

"2026 MTV Video Music Awards Voting"

Official Voting Rules

These are the official terms and conditions for voting for "2026 MTV Video Music Awards Voting" (the "Official Voting Rules").

ELIGIBILITY

At the time of voting, voters must be at least thirteen (13) years of age or older and cannot be an employee, agent or representative of Paramount ("Sponsor") its parent company or any of its affiliate or related companies. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED BY LAW.

HOW TO VOTE

Submit your votes for your "Nominee" preference(s) during the Voting Period set out below, by clicking the submit button within the category, then follow the instructions to complete the voting process. Limit ten (10) votes per person per category per day, except during designated "Power Hours" and "Double Days" – see below for more details.

Votes may be cast for your favorite Nominees online or on your mobile device. More information below. All times listed are United States Eastern Time Zone.

CATEGORY	HOW TO VOTE	VOTING PERIOD
All Categories	Online: vote.mtv.com	Tuesday, August 18, 2026 @ 9:00 AM to Friday, September 25, 2026 @ 5:59 PM
Best New Artist	Online: vote.mtv.com	Tuesday, August 18, 2026 @ 9:00 AM until Sunday, September 27 immediately prior to the on-air Best New Artist award announcement.
Song of Summer	Instagram Stories: View the @MTV Instagram Story during the applicable round(s). Users may vote by tapping on their choice of Song of Summer Nominee(s). After tapping, a screen will confirm the user's vote.	Voting Period will be announced in September, 2026
Best Group	Instagram Stories: View the @MTV Instagram Story during the applicable round(s). Users may vote by tapping on their choice of Best Group Nominee(s). After tapping, a screen will confirm the user's vote.	Voting Period will be announced in September, 2026

VOTING STEPS

ONLINE: Submit your Nominee preferences during the Voting Period on vote.mtv.com. Click the button adjacent to the Nominee's image or video and then follow the instructions to complete the voting process.

Online votes may be subject to standard internet connection fees.

VIA INSTAGRAM: Submit your Nominee preferences for the Song of Summer and Best Group category via Instagram Stories during the applicable Voting Period, as instructed in the table above.

Participation in this voting promotion using Instagram requires registering for an account with Instagram and having access to a mobile device capable of accessing/using the Instagram services (hereinafter, an "Instagram Eligible Device"). Registration for Instagram is free as of time of publication of these Official Voting Rules. Registration for Instagram requires downloading the free application from either iTunes or Google Play to your Instagram Eligible Device and following the on-screen instructions to create a new account. Data rates may apply

all as provided in your wireless service rate plan. (Please contact your Participating Wireless Carrier for pricing plans and details). Participants who participate in this voting promotion must comply with Instagram terms and conditions: [<https://help.instagram.com/581066165581870>].

NOTE: ADDITIONAL VOTING CATEGORIES MAY BE ADDED AND THESE OFFICIAL VOTING RULES WILL BE UPDATED ACCORDINGLY.

VOTING PERIOD

Participants may vote commencing at or around @ 9:00 AM ET on August 18, 2026 and ending at or around 5:59 PM ET on September 25, 2026 (the "General Voting Period") for all eligible voting categories, excluding the Best New Artist category, for which voting will conclude on September 27, 2026 and the social categories (Song of Summer and, if included, Best Group), for which voting will conclude on the dates set forth in the table above. The use of any device to automate a vote is prohibited, including, but not limited to, software-generated, robotic, programmed, script, macro or other automated votes. Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any individual it suspects or finds: (a) to have used a software-generated, robotic, programmed, script, macro or other automated online or text message vote; (b) to have tampered with the voting process; (c) to be acting in violation of these Official Voting Rules; or (d) to be acting in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person.

The total number of votes submitted during the Voting Period for the "Nominees" in each of the eligible categories will be tabulated by Sponsor and the "Nominee" with the most votes in its applicable category, as determined by Sponsor, will be declared the winner of such category. If, for any reason, this voting process is interrupted for any reason, is found to have been tampered with in any way, or for any other reason that Sponsor believes in its sole discretion to be reasonably necessary, Sponsor reserves the right to select the winners at its discretion and may take into consideration the number of votes received by a Nominee up until the time of the interruption or cancelation of the voting process.

If, for any reason, any aspect of this voting process is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical or system failures or disruption, 'Acts of God' or terrorist attacks, or any other causes beyond the control of Sponsor which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the voting process or for any reason Sponsor deems necessary, Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to cancel, terminate, amend, modify, extend or suspend the voting process and reserves the right in its sole discretion to determine the winners.

"POWER HOURS" AND "DOUBLE DAYS"

There will be designated "Power Hours" and "Double Days" during which the number of permitted votes increases. All times listed are United States Eastern Time Zone.

Power Hours*: Thursday, August 20, 2026 – Thursday, September 24, 2026: Daily from 1:00 PM – 1:59 PM

Double Days*:

Tuesday, August 18, 2026:	9:00 AM – 11:59 PM
Wednesday, August 19, 2026:	12:00 AM – 11:59 PM
Friday, September 25, 2026:	12:00 AM – 11:59 PM

**Power Hours and Double Days are subject to change in Sponsor's sole discretion. Sponsor will announce any changes on vote.mtv.com and/or Sponsor's MTV VMAs social media accounts.*

GENERAL TERMS

You participate in this voting process at your own risk. Sponsor and its parent company(ies), affiliated companies, related companies, sponsors, subsidiaries and advertising agencies, and any entity associated with this voting process (including, any social media platform used to submit an official vote) (collectively, the "Released Parties") are not responsible for and shall not be liable for: (a) difficulty accessing the internet, (b)

errors in transmission, (c) service outage or delays or for any problems or technical malfunctions of any telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of email or players on account of any technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any web site or combination thereof, (d) any incomplete, lost, late, delayed, misdirected or garbled votes or failure to receive votes, (e) injury or damage to you or to any other person's computer or mobile phone related to or resulting from participating in, or downloading materials or software, or attempts to participate in or download materials or software related to this voting process or (f) failures or malfunctions of phones (including wireless phones/handsets), phone lines or telephone systems, cellular equipment towers, telephone systems or wireless services or other communications malfunctions. The Released Parties are not responsible for and shall not be liable for: (i) any condition caused by events beyond the control of the Released Parties that may cause the voting to be disrupted or corrupted; (ii) typographical or other errors in the printing, the offering or the administration of these Official Voting Rules or (iii) any errors in the announcement of potential winners.

Participants assume all liability for any injury or damages caused or claimed to be caused by his or her participation in the voting opportunity described in these Official Voting Rules, and release the Released Parties and any party associated with the production or exhibition of this promotion, and their respective officers, directors, employees, shareholders, parents, subsidiaries and affiliates from any such claim or liability.

By participating in this voting process, you agree to be bound by these Official Voting Rules. Failure to comply with the Official Voting Rules may result in a voter's disqualification solely at the discretion of Sponsor. Sponsor reserves the right to modify these Official Voting Rules at any time in its sole discretion.

All interpretations of these Official Voting Rules and the decisions of Sponsor relating to this voting process are final.

This voting promotion is offered and sponsored by Paramount.

Inquiries (whether questions, comments or complaints) should be directed to Paramount, not to Instagram.

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