

RULES AND OVERVIEW OF JUNIOR FESTIVALS

Materials Necessary: National Festival Bulletin and the NJ Federation Handbook

Rules & Regulations:

Review the National Festival Bulletin for all rules and regulations.

It is the teacher's responsibility to ensure that their student has complied with all of National's requirements.

Entrants must be age 5 or older by the festival date.

A student may enter up to 3 events (but not more).

Scales and cadence recommendations

Non-piano instrumentalists are allowed to use music upon the teacher's request.

If you need further clarification of the rules, contact your area chairman.

APPLICATIONS/FORMS FOR THE JUNIOR FESTIVALS:

In order to participate in the Festivals, the following forms, with their fees, are due to the Junior Festival Chairman by JAN. 15.

1) Junior Festival Fees Form/Checklist

2) Junior Festival Application

Every student participating in the Festivals must be registered.

There is a \$25 fee per event.

Studios with more than 20 students: There is an additional \$1 per student fee required by National.

Please note: in the case of duets or other ensembles, each performer must pay the fee if they are being judged and awarded points towards gold cups and trophies. However, if a performer is only there as a "helper" and is not being evaluated, then there is no fee.

3) Site sheet: Important: Even with online registration, all site sheets must be submitted in duplicate to the Festival Chairman by Jan. 15.

Your code is your street address number plus the first letter of your first name.

For example, if Nancy lives at 52 Main St., her code is 52N.

Indicate the festival **site and date** your students will be participating.

You must submit a **separate site sheet** for each Festival date and site your students will attend.

Indicate **where and when you will be judging**. Include a second choice. Note:

You are encouraged to judge at a different site or date than your students.

List students alphabetically, and include their date of birth. **Please print clearly.**

List all events for a student before going on to the next student.

If you have a new student or a transfer student, please indicate with an "N" (new) or "T" (transfer). **In the case of a transfer student, please list the name of the former teacher.** If the student is a transfer from another state, please list the name of that state.

Indicate siblings and/or ensemble partners who will be arriving together.

If you wish, indicate “a.m.” or “p.m.” for each student. We will do our best to accommodate your request, but it is not guaranteed.

If your student is Gold Cup eligible, indicate which number cup they are expecting (i.e.: 1st, 2nd, etc.)

If your student has fulfilled the NJ Trophy requirements, place a check in the appropriate column.

Your area chairman will contact you with your students’ scheduled audition times and dates.

5) Gold Cup/ NJ Trophy form

Use this form only if your students are eligible for an award.

Please keep accurate records to expedite Gold Cup orders.

Please print names clearly.

Audition Announcement Form

This form is for your convenience but is not mandatory

Rating Sheet:

Each student playing up to and including Medium level needs one sheet per event, and each student playing Moderately Difficult I and higher needs two rating sheets per event.

Complete the top of the rating sheet. Enter your code (your code is your street address number plus the first letter of your first name. For example, if Nancy lives at 52 Main St., her code is 52N.)

Please note: All children at the Festivals must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

All children are the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. No child may be left unattended in the waiting room or judges’ room. This includes the children of teachers/judges.

DAY OF FESTIVAL -

Teacher Responsibilities:

Please note that it is a **requirement of membership** that all teachers with students participating in the Festivals **donate their services for one day** as a judge or in another capacity.

You need not judge at the same festival site and/or date where your students will be participating.

Please indicate the location and date you wish to judge at the top of the festival site sheet. Include a second choice.

Please review the Festival Judging Guidelines prior to your judging assignment.

Lunch will be provided at all festival sites for all festival workers.

If you cannot judge please contact your area chairman for an alternate form of participation.

If you cannot participate in any form, there is a **waiver fee of \$200.00 for non-participation.** This covers the cost of hiring an outside judge.

Judges are instructed not to discuss their comments and to refer all concerns to the center head.

At no time should a teacher address a judge in regard to his/her rating of a particular student.

If you do have a concern, consult with your center head.

Your professionalism in all these matters is appreciated.

Student Responsibilities:

Your students should arrive at the registration table **ten minutes prior** to their scheduled audition time.

Students will need to supply the judges with a completed **Rating Sheet** (see above).

Students are to give the judges the **original scores** of the music they will perform.

PHOTOCOPIED MUSIC IS ILLEGAL and students will be disqualified if they do not have the original music with them. (In the case of out-of-print music, a note from the publisher is required.) However, legally downloaded music is permissible.

No grades will be given out the day of the Festival.

The completed rating sheets and participation certificates will be mailed to the teachers following the Festival.

Parents/guardians will not be allowed in the auditions area. Each site will have a waiting area for the parents.

All student participants in the Festival must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Student participants are the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian. Children may not be left unattended in the waiting room.