



Public Broadcasting Services Limited

Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection
2020
Regulations

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Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2020 - Regulations

1. The Song Contest

- a. The Junior Eurovision Song Contest (the "JESC") is an international coproduction by EBU Members which is carried out under the auspices of the European Broadcasting Union (the "EBU") as part of the television programme exchange known as Eurovision. The 2020 Junior Eurovision Song Contest will be held in Warsaw, Poland on the 29th November, 2020.

2. The National Selection Process

- a. Public Broadcasting Services Ltd. is hereby publishing a call for applications for artists aged between 9 and 14 years to submit original songs for a national selection process which will eventually lead to the participation in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2020.

3. The ARTISTS

- a. All artists competing in the show should be aged between 9 and 14 years on the 29th Nov 2020
- b. Artists must be Maltese nationals.
- c. Each performance may consist of a maximum of six child artists.
- d. The lead singer(s) of the selected song (the "Lead Vocal(s)") shall perform only live on stage
- e. The eventual vocal support(s) for the Lead Vocal(s) of the selected song (the "Lead Dub(s)") shall perform only live, on stage or off-stage
- f. All other backing vocal(s) performing vocal harmonies (the "Backing Vocal") of the selected song may perform either live on or off stage and/or on backing track given that the song rules below are respected
- g. The applicants may not engage to compete for another country during the same year.
- h. The representative for Malta in the Junior Eurovision 2019 may not apply

4. The SONGS

- a. Applicants must submit original songs, including a full playback version (including voice) and also a backing track excluding the voice.
- b. The submitted compositions (lyrics and music) should not have been commercially and/or publicly performed in full or in part before the 1st of May 2020.
- c. The maximum duration of each song is three minutes and the minimum duration is 2 minutes and 30 seconds.
- d. The lyrics of the song may be written and performed in English/Maltese as the national official languages of Malta. If other languages are used they have to be limited to a maximum of 40% of the full lyrics.
- e. It is recommended that children take part in the process of the writing and composing of the songs.
- f. Songs should reflect youth and be fun for the young artist(s) to perform. The songs should also be adapt for the right age of the lead singer(s).
- g. The composition can include a maximum of six vocals.
- h. The recorded backing track may contain back vocals together with a recording of the Lead Vocal if performing as backing vocal (if applicable). If the lead vocal is recorded as a part of the backing track to accompany the back vocals, this shall not exempt the Contestant(s) from performing live, i.e. on top of the backing track.
- i. The composer(s), author(s) and artist(s) must accept that PBS may request changes and amendments to the selected song, including but not limited to amendment to structure, lyrics, backing vocals and supporting artists

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5. The Selection Process

- a. **Preliminary Selection**: PBS Ltd. will nominate a professional jury wherein all the applicants will be heard and judged on the submitted full playback version. A total of 12 finalists will be selected. Whilst applicants can submit more than one song, only one submission per lead artist(s) can make it to the final twelve.
- b. **Finalists**: The twelve finalists will sing LIVE in front of a jury, in a filmed session which will eventually be shown on TV and Social Media for televoting purposes. The voting will be equally shared between professional jury and televoting to determine the winner.
- c. PBS reserves the right to alter the selection process during its course, should circumstances prevail that hinder the continuation of the same process. Any such changes to the process will be made public.

6. The Voting Process

- a. **100% Jury – Preliminary Selection**
- b. **50% Jury + 50% Televoting - Winner's Selection**
 - i. **In the case of a tie, the singer with the highest marks given by the jury, will be determined as the winner.**
 - ii. **Only the scores obtained by the top three songs will be made public.**

7. The Winner

- a. The winner will be announced solely by PBS on its media.
- b. The winner shall represent Malta in the next JESC which will be held in Poland. This invitation will be offered to the next placed artist in case the winning artist, for any reason, is not able to participate in the JESC.
- c. Parents/Guardians are informed, that the **winner** will automatically be managed by PBS from the day of the announcement of the winner till the 29th November 2020 (this date can be extended in the case of postponement of the JESC 2020 by the organizers) and it has to be declared that the child artist is free from any other management agreements. Furthermore, the child artist must abide by the rules and regulations as stipulated by PBS and EBU.
- d. Should the winning artist(s), without justification, interrupt his/her participation in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest (JESC 2020), he/she may be liable to lifetime exclusion from the contest and may be held liable for damages incurred by PBS as a result of his / her actions.
- e. A declaration of release of the winning song is required from the authors and composers who were involved in the process of writing and composing the winning song.

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8. The Submission Process

The online submissions must include the:

- a. The Participation Form (Annex A) which needs to be signed by both parents unless documentation is provided in case of a sole legal guardian.
- b. Minor Release Form
- c. Declaration by parents/guardians of the child artist
- d. Declaration by the Composer for the Song Release
- e. Declaration by the Author for the Song Release
- f. A full playback version of the participating song (including voice) together with a backing track including backing vocals (but excluding the main voice) both versions need to be submitted in WAV File & MP3 formats

9. Participation Fee

- a. There is no fee for participating in the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2020.
 - b. PBS shall finance the participation in the JESC, and the flight from Malta (and return) and accommodation, of the lead artist(s) and one parent/legal guardian. No further remuneration will be given.
10. All participating child artists bind themselves not to take part in talk shows, interviews or any other programmes dealing with their participation in this song selection, be it on television, on radio, on printed media or on the web. If necessary, PBS will take care to give equal publicity to the finalists.
 11. Each participant shall at all times respect the principle of solidarity and good faith. Public comments (by any means) and media posts (by any means) by either the artist, composer, author, a guardian, relative or any other affiliate to the participants with direct or indirect reference to the selection process or participation is not tolerable. Only social media posts authorized by PBS are permitted. A breach of this rule may result in any measure taken including disqualification.
 12. Any type of soliciting or potential influence on the contest staff or jury by either the artist, composer, author, a guardian, relative or any other affiliate to the participants will lead to immediate disqualification.
 13. PBS is to be informed of any medical condition which could affect the participating artist(s) performance in the JESC.
 14. PBS accepts no financial liability or obligation whatsoever to artists, authors or composers in connection with participation in this process or the eventual participation in the JESC.
 15. All decisions taken by PBS, in all stages are final, binding, non-contestable and non-appealable.
 16. All Participation Forms and any accompanying materials, are not returnable.

Timeline:

22 July 2020	Publishing of Regulations
23 August 2020	Submissions' Deadline
31 August 2020	Announcement of 12 Finalists
1 st & 2 nd Week of Sept.	TV Recording of 12 Finalists
Mid September	Televoting/Online Voting Time window Footage of 12 Finalists, will be shown on TV & Social Media
End of September 2020	Announcement of Winner on PBS Media
29 November 2020	Junior Eurovision Song Contest – Poland

Application Form

MALTA JUNIOR EUROVISION SELECTION 2020

Name and Surname of child artist: _____

ID Number of child artist: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Nationality: _____

Parent / Guardian 1

Name & Surname of parent/guardian: _____

ID Number of parent / guardian: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Parent / Guardian 2

Name & Surname of parent/guardian: _____

ID Number of parent / guardian: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Song Title: _____

Please tick where applicable:

Original Song

Cover Version

Initials of parents / guardians:

Declaration by parents/guardians of the child artist

Declaration:

I, the undersigned declare that I have read all Malta Junior Eurovision Selection 2020 regulations and agree to abide by all such regulations,

In my capacity as parent / legal guardian of _____, I am hereby consenting to his / her participation in the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2020.

I am also fully aware and giving the informed consent that the child artist will be interviewed, videographed and photographed, and which information and material will be broadcast and published to the public domain under various means and forms.

I am also fully aware that I cannot withdraw this consent.

Signed:

Parent / Guardian 1

___/___/___

Parent / Guardian 2

___/___/___

***Documentation needs to be provided in case of a sole legal guardian.**

Declaration by Author for the Song Release Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2020

Declaration:

The undersigned author is hereby giving the release to (*name of child artist*) _____ to participate in the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2020 with the song entitled

_____.

It is also being understood, that if the said song makes it through to be the winning song, the child artist may represent Malta with the same song in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2020, which is being held in Poland, on the 29th November 2020.

The songwriter hereby authorizes the right to make copies of the lyrics, as well as translations thereof, for an unlimited time, into English and any other language of the JESC 2020 Participating Broadcasters, for possible dubbing or subtitling for the Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing as well as making available free of charge at the show, for informational and promotional use by the EBU, by the Host Broadcaster and by the Participating Broadcasters (for commentary purposes and possibly for subtitling). In addition, the songwriter shall be required to authorize the reproduction of the lyrics for incorporation as an information sheet and/or booklet accompanying any compilation and/or for publishing on the Internet on the official website of the JESC including in connection with the Sales of Digital Releases.

Name in Block Letters & Signature
Author

Date ___/___/___

Declaration by Composer for the Song Release Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2020

Declaration:

The undersigned composer is hereby giving the release to *(name of child artist)* _____
to participate in the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2020 with the song entitled

_____.

It is also being understood, that if the said song makes it through to be the winning song, the child artist may represent Malta with the same song in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2020, which is being held in Poland, on the 29th November 2020.

**Name in Block Letters & Signature
Composer**

Date ___/___/___

MINOR RELEASE FORM

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I hereby give **Public Broadcasting Services Ltd.**, their licensees, successors, legal representatives, and assigns the absolute and irrevocable right and permission to use, reproduce, edit, exhibit, project, display, copyright, publish and/or resell photography images and/or moving pictures and/or videotaped images of me with or without my voice and further agree that any video and / or audio material derived from any audiovisual recording in which I participate may be broadcast and distributed without limitation through any means and I shall not receive any compensation for my participation.

I also agree to the use of my name, likeness, portrait or pictures, voice and biographical material about me for any reason.

I further agree that my participation in any video / audio material confers upon me no rights to use, ownership or copyright. I release **Public Broadcasting Services Ltd.**, its representatives, agents, and assigns from all liability which may arise from any and/or all claims by me or any third party in connection with my participation in the video / audio material.

It is understood that **Public Broadcasting Services Ltd.** is under no obligation to broadcast the above-identified video / audio material.

Agreed to and signed this _____ day of _____ 2020 by:

Name & Surname of Minor: _____

Passport No / ID Card No: _____

Age: _____

Signature of Minor: _____

Name & Surname of Parents/Legal Guardian*: _____

Passport No / ID Card No. _____

Signature of Parents/Legal Guardian: _____

*Documentation needs to be provided in case of a sole legal guardian.