



MetalGate Massacre vol. 6: changing the contest format

Simply because **we must**. **Not enough bands passed the registration** into the **sixth installment** of band playing hard music contest **MetalGate Massacre**, too few for the contest **to go on as usual**. The number of bands enrolled was good, yet the rules of the sixth installment, especially the **age restriction**, turned out merciless, whereby **16 bands successfully completed the registration process**. It begs the question, whether there are not enough young bands of this heavy genre in Czech Republic and Slovakia. Who knows?

In any case, since there are precisely 16 registered bands, it means that if the contest ran as usual, **all would enter the basic rounds**, whereby the contest would de facto **ceased to be a contest**, as the **panel of jurors would have no one to pick**. It is then precisely for this reason that we are, for the first time in the history of MetalGate Massacre, **forced to change the contest format** on the go so to speak, **so that it makes sense**. Simply put, **we have to make it shorter**.

An alternative would be to **cancel the sixth installment** as such, but we **do not want to do that** because MetalGate Massacre already **has its tradition**, and most of all, **it would be fair to those bands** that successfully registered.

The **new contest format** is as follows:

From the 16 registered bands, the panel will pick **12 contestants**. These will clash in **groups of four in three basic rounds**, instead of the usual four, and **will advance straight into the final**, whereby there will be **no semifinal leg**. From each round, **one finalist** shall emerge, and the three will then be joined by the so-called **second best**, that is, by a band that has the highest score on the second place.

All four live rounds will take place on **Thursdays** and **the venue** of the whole sixth installment shall be the Prague club **Modrá Vopice**. **The dates** of the individual rounds are thus:

November 21, 2016 (first basic round), **February 4, 2016** (second basic round), **February 18, 2016** (third basic round) and **March 3, 2016** (grand finale).

The rest remains the same. There are **no changes** to the **voting system**, **the composition of the panel of jurors**, **the prizes**, or to the **free entrance to the rounds**.

The names of the bands advancing to the basic leg shall be announced December 15, 2015!

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