

# Rules



## The Contest in General

- The country with the highest points wins each edition.
- The participant needs to choose the host city, presenters, venue. If you want, you can add to a logo and slogan, if not, the webmaster will do it.
- Cheating/not accepting the rules will lead to disqualification of at least 2 editions. **If the cheating/not accepting of the rules is recurring, it will lead to disqualification from the whole contest.**
- If the Administrator considers that your country has advantages from other countries (for example, your friend is playing too and he always gives you 12 points) he/she retains the right to disqualify both you and your friend(s).
- Any member of Eurovision Memories who is rude or abusive to any other member or acts in a way that contravenes Eurovision Memories equal opportunities policy will be banned completely. All members agree to act with tolerance towards people of all backgrounds.
- All new players will be required to prove their true identity. First of all, each player must have a **Facebook account**, due to the fact that all communication is done on Facebook and we have a nice community here that chats with each other. We want you to be part of the entire EM experience. Secondly, all new players will be required to send their entries through the **website**.

## Countries

- You can only use a country which has the status of FREE. Look for those countries at Free Countries in this website.
- You can only participate with ONE country.
- If you want to participate with a country which is not on this website, ask the webmaster. Then, we will both decide what the possibilities are.
- At the moment, we're slowly expanding our list of countries to the ones active in the EBU. If the number of players grows, there will a possibility to use more international countries in Asia, North/South America, Africa and Oceania.
- **Neighbor Rule:** Some countries can borrow singers/groups from neighboring countries. You can see the possibilities [here](#).

## Songs

- Songs may not be longer than 5 minutes and 30 seconds and not shorter than 2 minutes and 30 seconds.
- The songs may be sung in any language.
- The songs need to be submitted with a YouTube URL link.
- **Official Eurovision Song Contest songs are NOT allowed**, but songs of National Selections that already ended are allowed.

- National Finals for Eurovision Memories can be organized. Contact the webmaster for it.
- It is recommended that your song should have a video clip, although it's not a requirement.
- Covers are only allowed if the song that is being covered comes from the same country as it's representing. Covers of American songs or Eurovision songs are not allowed!
- All songs must contain lyrics/vocals/words. These can be sung or spoken but instrumental songs will not be permitted.
- The webmaster of Eurovision Memories retains the right to ask any participant to change their video or song if the song or video causes offence to other Eurovision Memories. Incidents of this is where songs or videos contain violence, drug usage, sexual imagery or where the song or video contains word or language that is racist, sexist, homophobic or attacks any person or group based on their physical appearance or religious disposition.

## Artist

- The artist needs to have the same nationality as the country they will represent. When it comes to a group or duo, at least 50% of the group/duo needs to be from the country they'll represent.
- Artists that already passed away are allowed in this contest.
- The artist/group can represent twice time in a row in this competition.
- If the participant uses an artist/group, other countries can't use that artist/group.
- The artist can have double citizenship, being able to represent those countries.
- No artist that has American citizenship (unless he/she has double citizenship with an European country) is permitted to be submitted to Eurovision Memories, even if they are collaborating with a European artist. This is a contest to share music from European artists, American citizens can give an unfair advantage to the artist.

## Voting System

- The voting system is like the official Eurovision Song Contest (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-10-12)
- You may send your votes to [eurovisionmemories1@gmail.com](mailto:eurovisionmemories1@gmail.com).
- Everyone needs to vote. If you don't vote in semi-finals, you can't proceed to the final, but you still can vote for the final. If you don't vote in the final, you will be disqualified from the competition for, at least, one editions.
- Send your votes according to the dates on the current edition page.
- Always try to vote on time, else your votes will not count.
- If you cannot vote on time, please let the webmaster know this at least 24 hours before the deadline.
- We won't accept 'artificial' votes. As a competitor you need to analyze all the songs and give points correctly!
- We just want one winner, so if the result ends up with a tie where two or more countries has got the same amount of points we will start counting how many votes each country received, if there is still a tie we will start counting the amount of 12's, 10's etc. If it's the same result after that we will make a re-vote between these countries and the country with the most votes will be named the winner.

## The Semifinals

- If you didn't reach top 3 in the last edition, you will be automatically participating in a Semifinal according to the draw.

- To determine the order we will use random.org.
- The number of semifinal will be decided according to the number of participants.
- During the competition of a semifinal, according to the number of participants, in order, the most-voted countries goes directly to the final, while others in the middle of the table go to the Second Chance Show.
- The webmaster will decide the number of qualifications, according to the number of participants.

### **The "Second Chance" Show**

- The second chance allows countries that didn't qualify in the semifinals to get another chance.
- A poll will be opened for the public to decide the top 2 qualifiers.

### **The Facebook Group Rules**

- Since you are a participant at EM, you're allowed to join the EM Facebook Group.
- You're only allowed to use English Language.
- You are not allowed to promote other things rather than EM.
- All members must be respected and always use a moral language.

***If you have any questions about the rules you can contact the webmaster.***

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