

MUSIC DIVISION

JUNIOR HIGH (6-8)

Division 1: Solo Music

Brass Solo
Woodwind Solo
String Solo
Percussion Solo
Male Vocal Solo
Female Vocal Solo
Classical Piano
Sacred Piano

Division 2: Vocal Music

Vocal Ensemble

Division 3: Instrumental Music

Handbell Choir
Instrumental Ensemble

SENIOR HIGH (9-12)

Division 1: Solo Music

Brass Solo
Woodwind Solo
String Solo
Percussion Solo
Male Vocal Solo
Female Vocal Solo
Classical Piano
Sacred Piano

Division 2: Vocal Music

Small Vocal Ensemble
Large Vocal Ensemble
Choral Group
Youth Choir

Division 3: Instrumental Music

Handbell Choir
Handbell Ensemble
Small Instrumental Ensemble
Large Instrumental Ensemble
Band/Orchestra
Sacred Piano Duet
Classical Piano Duet

DEFINITION OF GROUPS:

- Junior High Ensemble: 2-12 members
- High School Small Ensemble: 2-6 members
- High School Large Ensemble: 7-12 members
- Choral Group: 13-24 members
- Youth Choir: 25+ members
- Band/Orchestra: 13+ members
- Handbell Ensemble: 2-6 members
- Handbell Choir: 7+ members

The AACS National Manual will be the source of all requirements relative to the Senior High Level of the music competition. Please study it for specifics even beyond this manual and for an interpretation of the spirit to be expected in Junior High Level concerns.

GENERAL RULES:

1. Only live piano accompaniment will be permitted.
2. No choreography, planned or unnecessary bodily movement will be permitted.
3. No gospel rock, gospel country, jazz, or music in like vein or style will be permitted. This includes night-club, soft-rock, and contemporary sacred sounds.
4. The music chairman may disqualify any entry deemed to be in violation of these guidelines.
5. **The contestant must number at least every fifth (5th) measure on the music given to judges. Numbers must be clear and legible. Failure to clearly number at least every 5th measure will result in an automatic penalty of 3 points per selection.**
6. **Memory is required of piano solos, vocal solos, and vocal groups. Memory is not required of instrumental solos (except piano) or instrumental groups. Failure to memorize when required will result in disqualification.**

TIME LIMITS:

1. High school vocal soloists will perform two selections with a ten (10) minute time limit. At least one selection **MUST** be sacred. At least one selection **MUST** be in English.
2. Junior high vocal soloists will perform one selection with a five (5) minute time limit.
3. Bands and handbell choirs will perform two selections within a fifteen (15) minute time limit.
4. Instrumental soloists will perform one selection or medley with an eight (8) minute time limit.
5. Each ensemble will perform one selection within eight (8) minutes.
6. Choirs and choral groups will perform two selections within twelve (12) minutes.
7. AACS penalties for over and under time will be assessed.