

This document sets out the deadlines, timings, competition rules and general terms and conditions which govern the D-Joust 2008 DJ competition. Please read them thoroughly – they're important.

If you have any questions please contact the D-Joust team @ info@djoust.com

The D-Joust 2008 will hold live knock-out heats in Birmingham (UK), London and Antwerp. Selected DJs will progress to the semi-finals and grand final in London.

Your demo will be marked by your local regional judging panel (determined by the postal address submitted on your DJ registration form). You will only be considered for your local heats.

Your local heats will be determined as follows:

- Entrants from Mainland Europe will be entered into the Antwerp heats
- UK entrants from north of Northampton will be entered into the Birmingham heats
- UK entrants from Northampton and anywhere south of Northampton will be entered into the London heats

The registration fee for the 2008 competition is £5. Your demo must be received by 14th July 2008 to be eligible for the for the 2008 competition.

For the avoidance of doubt, paying the registration fee does not guarantee entry into any live region heat of the D-Joust 2008. You will not be entitled to a refund of your registration fee if your demo is received after the regional closing date.

If you are unsure which heat is local to you please email info@djoust.com

Regional Variations

Region	Closing Date for demo submission	Venue Address	Live heats dates	Start Time	DJs per heat
Antwerp (Mainland Europe)	14/07/08	Magic Places Noordkasteel-Oost 6 (Zeevaartschool) Antwerpen Belgium	02/08/2008	TBC	10
Birmingham (The North)	14/07/08	The Custard Factory Gibb Street Birmingham B9 4AA	Dates TBC	TBC	6
London (The South)	14/07/08	Plan B 418 Brixton Road London SW9 7AY	* 14 th August * 28 th August * 11 th September	TBC	6

Semi-Finals and Grand Finale Variations

Event name	Venue Address	Event Date	Start time	Number of competition DJs on the night
Semi-Final 1	Plan B 418 Brixton Road, London SW9 7AY	* October 4 th	20.45	7
Semi-Final 2	Plan B 418 Brixton Road, London SW9 7AY	* October 18 th	20.45	7
Grand Finale	Plan B 418 Brixton Road, London SW9 7AY	* November 8th	20.45	6

* Dates may be subject to change

D-Joust Competition Rules

1. DJ Entry

- Music policy is all types of house / breaks and associated genres
- The competition is open to single DJs and DJ groups / collectives
- DJs must register on our website www.djoust.com
- For groups the primary contact only need register
- You must pay the registration fee via PayPal after registration (you will be sent details)
- You will receive email confirmation, a unique reference number and an address to send your demos to
- Please send ONLY ONE DEMO. Due to sheer numbers we will only judge the first 30 minutes of each demo
- Demos must be submitted in either Audio CD or CD MP3 format
- Your demo must have your unique reference number written on your CD.
- DJs that successfully make it into the live knock-out rounds will be notified by telephone. At this time you will be told the date you will be playing.
- DJs need to give a minimum of two weeks notice if they are unable to make their heat to be considered for future heats *
- Failure to comply with rules stated in this document may lead to disqualification

* For the Antwerp heat DJs will be notified on the 21st July and must accept the date on the day of the confirmation call

2. Knock-out rounds

- Date for the live knock-out rounds are set out above in the regional variations
- The number of DJs competing in each live heat is set out above in the regional variations. Competition DJs play 30 minute sets
- DJs must arrive and register no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time set out above in the regional variations
- Running order will be drawn from a hat
- The winner and runner up will go through to the semi finals
- Winners are announced on the night and are decided by a panel of judges using set Judges criteria (see section 9)
- The runner-up is decided by public text vote open for 1 week after the event

3. Semi Finals

- DJs must arrive and register no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time set out above
- Running order will be drawn from a hat
- DJs play 30 minute sets.
- DJs are judged by a panel of judges using the set judging criteria (see section 9).
- Grand Finalists are announced on the night and are decided by a panel of judges using set Judges criteria (see section 9)
- The three DJs with the highest scores from the judges (in each semi-final) will go through to the Grand Finale

4. The Grand Final

- DJs must arrive and register no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled start time set out above
- Running order will be drawn from a hat
- DJs play 30 minute sets
- The D-Joust judges decide the winner based on the criteria set out in section 9 (Judges Criteria).
- The Champion is announced on the night

5. Prizes

There will be an awesome collection of prizes for heat winners and the D-Joust winner. Details of prizes will be announced in due course via the website. Check out the prizes for 2007 @ www.djoust.com, 2008 will be bigger and better!

The winner and the runner up from the Mainland Europe heat win a paid trip to their D-Joust semi final. (a Eurostar train ticket and lodgings for one night.) Please note: Mainland Europe competitors progressing to the Grand Finale may have to pay for their own travel expenses. (TBC nearer the time).

6. Competing DJs

- If a DJ is late for registration on the night without a valid excuse they may not be allowed to compete
- DJs must only use music they have either purchased legally or produced themselves, we do not endorse the theft of music and the cost for being caught is disqualification
- Competitors must submit track listings after their set in the interest of copyright / royalties
- Equipment available will be 3 * CDJ 1000 MkII's, Pioneer DJM800, 2 * Technic 1210 MkII *
- DJs may use their own Laptops. **LAPTOPS MUST BE SETUP AND READY TO GO IN ADVANCE OF THE START OF THE FIRST COMPETITION DJS SET.**
- The D-Joust team accept no responsibility for loss or damage to your equipment

* Antwerp heat will only have two CDJs

7. Venue and Times

The start times for the heats are set out in the regional variations
Guest DJs may play before and after competition

8. Judges

- Judges will be chosen by The D-Joust team and will be respected members of the music industry
- It may not be the same judges each time
- If we are short of judges on the night due to unforeseen circumstances the competition will go ahead anyway

9. Judging Criteria

Entries and stage winners will be judged using the following criteria:

- Quality of music / tunes
- Technical mixing ability
- Originality (musical journey)
- Performance (presence behind the decks / star quality)

10. Public Voting

- Voting will be via SMS (text message) only
- Text your favourite DJ name "XXXXX" as announced on the night to XXXX. Votes will be charged at XX pence plus your standard network rate
- Voting will be open until midnight of the seventh day after the heat
- Votes received after this time will be charged but will not be counted

11. General

- All decisions outside of the judges' control will be made by the D-Joust team: Danny Simper, Jim Chuck, Russ Caine (Midlands), Robbe Van Bogaert and Tampir Van Gool (Antwerp)
- Equally the D-Joust team have no say in judges' decisions
- All decisions are final and there is no appeal procedure
- All live sets will be recorded and available for streaming on www.djoust.com or by registering for the D-Joust podcast

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