

THE ONE-PAGE CONTRACT.

The single sheet that turns a WhatsApp gig into a professional booking.

HOW TO USE THIS

- 01 Fill in the details on page 02 — fees, dates, cancellation terms.
- 02 Both parties sign at the bottom of that page.
- 03 Save the signed copy. That's your contract.
- 04 Send it after fee is agreed, not before — soft-launch script on page 03.
- 05 Based outside India? Read page 04 first for what to swap.

READ THIS FIRST

This is a template for professional use — not legal advice. Every booking, every venue, every jurisdiction has different requirements. Have this contract reviewed by a qualified lawyer in your region before you use it for a real engagement.

DJ PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

REF. NO. _____

DATE _____

01 • PARTIES

THE ARTIST

Full name / stage name: _____

Address: _____

Tax ID (PAN / SSN / UTR): _____

GST / VAT / Sales Tax No.: _____

Contact: _____

THE ORGANISER

Name of organiser / venue: _____

Registered address: _____

Tax registration No.: _____

Authorised signatory: _____

Contact: _____

02 • ENGAGEMENT

Nature of engagement: DJ performance services (use this exact phrase)

Event name: _____

Venue address: _____

Performance date: _____ Set length: _____ hours Timings: _____

Scope of services includes: live performance, music curation, equipment setup, on-site technical execution, sound coordination.

03 • FINANCIALS

Total performance fee

GST / VAT / Sales Tax (if applicable)

Total invoice value

Advance / deposit payable on signing (50%)

Balance payable within 7 days of performance

Tax withholding applicable (see page 04 for region)

Bank details: A/C _____ IFSC / IBAN / SWIFT _____

04 • CANCELLATION

If the Organiser cancels the engagement, the following fee retention applies:

30+ DAYS OUT

50%

of fee retained

30 - 7 DAYS

75%

of fee retained

UNDER 7 DAYS

100%

of fee retained

05 • FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party is liable if the engagement is prevented by circumstances beyond reasonable control — riot, natural disaster, government restriction, or health emergency. In such cases, the deposit is refunded and both parties may agree to reschedule in good faith.

06 • ADDITIONAL TERMS

- Equipment provided by Organiser: _____
- Equipment to be brought by Artist: _____
- Green room, meals, and travel arrangements as agreed separately.
- No unauthorised recording, streaming or reuse of the performance.

07 • SIGNATURES

THE ARTIST — signature and date

THE ORGANISER — signature and date

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HOW TO SEND IT.

The framing matters more than the document. Send this the moment the fee is agreed:

THE SOFT-LAUNCH SCRIPT

"Cool, let's lock it in. I'll send my standard booking sheet — just fee, dates, cancellation, and force majeure. Takes 30 seconds to sign, protects both sides."

Frame it as courtesy, not distrust. That framing decides whether they say "great" — or "who does this guy think he is."

IF THEY PUSH BACK

- "We don't usually do contracts" — that's the exact reason to start.
- "It's just a small night" — small nights cancel too. That's what the deposit is for.
- "Do you not trust me?" — reframe: this protects them just as much as it protects you.
- If they still refuse — that is itself the answer. Reconsider the booking.

THE RHYTHM

- 01 Fee agreed on WhatsApp → send the contract within 24 hours.
- 02 Both parties sign → 50% deposit is triggered.
- 03 Deposit received → date is locked in your calendar.
- 04 After the gig → raise invoice, apply your region's tax withholding.
- 05 Every quarter → reconcile tax certificates against your records.

A CONTRACT SAYS YOU TAKE YOUR WORK SERIOUSLY.

The DJs who send contracts get treated like professionals. The ones who don't get treated however the promoter feels that week.

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No.01 — The Cover Nobody Buys (health insurance for DJs)

No.02 — You're Undercharging. Here's Proof. (pricing your set)

No.03 — The Cut Nobody Explained. (TDS + invoice template)

THE ONE LINE THAT MATTERS

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ADAPTING FOR YOUR REGION.

The contract on page 02 is built for the Indian market. Working elsewhere?
Here's what to swap. The structure holds. The specifics are local.

**WHAT TO SWAP
CURRENCY**

₹ becomes \$, £, €, AED, whichever applies to your market.

TAX WITHHOLDING

India: TDS at 1% (Sec 194C). US: 1099-NEC / W-9 setup. UK: IR35 self-employment. EU: reverse-charge VAT (varies).

SALES TAX

India: GST. UK & EU: VAT (registration thresholds vary). US: state sales tax (varies).

TAX IDENTIFIER

India: PAN. US: SSN or EIN. UK: UTR. EU: national tax ID or VAT number.

SMALL CLAIMS LIMIT

India: ₹1 lakh via consumer forums. US: \$5K – \$25K by state. UK: £10K small claims track. Check yours.

WITNESSES / NOTARY

India & US: simple signed contracts are binding. Parts of the EU: witnessed or notarised signatures may carry more weight.

FORCE MAJEURE

Universal in principle, but post-COVID case law varies. Local wording matters — ask your lawyer to review.

THE ONE RULE THAT HOLDS EVERYWHERE

Signed paper beats a verbal any day, in any country.

The structure is universal. The specifics are local.

ALWAYS CONFIRM WITH A LAWYER IN YOUR JURISDICTION.

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