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**Orange Blossom Blues Society - OBBS  
Central Florida Blues Challenge - CFBC  
2017 Official Rules**

**Who Can Enter?**

A Blues act cannot enter the International Blues Challenge (IBC) directly. Only a Blues Foundation Affiliate may sponsor an act. The act is eligible as long as it has not ever received a Blues Music Award nomination. The International Blues Challenge is restricted to acts sponsored by a Blues Foundation affiliate. OBBS is an Affiliate in good standing with the Blues Foundation.

The CFBC adheres to the following criteria for what constitutes a band and what constitutes a solo/duo act.

**Band** - Any act with three or more musicians. Vocalists are counted as musicians for the purpose of this competition. Both Electric and acoustic instruments are allowed.

**Solo/Duo** - Any act with one or two musicians. Vocalists are counted as musicians for the purpose of this competition. Both electric and acoustic instruments are allowed.

The minimum number of acts in each category (bands and solo/duo) is two (2).

**Eligibility Criteria**

Restrictions:

An act is limited to two consecutive appearances at the IBC and must then sit out at least one year before being eligible to compete again. An act may enter the IBC a maximum of three (3) times, after which they are no longer eligible. An act under the same name will not be allowed to compete three consecutive years.

An individual may not compete in more than one act in any capacity.

A musician cannot compete in the Band Division and the Solo/Duo Division, even if that musician represents a different affiliate in each.

Acts may enter the challenges of those affiliates that are within 250 miles of the home affiliate.

All members of the competing Band or Solo/Duo must be a member of the Orange Blossom Blues Society and the acts must predominately perform within the State of Florida.

Officers and/or directors of the OBBS, their affiliates, official sponsors, any person working on the organizing committee and immediate family members of each are not eligible to compete.