



Bet on the Blues

2022 Las Vegas Blues Society

Musician Policies/Benefits

General

The mission of the Las Vegas Blues Society (LVBS) is to promote and preserve the blues music genre in the Las Vegas area. In the spirit of this mission, the LVBS Board of Trustees (Board) offers exclusive benefits to those bands that identify and promote themselves as being a blues band.

Programming personnel reserve the right to determine if a band meets the criteria for Member Band inclusion on a case-by-case basis.

Conduct

- Member Bands should be active in the LVBS and attend events even if not performing.
- Member Bands should regularly participate in the tri-monthly LVBS Jams.
- Member Bands pay an annual fee of \$50.
- Member Bands should buy hats and t-Shirts and wear them publicly.
- Member Bands should be publicly supportive of the LVBS and encourage friends to join and attend events.
- Member Bands should understand that they will be considered by the Board for booking opportunities but that this is not guaranteed.
- Member Bands should actively engage in LVBS social media platforms. (Facebook Page & Group, Instagram, Twitter & Youtube)
- Member Bands that lapse in their annual dues remittance, shall have the \$50 deducted from future booking payment.

Social Media/Promotions Related

- At no time shall written correspondence contain language that could be perceived as: political, threatening, sexist, racist, obscene, cursing, or bullying. Violations will result in a private warning to stop and the post being deleted. Repeat violators will be removed from the platform.
- Limit posts to the mission of the LVBS: Promotion and preservation of the blues music genre in our geographic area.
- Limit posts to LVBS platforms to no more than once per day per platform.
- Posts should be complimentary to the LVBS/artist/event/venue and written professionally.
- LVBS reserves the right to remove any content they deem violates/does not meet/support the mission of the LVBS or these policies.

Member Band Benefits

- Full Individual Member Benefits (t-shirt/voting/networking/mentorship)
- Priority booking opportunities at LVBS special events and Jam Hosting.
- Photo/bio/links of the band on the internationally recognized lasvegasblues.org website.
- Priority sharing of band events on LVBS social media platforms
- Events listed on the lasvegasblues.org calendar.
- Merchandizing services offered during LVBS events by Board members.
- Priority gig referrals
- Musician Emergency Relief Fund (MERF) eligibility. Special MERF policies apply.
- Periodic mentions of your Member Band status at various LVBS functions.

Participation in LVBS Jams (Jammer Policies)

- Each Jam is hosted by a paid “Host Band.” The Host Band will play the first hour, and then members of the Host Band will fill in for the individual jammers if there is a need.
- Host Bands are booked by the LVBS Board and are generally paid, in good-standing, “LVBS Member Bands.”
- The Jam Host decides how the jam will be managed. All decisions made by the Jam Host will be completely supported by the LVBS Board of Trustees. Being rude to the Jam Host will not help your cause.
- Jammers must sign up (name & instrument) in order to participate and we do not guarantee that you will be able to play due to a number of factors (number/type of jammers, venue, level of experience, etc.)
- The Host Band will share their gear and it is expected that you will treat it with care. (Mics/stands, guitars, bass, keys and a full drum kit) A PA system and sound man are also part of the jam experience.
- Each artist can generally play 2 to 3 songs, but the Jam Host makes the call.
- Jammers are welcome to bring their own amp, pedals, etc. but changeovers need to be fast and smooth, the simpler the better and guitars should be tuned prior before you come on stage.
- Jammers are expected to know their songs and not bring lyrics or music on stage with them.
- Jammers should have a few songs to choose from that are fairly common or at least of a simple enough structure so that the other players can effectively support the effort.

Booking Host Bands for the Jams

- We have 3 jams per month at the time of this writing (Sand Dollar, 1st Friday 10 pm-2 am; Soulbelly, 2nd Saturday 2-6 pm; & Saddle N Spurs 3rd Sunday 7-11 pm)
- Host Bands are booked by the LVBS Programming Trustees based upon a variety of factors;
 - Current LVBS Member Band Membership
 - Known Talent & Audience Draw
 - Haven't Recently Played
 - Have a Full 4-Piece (preferably) Band (guitar, bass, drums, keys)
 - Can Handle Playing with Jammers of Varying Skill Levels/Abilities
 - Know a Wide Variety of Blues Songs

Please note that the Host Band is responsible for the entertainment for the entire night should there be a lack of jammers in attendance.

Booking Bands for Other LVBS Special Events

The LVBS Board of Trustees holds a variety of events each year which feature local and occasionally, international talent. Booking for these events are based upon a number of factors that include the appropriateness for the event/venue, known talent and audience draw, and if the band is a LVBS Member Band in good standing. Member Bands pay an annual \$50 fee and receive promotional opportunities on our social media platforms and our website www.lasvegasblues.org.

If you are in a band and would like to be considered for booking opportunities with the LVBS, it is highly recommended that you attend a jam with your band and blues music related material to present to the LVBS Board and Membership in attendance. Otherwise, please email a link to YouTube videos of your band performing blues related material to the president@lasvegasblues.org.