



NMAA STATE CHOIR CONTEST

Guidelines

Eligibility:

1. The NMAA Choir Contest is open to all NMAA Member High Schools, JH/Mid Highs and Middle Schools. NMAA scholastic eligibility requirements must be adhered to by all participating members.
2. Only ONE ensemble per school will receive competition scores and placement.
3. Participating ensembles must have received a composite 1st or 2nd division rating in a recognized NMMEA district festival in the past year.
4. Ensembles that received a composite score of 88 or better in the previous year's state contest are automatically eligible for the contest.
5. All ensembles must participate in their most recent district festival prior to the State Choir Contest to be eligible.
6. The NMAA/NMMEA may make any necessary exceptions. Cases will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Classifications:

1. There shall be six classes of performance: Middle School (grades 6-8), JH/Mid High (9th and below), High School A-AA, AAA, AAAA, and AAAAA.
2. Ensembles must compete in the same classification level in which their school declares athletic participation in Boys Basketball.

Performance Specifications:

1. Ensembles must adhere to a 15 minute time limit on stage (from step on to step off).
2. Ensembles exceeding this time limit will be assessed a 2 point penalty, taken from their averaged competitive score.
3. Each ensemble must meet the following performance requirements:
 - a. A maximum of 3 pieces
 - b. All pieces must be memorized
 - c. One selection performed a capella
 - d. One selection in a foreign language
4. A concert piano will be provided for use during warm-up and performance.
5. Any and all commentary prior to, during, and after a performance shall be made by the contest Master of Ceremonies.
6. Directors should prepare their musical selections with the understanding that this is a Choir Contest and is not meant to showcase the theatrical abilities of an ensemble.

Ensembles are subject to contest disqualification, by the NMAA and the NMMEA Executive Director, for non-adherence to the above stated policies and guidelines.

Judges:

1. Judges will be selected to meet the following requirements.
 - a. Judges must be selected from the database of qualified judges compiled and maintained by the NSCCAC.
 - b. All judges must be from out of state
 - c. 2 judges will be selected on a regional scale
 - d. 1 judge will be selected on a national scale
 - e. 1 judge will be a director at the Middle School/Junior High level
 - f. 1 judge will be a director at the High School level
 - g. 1 judge will be a director at the Collegiate level
2. Judges will complete a NMAA State Choir Contest Adjudication Form for each ensemble.
3. No verbal/recorded remarks will be made by the judges.

Trophies and Awards:

1. Trophies will be distributed as follows
 - a. Classes with less than 3 competing ensembles 1st place trophy only
 - b. Classes with 4 or 5 competing ensembles 1st -2nd place trophies
 - c. Classes with more than 5 competing ensembles 1st-3rd place trophies
2. There shall be trophies in each of the following classifications according to the guidelines above:
 - HS Class A-AA
 - HS Class AAA
 - HS Class AAAA
 - HS Class AAAAA
 - JH/Mid High
 - Middle School
3. A NMAA Championship Banner and Championship medals will be presented to the High School State Champions (A-AA, AAA, AAAA, & AAAAA).
4. Trophies will be awarded to ensembles that receive a Superior Rating
5. Ensembles will be rated and ranked (i.e. Superior 14-23, Excellent 24-33, Good 34-43, Fair 44-53, Unprepared 54 and above) according to the NMAA State Choir Contest Adjudication Form.
6. All ensembles will be given adjudication sheets and competing ensembles will be given a recap of overall scoring. *See item 2 under Eligibility for clarification.*
7. No State Championship trophy or banner will be awarded in the Middle School and Mid High classifications as per rule 9.8.3 in the NMAA Bylaws.

Please submit the following to the NMAA:

1. Entry Form – *must include program*
2. Roster of participants (to be used for certificates and medals)
3. Check, PO or CCD for \$175.00 per ensemble

**PLEASE SUBMIT ALL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE NO LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

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