



How to Be Caller Number 10 to a Radio Station

All the time, radios are like "caller number 10(or 100 or whatever number your radio station uses) wins tickets to the concert!!!" or something like that... and you seem to never make it. While it's pretty much all a matter of luck, there are some things you can pay attention to.



Steps

- 1 **Try not to call too late or too early because the radio station usually starts accepting calls *after* the contest has been solicited and the new song or commercials have started.** Therefore wait until they say they are going to play the music or news so that you have a chance for your phone to ring.
- 2 **Learn the "delay" of your phone.** If you use a cell phone, it usually takes about 5 seconds or so for the call to start, so call ahead.
- 3 **Enter the phone number of the radio station in your speed dial so that you can push one button to initiate the dialing sequence.** This will prevent you from making mistakes in the number.
- 4 **Remember that the phones inside the studios don't ring out loud and they just have a little flashing light.** Don't give up when no one answers in 20 rings. Hang in there. They may be getting to you.
- 5 **If you're caller number 4, 7, 9 in the giveaway you shouldn't give up.** Even if you're caller 9 and they're looking for the 10th caller. DJ's often get distracted and don't answer the phone lines in order they start ringing, as quickly as they should or sometimes the other callers will hang up, just keep trying until the winner is announced or they answer and say they've got a winner.
- 6 **Radio stations usually do their giveaways at the same time each hour.** They may not do it 24 hours a day but if you hear it around 2:30 chances are the bottom of the hour is prize time. (Morning and specialty shows may set their own time.)
- 7 **More radio stations are also doing web based giveaways of the same things given away on air.** Check the stations website and register to be a VIP, registered user, etc. Don't forget to opt in. You aren't restricted to winning on the air. Sometimes they'll even tease the website users with the exact time of certain contest or give you chances to win online.

- 8 **Be engaging!** Most DJ's have [Myspace](#) pages, [Facebook](#) pages or pages and emails accessible from the station's website.
- Send a polite email or message telling them how much you love the station, that they're your favorite DJ. Most all DJ's have egos so play up to it.
 - Make sure you're playing up to the local DJ's and not the ones pre-recording their show from another state. If the DJ does live broadcast in your town they're probably local. If you hear them but never see them out, don't bother.
 - You may not increase your chances of winning but it certainly doesn't hurt.
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- 9 **Don't just call every time you hear a contest.** Most stations have limits to how many times you can win in a 30 day period. Don't call to win the sausage sampler if you know AC/DC tickets are going on sale soon!
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- 10 **Call the radio station and chat up the DJ.** Ask when they will be giving away the prize you want to win. Some DJ's may not mind sharing the info. Just be nice.

Tips

- Radio stations don't always get the best tickets for giveaways. You can probably get better seats by buying your own tickets. Unless they say it's front row you run the chance of getting nosebleed seats. Check your tickets when you get them. You may have time to buy better seats.
- Most stations require you to pick up your prize within 10 business days or it will be "re-gifted". If you win tickets you should pick it up a few business days before the event and not wait until the last minute. The radio station closes on certain days and at certain times regardless of who is playing in concert.
- Make sure you know the station's business hours. It's usually Monday-Friday from 9-5 but may vary by market, holiday, location and weather. Even though the station is 24 hours you can only pick up your winning during regular business hours from the receptionist up front. That means if you show up on a Saturday to pick up your prize you'll be looking at an empty building.

Warnings

- Being caller number X is always luck but knowing how it works does give you a better advantage.
- Most stations require you to be 16 years or older to win.
- You are required to show ID when picking up your prize. They will also want your social security number. If you win over a certain amount in a year it's taxable so they are required to keep track of winners and the prizes.
- Stations will not award prizes to household members or immediate family members of employees. They will also not award a prize to a immediate family member of someone who works for a competing station.
- Don't call the station with a pitiful tale and expect to win a prize. They really don't have extras lying around waiting for someone with a sob story to call. People try this with every station with almost every contest. They've heard it all before.
- Stations don't get stacks of tickets. If they get tickets it's only a few pair (usually 5-10) and they're required to be given away on air as part of a contest.
- US stations have strict regulations and are required to keep up with each and every prize and must be able to verify it was used in an appropriate giveaway. Don't think for a minute you can get an under the table prize.

- Sometimes, you may have to do something for a prize. Say if you have to sing for your tickets, then be prepared to sing; if you have to do be in the studio to perform a stunt (like a hot dog-eating competition), be prepared to do so if you are picked. If you can name anything you can do for the tickets, do something crazy, disgusting, daring..., but something within your limits and within the FCC regulations. Say if you are going to swim 2 laps in a freezing swimming pool for a trip to a hot spa, make sure you can actually do it.

Things You'll Need

- telephone
- radio
- internet and computer
- transportation to get prize
- luck
- An ID that says you're at least 16.
- A valid Passport and visas. You can be doing this just for a draw for a ticket to see "... " live in an overseas country.

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