

THE SONG 3
NEW ZEALAND
FORMAT AND RULES BOOKLET

FORMAT

#thesong3 will be organised in „World Cup” format. Which means, that there will be no semifinals in the contest, we will have a group stage, round of 16, quarterfinals, semifinals and a final (+3rd place match to determine the direct finalist for #thesong4).

The song selection remains the same – you select the song you want and vote in each of the round that is organised for this contest. Have in mind, that the old format of the contest will return in #thesong4.

40 countries will be able to compete in #thesong3. Please, vote in each round because you will get eliminated from #thesong4 if you don't vote in one stage of the contest. Every vote counts and combined, they will make a result and determine the winner of #thesong3.



NEW ZEALAND

CAPITAL Wellington
POPULATION 4,537,081
TERRITORY 268,021 km²

THE SONG 3

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HOST CITY/CITIES

Auckland, Wellington

PARTICIPANTS

40

HOST(S)

Dominic Bowden



GROUP STAGE, ROUND OF 16
North Harbour Stadium, Auckland
**QUARTERFINALS, SEMIFINALS,
3RD PLACE MATCH, FINAL**
Wellington Regional Stadium,
Wellington

OFFICIAL LOGO



DRAW

For this contest, the draw will not be complicated.

Top 8 countries from #thesong2 will be the group holders in the group stage of the contest. Remaining 32 countries will go through a draw to determine the position in which they will participate. Since Algerian player did not vote in the final of #thesong2, they are disqualified from #thesong3, and Top 9 will be used to determine the group holders. If any of the users withdraw from the contest, we will take Top 10 from #thesong2, and so on, until we get our group holders.

The process of the draw is simple – from one pot only I will randomly select one country and from another pot I will randomly select a position in the group stage. The draw in other stages of the contest won't be necessary, since the placing you get in the group stage will determine your way in the contest.

On the next page, you will see the group stage and the elimination stage, to see how the things will develop once the competition gets started.

GROUP A

1		NZL
2		TBA
3		TBA
4		TBA
5		TBA

GROUP B

1		AUS
2		TBA
3		TBA
4		TBA
5		TBA

GROUP C

1		NOR
2		TBA
3		TBA
4		TBA
5		TBA

GROUP D

1		MAR
2		TBA
3		TBA
4		TBA
5		TBA

GROUP E

1		ALB
2		TBA
3		TBA
4		TBA
5		TBA

GROUP F

1		KOS
2		TBA
3		TBA
4		TBA
5		TBA

GROUP G

1		USA
2		TBA
3		TBA
4		TBA
5		TBA

GROUP H

1		MDA
2		TBA
3		TBA
4		TBA
5		TBA

GROUP STAGE

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ROUND OF 16



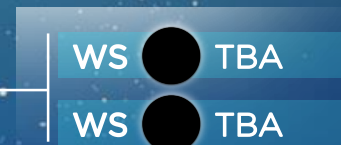
QUARTERFINALS



SEMIFINALS



FINAL



VOTING SYSTEM(S)

GROUP STAGE

ROUND OF 16

QUARTERFINALS

SEMIFINALS

FINAL/3RD PLACE MATCH

1	10	1	1	1	1
2	5				
3	3				
4	-				
5	-				

So, in the group stage you will have to give 10 points for your best song, 5 points for the second best, and 3 points for the third best song in EACH GROUP, except in the group you participate in - you don't get to vote in that group.

After the group stage, in each of the next rounds you will vote to SAVE one country from elimination. You will have to vote in each of the duels except the one you vote in. Country in each duel that receives most of the points will continue to the next stage. If there's a tie, country that received most of the points in group stage will advance to the finals.

Remember, you don't vote in the group or the duel you compete, you only have to vote in other groups/duels that are in the competition. Not voting = elimination from #thesong4.