



Open Mic Night House Rules

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Welcome to the Imagination Shoppe's Open Mic Night. Although we do want to create an open, creative atmosphere to allow artists to express themselves, we do need to be mindful that we are a business location and share an area with other commercial neighbors. To maintain a positive environment and keep the fun going, the Imagination Shoppe has created this simple list of rules and regulations. Please feel free to contact us at openmic@imaginationshoppe.net or see your nearest Game Barista to address any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you.

Artists:

- a. **Must** arrive at least **10min** prior to open-mic start to check-in (NOT 10min prior to performance time)
 - i. Anyone late without prior notification will lose their spot to anyone wishing to sign-up during night of open-mic
 - ii. Must have all equipment on-hand at check-in
 - iii. Exceptions for time allowable with agreement made prior to open mic with MCs
- b. Performance time: 5-8 min or 3 original pieces, whichever comes first
- c. Free expression is encouraged but please stay within the following guidelines ...
 - i. Limited obscene language (**Family friendly environment**)
 1. i.e. "Fuck" 1 – 2 times OKAY; every-other word NOT okay
 2. Racist/sexist terms must be OKAYED by MCs prior to performance (based on relevance to message & amount of usage)
 - ii. No profound endorsement of violence, racism, sexism etc.
 - iii. Artists should be adequately clothed; no indecent exposure please ☺
- d. **ALL CANCELLATIONS TO BE MADE ASAP or at least by 24hrs in advance.**

Guests:

- e. Respectful behavior towards all performers
- f. No intently disrespectful interruptions while performer on stage
- g. Please stay for several artists. We discourage simply showing up for friends only
- h. Please place all trash in appropriate trash cans
- i. Help us create a friendly, open atmosphere for all performers, guests, and customers.

The event will be MC'd by Imagination Shoppe team members. The MCs will have final word/judgment in all situations so please work with them not against them. They are trying to make this a positive event from everyone's stand point.

Please remember that it will take everyone, both guests and artists to make this event a wonderful experience. Help us make this a great evening so that we can continue to do more in the future.

Thank you.

Imagination Shoppe Team