

**LIONS CLUBS OF NEBRASKA
AMATEUR TALENT CONTEST
RULES and ENTRY FORM**



We Serve

**FOR 2010 CONTEST YEAR
July 1, 2010 THROUGH June 30, 2011**

PURPOSE OF THE AMATEUR CONTEST PLAN

To add extra incentive to the youth of the state in the achievement of success in the general field of education with emphasis on amateur entertainment.

To provide additional opportunity for appearance in a greater variety of audiences, thus furnishing more experience and practice.

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

This contest is open to all Nebraska youth. All contestants must participate in a local Lions Club talent show in order to advance to district or state competition.

Each local club chairman is requested to furnish the District Chairman the entry form for the contestants who advance from the local show. This will provide the District and State Chairmen with the necessary information to complete the entries.

Contestants must compete initially in the talent contest held in their own community. Local clubs shall not permit entries from outside their community, except in cases where the contestant lives in a community that has no Lions Club, or if the Lions Club in that community does not sponsor a local contest. Contestants are to compete at their nearest local Lions club contest.

No contestant may enter a local contest outside the Lions district in which he or she resides, except with the consent of the District Governors in the district of residence and the district in which the contestant desires to compete. No contestant may participate in more than one local contest. If a contestant is found to have competed in more than one Lions club contest in the current year that contestant shall be disqualified from competing at either the district or state levels of competition.

All performances (song selection, dance, etc.) must be age appropriate.

A contestant will be allowed to participate in a group of three to nine, in his or her age group, as well as Division A, B, D, or E. A contestant may only appear once in any division of competition.

Each club may hold elimination auditions or establish rules therefore, when the number of entries in any group becomes too numerous for a good program.

Any contestant is eligible to compete in the same division on succeeding years unless ineligible because of age or because of having won first place in the same division at the state contest sponsored by the Lions Clubs at the Nebraska State Convention in the previous year. To remain eligible groups wishing to compete following winning first place the previous year, must consist of 50% or greater different participants.

QUALIFICATIONS

The age of the contestants on July 1, 2011, shall be the official age of the contestant for the Lions Club fiscal year (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011).

In groups C or F, the age of the oldest performer shall determine the division in which the group competes.

RULES

1. DIVISIONS OF CONTESTANTS:

Division A -EIGHT YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER, SOLOS AND DUETS*

Division B -NINE, TEN, AND ELEVEN YEARS OF AGE, SOLOS AND DUETS*

- Division C -11 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER - Groups of three to nine
- Division D -12 THROUGH 14 YEARS OF AGE, SOLOS AND DUETS*
- Division E -15 THROUGH 18 YEARS OF AGE, SOLOS AND DUETS*
- Division F -12 THROUGH 18 YEARS OF AGE, Groups of three to nine

*-In divisions A, B, D, and E, contestants may be acts of 1 or 2 participants and are competing equally against all acts within that division.

2. TIME LIMIT OF ACT: Maximum of four minutes with a three-minute warning signal. One point of the contestant's score shall be deducted for each ten seconds the act exceeds four minutes. The tabulator shall make this deduction.

3. NO ACT SHALL BE PERMITTED IN WHICH FIRE IS USED.

- 4. BASIS FOR JUDGING: 60 points**
- a. Degree of Talent 30 points
 - b. Perfection of Performance 20 points
 - c. Audience Appeal 10 points

5. RESTART: The contest chairman shall have the authority to restart a contestant if, in the chairman's opinion, the contestant does not have equal opportunity due to faulty equipment, performance interruption, or other factors beyond the contestant's control.

JUDGING

Three judges shall be used in every contest. Judges shall **not** be members of the sponsoring Lions club. The three judges shall be seated far enough apart so they cannot contact each other. Judge's decisions should be announced as soon as possible following the end of the contest. It shall not be necessary for the identity of the judges to be known prior to the judging of the contests.

Decisions of the judges shall be final and in no case shall there be a tie in any division.

Following a completed division a monitor shall collect the ballots from each judge and give such ballots to a tabulator who will tabulate the points, and, if no tie, declare the winner. In case of a tie, the judges will be required to separately issue additional ballots until the tie is broken. The monitor and tabulator may be Lions club members.

First and second place winners only are to be selected by the judges and announcements made in that order. Second place winners shall be considered alternates and may be substituted for first place winners in further contests if, for any reason, first place winners are unable or unwilling to appear in District or State Contests to follow.

Agreements with the judges regarding honorariums, mileage, etc., should be reached prior to the contest.

THE DISTRICT and STATE CONTESTS

Local Talent Contest First Place winners, **or their alternates** should the First Place winner not be able to perform at the District level contest from each Division, will perform at the District Talent Contest (again, alternates will be selected to perform only if the division winner is unable to compete in the District Talent Contest).

First place District winners, **or their alternates** should the first place winner not be able to compete, in each of the divisions in the four MD-38 Districts, are eligible to compete in the State Talent Contest (again, alternates will be selected to perform only if the division winner is unable to compete in the State Talent Contest). **The State Talent Contest will be held in North Platte, Nebraska, at the North Platte Community College, 2pm to 4pm, May 14, 2011. It is our understanding the North Platte Community College Auditorium will be open at noon, prior to the contest, for contestants to "warm-up and test the sound system."**

Other information

No individual or group of individuals conducting a public school of instruction will be permitted to use the Lions Amateur Contest Program as a means for personal gain or publicity.

(Local Talent Contest Registration Form-Example)
PAPILLION AND SOUTH OMAHA LIONS CLUB
TALENT CONTEST 2010-2011

LOCATION: Papillion LaVista HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
DATE: SUNDAY, March 27, 2011
TIME: 1PM-3:00PM

Entry Form: Deadline for submission is March 22, 2010

Contestant(s) name(s) & date(s) of birth: _____ Birth Date: / /

_____ Birth Date: / /
(For groups, attach a list of all participants)

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____
(For groups, list ONE person to contact, attach list of participants)

Division Entered: A B C D E F (Circle one)

Type of performance: _____
(Name type of performance, i.e., dance, drama, vocal, instrumental, etc.)

Name of selection: _____

Special equipment needed: _____
(No special equipment will be furnished without prior arrangement)

Send entry form(s) to Talent Contest coordinator: George Flock
710 Bailey Drive
Papillion, NE 68046
or E-mail: gflock@cox.net

For questions concerning this contest please contact George Flock at:
Home phone: 331-1136 or E-mail: gflock@cox.net

Lions Talent Contest Evaluation Sheet

Division (circle one): A B C D E F

Individual or group name: _____

Degree of Talent (30 points maximum): _____

Perfection of performance (20 points maximum): _____

Audience appeal (10 points maximum): _____

Total points: _____

Comments: _____

Lions Talent Contest Evaluation Sheet

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