

# Rotation Rules and Questions

OUR VERY FIRST RULE, PLEASE DON'T OFFER THE KJ MONEY TO BUMP YOU IN ROTATION OR GET YOU UP TO SING THE FIRST TIME. WE WOULD RATHER SEE THE MONEY BEING SPENT IN THE BAR TO PROMOTE SALES OR TIP THE WAITSTAFF. WE FEEL THAT IT SENDS THE WRONG MESSAGE TO THE SINGERS WHO WAIT PATIENTLY TO SING IN TURN. HOWEVER, IF YOU FEEL YOUR KJ IS AWESOME, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TIP THEM THROUGH THE SONGBOOKDB APP. THE MONEY IS USED TO BUY NEW MUSIC!

## HOW DO WE START THE ROTATION?

The rotation starts when the first song request slip is handed in or submitted through the SongBookDB App (SBDB). We will usually wait until there are 2-3 singers to start the singing. From there, the KJ will sing the first song to warm up the crowd and check out the system. The rotation ends when 1.) There are no more new singers, 2.) 25 singers have sang, at that time, new singers will be placed in the next rotation every other from the top of the order. Our KJ's may also sing at the top of regular rotations, special requests during Power Karaoke or the last song to close out the night. Please remember that KJ's are people too.

## HOW DO I GET INTO THE ROTATION?

There are now 2 ways to sign up. Good Old-Fashioned Karaoke slips and The New Fangled SongBookDB App (SBDB). Now, think of a song and fill out a slip or submit request through the SBDB. We need Your Name, Title of Song, Artist and or version on the slip and the App does all that for you. If you are using the app and don't know which version you would like to sing, you can leave it blank and let the KJ chose for you. The KJ can help you if you having a hard time finding your song, but remember they are not secretaries or IT professionals. You will be asked to at least fill out your Name and the Title of your song. If You are using the DB, just your name on a slip is fine. New singers go into the rotation every other between the current singers and hold that spot for the night. The KJ will tell you where you are and give you an ESTIMATE on how long it will be before you sing. **PLEASE** understand there may be other new singers waiting and it may be a while when it is busy. **WARNING!!** Using different names or nicknames to get around the rules is not a good idea. You could lose the opportunity to sing for the rest of the evening. We strive to keep things fair and respectful for all our singers.

## WHAT ABOUT DUETS AND GROUP SONGS? CAN I STILL SING A SOLO?

Duets and Groups are by far the most difficult to handle, especially on busy nights. While duets are two singers, groups are three or more singers. The group is treated as a singer and may sing once per rotation. The duet counts as the turn of the first singer listed on the slip. If you have a solo song you want to sing, under normal rotation, you can sing One Solo and One Duet/Group per rotation. **IN POWER KARAOKE. THE DUET/ GROUP COUNTS AS BOTH/ALL SINGERS TURN!** If **POWER KARAOKE** is called you will be asked which song you would like to perform.

### **WHAT IF I WANT SING A SONG THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE?**

We do understand that there are popular songs that everyone likes to perform. This can become an issue when you hear “Picture” four times in one night. MusicBox Entertainment does discourage repeats. There are always exceptions. Different versions of the same song by different artists are an example. We will inform you that the song has been done, and suggest you chose another song. It is your choice and we ask that it not be an “I can sing it better!” thing. If you chose to sing the song, you may have to wait to perform later in the night. First singer to have song in will sing the song in question.

### **WHAT IF I WANT TO CHANGE MY SONG?**

You can change your song at any time. We do ask that you give the KJ one song’s notice so we can keep the rotation moving along. Busy nights are hectic for the KJ, please try to be accommodating. If your song does not work or quits, you will have the chance to put in another song and try it again. We want the evening to be fun and exciting for everyone.

### **WHAT IS POWER KARAOKE?**

**Power Karaoke** is defined as “Being ready to sing when the singer in front of you is done.” This means that you are ready to grab the mic and sing when the current singer is done. We usually announce **Power Karaoke** when there are 15 or more singers in rotation. (This is at The Discretion of the KJ.) If there are songs with long outros, we may fade them out to keep the singers moving. We do also request that longer songs of 5 minutes or more be limited. Some nights are very busy and there are more than 30 people in rotation. **Please, Be Ready!** The KJ will let you know who’s “On Deck” (next), In the Hole (after On Deck) and in “Left Field” (after “In the Hole”). If you are not ready sing, the KJ may put you on “The Back Burner” and call you later. After the second time your name has been called, you will put to the end of the current rotation. If you are using the SBDB from your device, your KJ will “Buzz” you to let you know your turn is coming up. Let the KJ know if you are stepping out for a smoke or to use the facilities, we can accommodate the rotation. **WARNING!!** Using different names or nicknames to get around the rule is not a good idea. You could lose the opportunity to sing for the rest of the evening.

ONE FINAL THING,  
DO NOT CHANGE THE ORDER YOURSELF BY MOVING SLIPS AROUND!  
OUR KJ’S HAVE PERMISSION TO DENY YOUR SINGING PRIVILEGES AT  
ANY TIME FOR THIS REASON.

PLEASE, REMEMBER THAT WE ARE HUMAN AND THERE ARE TIMES IT IS CHAOTIC. WE TRY TO  
BE PERFECT, BUT WE DO MAKE MISTAKES. WE WILL DO OUR VERY BEST TO RECTIFY ANY  
MISTAKES REGARDING ROTATION.

THANK YOU.  
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