

168th Orillia Fall Fair Singing Competition

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Contestants will be required to sing to pre-recorded background music (Karaoke). No instruments are to be used during the competition.

Contestants will sing solo. (No duet, trio or groups).

Contestants who wish background music to be provided, must check the karaoke song list and artists available at www.stevesdjservice.com. If contestant's song choice(s) are not listed on the website, availability can be verified by email to the contest DJ, Steve Oliner at partytime@stevesdjservice.com

See separate entry form for music choice details, as repeated below:

- a) Preferred song choices and versions **MUST** be confirmed no later than September 3rd, 2018 with Steve's DJ Service by email at partytime@stevesdjservice.com or at (705) 242-3619.
- b) **NO substitutions** will be permitted **after September 3rd**.

Arrive no later than 12:15 pm at the contest check-in/registration table for your order of performing. NOTE: The non-competitive age group (7-11 years) will be singing at 12:30pm, prior to the start of the singing competition.

Contestants must be prepared to sing two (2) songs of their own choice. Type of music and tempo is left up to the contestant, although judges reserve the right to disqualify material due to questionable lyrical content. One (1) song will be performed during the preliminary round and one (1) additional song is to be performed if the contestant enters the finals. The three judges may request both songs to be sung in the preliminary round and this will be decided on the day of the event, based on the number of entries. In the event that the preliminary round allows for two (2) songs to be sung, the contestant can sing one (1) of the previously performed selections in the final round or choose their third song listed in the case of a tie.

Songs may be disqualified from being performed if they are over 5 minutes in length. Ideally songs should average 2 to 4 minutes in length.

Singers will be allowed one (1) false start without penalty during the preliminary round. Points will be deducted for any additional false starts in the preliminary round and the finals.

The top (5) finalists in each category from the preliminary round will compete in the finals. In the event of a tie in the preliminary round a sing-off of (1) song will decide who continues into the finals. A tie in the finals will be decided by the highest mark from the preliminary round. In the event of any further tie, prizes will be split between the tied competitors in that position ranking.

If there are insufficient numbers of entries for any one category, the organizer reserves the right to combine the categories with total prizes based on the single highest category prize scale (eliminating a competition category and the lowest prize category).

Contestants will be judged on enunciation, diction, voice range, timing, pitch, feeling, and stage presence. Dress is optional, but will be taken into account as part of the stage presentation.

Entry may be disqualified if it is determined a contestant is of professional status. As an example, "someone who generates considerable income from singing, or any income from a recording or performing contract".

Judges decisions are final.

For future consideration, first place winners are only eligible to win the category for one (1) year and are not eligible to enter that same category for the following year. Winners in the junior division are eligible to move to the adult division the following year if age requirements are met. After a one-year layoff from the competition winners are eligible to re-enter the same category if rules and regulations at that time reflect the current policy for repeat performances.

On the day of the contest, failure to appear after being called three (3) consecutive times will result in disqualification.

Disqualified contestants or contestants dropping out of the competition do not receive an entry fee rebate.

Due to time constraints on the contest day, the number of contestants is limited to 25 in total for categories combined. Mailing of entry form and fee is not advised, as entries are selected based on the date/time of the entry being received at ODAS Park. Delivery to ODAS Park office (705-325-0353) will advise applicants if there is still available space. Any entries over and above (25) will be held in reserve in the event of cancellations. Contestants on a waiting list are not required to submit a registration fee, but if selected to fill a vacancy will then be required to submit the fee. **To avoid disappointment register early, as entries are received on a first come basis.**

The entry form and fee must be submitted to ODAS Park no later than **12:00pm Monday September 3rd**. Late registrants should please note music selection deadline and DJ contact information as shown on page 1 above.

Contestants can only enter one category, which is defined by age. **(A) Adults** 18 years and over, or **(B) Youth** 12 - 17 years. **'C' non-competitive category (9-11)** is limited to 4 singers. Contestants must be able to provide a proof of age when registering.

Contestants must sign in at the registration table no later than 12:15pm, and then they will be advised of the order of performance. The singing will begin at 12:30pm with any non-competitive registrants on Sunday, September 9th, 2018 at the Orillia Fall Fair, in the Orillia & District Agricultural Society Building #1. Late arrivals will not be permitted to perform.