

Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Band Leaders Association (ACCBA)



**CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL
PARADE OF BANDS 2014**

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND APPLICATION

**SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014
Salem Park
*5290 Salem Rd
Lithonia, GA 30038***

The enclosed information describes in detail the guidelines, rules and regulations governing the Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Parade of Bands and competitions. Please thoroughly read this information and complete the registration application.

A. Competition

Competition categories are as follows:

- Children's (Masquerade) Band of the Year
- 2nd Place
- 3rd Place

B. Eligibility

Children's Band of the Year Competition

To be eligible for the Children's Band of the Year and to participate in the Parade of

Bands, each masquerade band must:

- 1. Be officially registered by fully completing the enclosed registration form no later than April 15, 2014.**
- 2. Portray a theme that contributes to the spirit of carnival.**
- 3. No minimum amount of children allowed.**
- 4. Children ages 0 to 14 will compete together.**
- 5. Bands will start assembling thirty (30) minutes prior to the parade for pre judging.**
- 6. All bands must submit their music to the DJ no later than one (1) hour prior to parade.**
- 7. The number of child masqueraders must be submitted by May 1, 2014.**

C. Judging and Scoring

The judges shall decide on the points (110) to be awarded for the Masquerade Band competition using the following criteria:

Pre-judging	10 points
Theme	20 points
Visual Impact	20 points
Creativity/masquerader participation	20 points
Craftsmanship	20 points
Presentation	20 points

- **Pre-judging is vital to us having a timely commencement of the parade. Pre-judging will commence at 12:30 p.m. Bands not properly assembled by 12:30 p.m. will be relocated and will have MINIMUM of 20 points deducted. Any band not properly assembled at 12:45 will not be allowed in the parade.**
- **Judging for Carnival will be done by three judges, a forth judge who is the head judge will also score but his/her scores will only be used in the event of a tiebreaker. In the event that there are two bands having the same total score after using the head judge's score, creating a tie for 1st place, there will be no 2nd place, if there is a tie for 2nd place there will be no 3rd place, if there is a tie for 3rd place the judges will have to determine a clear winner for that third place since ACCBA will only pay three prize totals.**
- **The score to be awarded will be the aggregate points of the judges.**
- **The decision of the judges shall be final and binding**

Judging Criteria

Theme	Portrayal identifies clearly with the theme of presentation	20
Visual Impact	The impression that is created as a presentation/portrayal comes into one's range of vision and the effect produced throughout the whole performance.	20
Creativity	The inventive, innovative or creative skills displayed by a designer in depicting a presentation/portrayal arising from imaginative thought or idea.	20
Craftsmanship	The skills displayed by a designer in depicting a presentation/ portrayal that is a true or genuine production of the theme that is presented.	20
Presentation	The manner in which the portrayal unfolds as it goes across the judging point and the way it is established throughout the performance.	20
Pre Judging	The manner in which bands line up and initial costume presentation.	10
	Total Points	110

D. Prize Distribution

Prizes will be awarded using the following guidelines:

- As previously noted, in the event that there are two bands having the same total score after using the head judge's score, creating a tie for 1st place, there will be no 2nd place, if there is a tie for 2nd place there will be no 3rd place, if there is a tie for 3rd place the judges will have to determine a clear winner for that third place since ACCBA will only pay three prizes total.
- Prize money for each competition is as follows:

Children's Band of the Year	\$200
2nd Place	\$150
3rd Place	\$100

- All prize checks will be made payable to the registered band or bandleader.
- Prize checks will be distributed at the end of the season awards reception unless otherwise notified by Atlanta Caribbean Carnival officials.

E. Guidelines on Submitting A Protest on Results

- Protests should be submitted in writing within 72 hours of results being officially announced.
- Protests should be addressed to the following:

Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Judges Pool Committee
P O Box 742384
Riverdale, GA 30274

- Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Officials will meet within 10 days to discuss the protest and review the tabulations.
- All ACCBA Executive Members and Judges are required to be present at the meeting to discuss the protest and review the results.
- Final decision on the issue will be communicated to all Atlanta Caribbean Carnival Masquerade Bandleaders within 21 days.
- Protest actions will not interrupt ACCBA post-carnival activities and evaluations.
- No prize monies will be distributed until all protest actions are resolved.



BAND REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete all information requested.
If some information is not applicable please indicate by entering N/A.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Band _____
Contact Name(s) _____
Address _____
Email _____ Phone # _____

BAND INFORMATION

Number of Participants: _____
Band Theme/Portrayal: _____
Sections: 1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____
4: _____ 5: _____

Music on the Road: DJ _____ Musicians: _____

Please give a brief description of your 2013 theme: _____

Please describe your costumes by section: _____

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For Additional Information

www.atlantacarnival.org