

COMPETITION RULES FOR SOLOISTS

CATEGORY I

Contestants born in 2015 and younger.

Program duration: up to 5 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

CATEGORY II

Contestants born in 2014.

Program duration: up to 7 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

CATEGORY III

Contestants born in 2013.

Program duration: up to 7 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

CATEGORY IV

Contestants born in 2012.

Program duration: up to 10 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

CATEGORY V

Contestants born in 2011.

Program duration: up to 10 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

CATEGORY VI

Contestants born in 2010.

Program duration: up to 12 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

CATEGORY VII

Contestants born in 2009 and 2008.

Program duration: up to 15 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

CATEGORY VIII

Contestants born in 2007 and 2006.

Program duration: up to 20 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, one of which must be originally written for accordion.

CATEGORY IX

Contestants born in 2005 and older.

Program duration: 15 to 25 minutes.

Program: A composition created before 1800; At least one composition of free choice. The program must include at least one composition originally written for accordion.

(Solo competition programs in all categories are performed from memory.)

COMPETITION RULES FOR VARIETE

CATEGORY X

Junior Variete - Contestants up to eighteen (18) years of age (including 18).

Program duration: up to 10 minutes.

Program: Free choice.

CATEGORY XI

Senior Variete - Contestants up to thirty-five (35) years of age (including 35).

Program duration: up to 15 minutes.

Program: Free choice.

COMPETITION RULES FOR ORCHESTRAS

Orchestras cannot have fewer than nine performers.

CATEGORY XII

Orchestra members born in 2010 and younger.

Program duration: up to 15 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, different styles, and characters.

CATEGORY XIII

Orchestra members born in 2006 and younger.

Program duration: up to 20 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, different styles, and characters.

CATEGORY XIV

Orchestra members born in 2005 and older.

Program duration: up to 25 minutes.

Program: At least two compositions of free choice, different styles, and characters.