



Public Broadcasting Services Limited

Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2018

Regulations

June 2018

Rules of the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Selection 2018

The JESC and the MJESC

1. 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 2018 Junior Eurovision Song Contest will be held in Minsk, Belarus on the 25th November, 2018.
2. Public Broadcasting Services Ltd. is hereby publishing a call for applications for artists aged between 9 and 14 years.
3. Applicants must submit original versions, including a full playback version (including voice) and also a backing track excluding the voice.
4. PBS Ltd. will nominate a professional jury wherein all the submitted songs will be heard and judged on the version submitted by each applicant. During this phase a total of 16 songs will be shortlisted.
5. For the final phase, the sixteen (16) finalists will perform live on a televised show. The winning song will be chosen by 50% televoting and 50% jury vote.
6. In case of a tie, the song with the highest marks from the jury vote will be determined as the winning song.
7. The winner shall represent Malta in the next JESC which will be held in Belarus. 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.
8. Malta's representative in the JESC 2017 may not participate.
9. Eligible artists are children who are Maltese nationals.
10. The Participation Form (Annex A) needs to be signed by both parents unless documentation is provided in case of a sole legal guardian.
11. The Participation fee is €50 per application.
12. The online submissions must include the:
 - a. Application form
 - b. Minor Release Form
 - c. Declaration by parents/guardians of the child artist
 - d. Declaration by the Composer & Author for the Song Release
 - e. 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
 - f. Participation fee of €50
13. Parents/Guardians are informed, that the **winner** will be managed by PBS from the day of the announcement of the winner till the 26th November 2018 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.
14. The maximum duration of the song must be three minutes and the minimum duration is 2 mins and 30 seconds. A declaration of release of the winning song is required from the authors and composers who were involved in helping the child artist in the process of writing and composing the winning song.
15. PBS shall finance the participation, flight from Malta (and return) and accommodation, of the child artist and one parent/legal guardian. No further remuneration will be given.

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16. Should the winning artist(s), without justification, interrupt his/her participation in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest (JESC 2018), 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.
17. 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.
18. PBS is to be informed of any medical condition which could affect the participating artist(s) performance in the JESC.
19. PBS accepts no financial liability or obligation whatsoever to artists in connection with participation in the JESC.
20. All decisions taken by PBS, in all stages are final, binding and non-appealable.
21. All Participation Forms and any accompanying materials, are not returnable.

Timeline:

11 June 2018	Publishing of Regulations
20 July 2018	Submission Date
3 August 2018	Announcement of 16 Finalists
September 2018	Televised National Selection
25 th November 2018	Junior Eurovision Song Contest – Belarus

Application Form

MALTA JUNIOR EUROVISION SELECTION 2018

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: _____

Name of Song: _____

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 2018 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 2018.

Signed:

Parent / Guardian 1

___/___/___

Parent / Guardian 2

___/___/___

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

Declaration by Author and Composer for the Song Release Malta Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2018

Declaration:

The undersigned author/s and composer/s are hereby giving their release to (name of child artist) _____ to participate in the Malta Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2018 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 shall represent Malta with the same song in the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2018, which is being held in Belarus, on the 25th November 2018,

Name in Block Letters & Signature
Author

Date ___/___/___

Name in Block Letters & Signature
Composer

Date ___/___/___

MINOR RELEASE FORM

Malta Eurovision Song Contest 2018

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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 **July 2018** 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.**