast the Final. They are also encouraged to live broadcast the Semi-Final.
- ◇Participating broadcaster needs to organize their own Audience Jury of 100 people. The winner will be decided by the voting of International Professional Jury, and Audience Jury at respective participating organization ends.
- ◇No Registration Fee is required.

2. Singers

- ◇Age; 16 and above
- ◇Both solo artist and musical group are allowed to join the Contest.
- ◇Any singer, professional or amateurs, are eligible as long as the broadcaster nominates them as a representative singer of the country
- ◇The singer must sing live. Lip-synching is not allowed.
- ◇During the Contest in Qingdao, the singers start with the Semi-Final. Only the singers who passed the Semi-Final will advance to the Final.

3. Song

- ◇ Singers can select any song for the Contest
- ◇ No limitation on Genre, Language
- ◇ Both original or popular song is acceptable as long as the lyrics don't describe any sensitive issues
- ◇ Duration of the song is within 3 minutes

Submission Rules:

Organizations who hope to participate must submit a Participation Form first. After the submission, the broadcaster will appoint the ABU Song Contest Representative Producer ("RP") and nominate the singer, which will be informed in the Entry Form by the Deadline. RP refers to a producer or programme director assigned by Participating Organization.

Deadline:

Participation Form	20 March
Entry Form (Nominate Singer and RP)	30 June

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