

2016 'Bout Time! Tournament Audience Voting Rules

For the purposes of this document, the term VOLUNTEER will be used to describe the person who works the door, HOST is the Crush member/ 'Bout Time! host, and PATRON is a member of the audience.

1. There will be exactly 100 ballots prepared for each 'bout¹. Patrons must pay the \$5 cover charge in order to receive a ballot. The volunteer will be in place ready to collect the \$5 cover and hand out ballots as of one hour prior to showtime: 7:00pm for an 8:00pm show.
2. Ballots² will be issued beginning one hour prior to showtime, up until the end of the first round/beginning of the second round of play. Once the second round is under way, the \$5 cover charge still applies but no additional ballots may be issued. The cover charge will remain in effect until the end of the intermission, after which patrons may enter at no charge - space permitting - but no additional ballots may be issued.
3. One ballot will be issued per patron, no exceptions. Lost ballots will not be replaced. When collecting ballots, the volunteer will make sure to accept only one vote per person.
4. In order for their vote to be eligible, patrons must be present for at least 2 rounds in the first half of the show, as well as both rounds in the second.
5. Ballots will be collected following the end of the second half of the show. Any ballots submitted before this time will not be counted.
6. The ballot count is performed by the volunteer and must be supervised by a neutral third party³. The host is not permitted to participate in ballot collection or counting. When the count is finished, the volunteer fills out the official results card and has it initialed by the neutral third party. The official results card is then sealed in an envelope and presented to the host to be opened on stage. The host will announce the winning team, but not the number of votes retained by each team. All ballots, used and unused, will be retained by Crush Improv until one week following the 'bout. The winning team of each 'bout will be announced online within 24 hours following each show.
7. In the event of a tie, Glen Gower's⁴ is the deciding vote.
8. If 2 or more members of a participating team⁵ wish to contest the result of the ballot count, they must do so immediately following the end of the show. The request for a re-count should be made directly to the host. In the event of a ballot re-count, one member from each team must be present to count the ballots and the host must witness the count.

Notes:

¹**'bout**: a 'bout is one complete night of play, consisting of 3 rounds in the first half, intermission, and 2 rounds in the second half followed by audience voting

²**ballot**: the official voting tool for the 'Bout Time! Tournament - substitutes/facsimiles will not be accepted

³**neutral third party**: someone who can oversee the vote count who has no vested interest in the outcome - this person does not have to be in attendance for the entire show, only for the duration of the ballot count

⁴**Glen Gower:** Glen Gower provides live musical accompaniment for all teams, at all 'bouts; and will only vote in the event of a tie

⁵**team:** a 'Bout Time! team is made up of three improvisers