

How voting works for the MTV Europe Music Awards

This year's MTV Europe Music Awards gives the power to you, the viewers, to pick the winners of the eight (8) main categories: Rock Out, Ultimate Urban, Act of 2008, New Act, Best Act Ever, Most Addictive Track, Headliner, and Album of the Year.

Votes can be cast either on the Website, www.mtvema.com ("Website") or the WAP site, m.mtvema.com ("WAP site"). You can vote as many times as you like and for as many different acts as you like. If your favourite act isn't there for the nominee voting, you can submit their name in the box on the main voting page, select the category and register your vote.

Nominee voting will close at 11.59pm GMT on 21 September 2008 and the top five (5) acts for each category will be posted on the Website and WAP site on 29 September 2008. You will then be able to vote for the ultimate winner of each category. All voting will close at 11.59pm GMT on 2 November 2008 and the winners will be announced on the live MTV Europe Music Awards show on 6 November 2008.

You'll also be able to vote for the category of Best Regional Act up until 11.59pm GMT on 12 October 2008. The winner from each region will be announced on 13 October 2008 and will go head-to-head with the winning bands from all the other regions in the category called "Europe's Favourite Act." Voting for Europe's Favourite will close at 11.59pm GMT on 2 November 2008 and the winner will be announced on the live show on 6 November 2008.

The nominees for Europe's Favourite Act will be selected through a system that is designed to be as fair as possible. It will make sure there are no unfair advantages for bigger countries over smaller countries with smaller populations. Each of the 22 acts will be given points based on how many votes they have received in each country, so the act with the lowest votes in a specific country will get 1 point and the act with the highest votes in that country will get 22 points. This process will be repeated in each of the 22 regions. The 5 acts with the most amount of points when each country's points are added together will be the final 5 nominees for the award on the night.

There are no costs for any of these votes (except your standard internet connection fee or WAP browser charges – please check with your service provider for details of any such fees) and MTV makes no money from votes cast on either the Website or WAP site.