2016 Clackamas County Talent Competition Rules and Regulations

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, July 20th, 2016 for all three divisions.

Talent Competition Prizes

Children's Division: 5 - 9 yrs.
Placement Certificates and Participation Ribbons

Youth Division: 10 - 17 yrs.
First $200
Second $100
Third $50

Adult Division: 18 yrs. and older
First $500
Second $250
Third $125

Please read all rules and regulations before submitting your application. Entrants must observe all applicable rules and regulations, or be removed from the competition. The Clackamas County Fair and the Talent Audition Committee reserve the right to remove from the talent competition, any entrant not complying with the stated rules and regulations, or any entrant refusing to follow the instructions of security or talent competition officials. Submission of entry form and meeting requirements does not ensure acceptance into the competition. Clackamas County Fair Talent Audition Committee approval is required before performing on stage.

1. **AGAIN THIS YEAR:** Vocal acts may use a recorded accompaniment CD with vocal background, but no lead vocals may be present on the track**. Accompaniment MUST be in CD format only, and a single track is preferred. No accompaniment on MP3's, cell phones or other devices will be accepted. Any auditioner arriving with unacceptable accompaniment will be required to sing their piece acappella.** Lip-sync performances are not allowed. **No Cassette Tapes will be accepted as accompaniment, per State Competition requirements.**

2. No entry fee is required to apply.

3. Employees and immediate family members of the Clackamas County Fair, its co-sponsors, and the Talent Audition Committee staff are ineligible to compete in the contest.

4. Once a contestant has won First place at the annual Clackamas County Fair Talent Contest, he/she/they **will not be eligible to compete in the same age division the following two years at the Clackamas County Fair.**

5. **A Contestant may only submit one application and can only appear in one act. (**Dance studios may register members in both single and/or groups, but will be limited to two tryouts. If a contestant is selected in both the single and group category at the auditions, a choice must be made, as the participant may appear in only one act.)

6. Clackamas County Fair will only accept entries from **contestants living in the State of Oregon.**

7. Any act, individual performer, or agency **must submit an application on or before 4:00 pm, by Friday, July 8th, 2016 to the Clackamas County Fair office**. All entries must include all requested information and materials noted on the Entry Form; otherwise the entry might not be accepted by the Talent Contest Committee.

8. The following selection criteria will be considered:
   A. Appropriateness for fair audiences.
   B. Capability of production at this particular talent contest facility.
   C. Originality, creativity, and overall talent.
   D. Appearance.
   E. Act not to exceed 5 minutes in length.

9. There are three age divisions within the talent competition**: Children's Division** (ages 5-9) **Youth Division** (ages 10-17) and **Adult Division** (ages 18 & over).

10. **Talent Division Placement for Group Acts:** When a multi-person group is performing, the ages of the performers in the group will be considered to determine division placement. Placement will be determined by the age of the oldest member of the group performing. Participants must perform in their assigned divisions as determined by the Talent Show Coordinator and the Fair Manager.

11. The Children's, Youth and Adult Divisions **will not** be competing against each other.

12. If a contestant/group has qualified for the talent contest and is unable to appear, then the act forfeits its opportunity to compete. Substitutions will not be allowed. The vacated time slot will be assigned to the first available talent on the alternate list as established by the Clackamas County Fair Audition Committee.

13. Each contestant must be able to perform in their assigned round. Should an act fail to perform in a particular round, that act then forfeits the right to advance to the next round.

14. **Performers will use the same song/act at each level of competition.**

15. The Clackamas County Fair and Talent Audition Committee shall have sole authority in selecting acts in the contest, scheduling of those selected, and controlling stage sets, sound, lights, power and overall (master) volume.

16. Baton-twirlers or similar acts using batons, machetes, knives, etc., will not be accepted. No fire, smoke or smoke–effect will be allowed on stage at any time.

17. All contestants will perform under lighting provided by the Clackamas County Fair and using the sound system provided by the Clackamas County Fair. The sound will be scaled to the venue used

and reasonable requirements of the contest. The stage manager will have absolute control over the system. **No modification to stage acts, instruments, sound or lights are to be made by any act, without prior approval from the Talent Contest Stage Manager. Unauthorized modification will result in a forfeiture of contestants' opportunity.**

18. **The Clackamas County Fair and Talent Contest are not responsible for theft/damage or injury of any kind, to persons, instruments, props, costumes, clothing etc. during, before or after the performance and are considered the sole responsibility of the Act performing.** Also, Clackamas County Fair is not responsible for any expenses related to transportation, meals or lodging of any contestant choosing to participate.

19. **Instrumentation:** Vocal Contestants/Acts using more than three single instruments or full drum sets will not be accepted into the competition.

20. **Each contestant selected to participate on stage, will receive admission to compete at the fair based on the following criteria:**

- Adult/Youth contestants, ages 16 and older, will each receive one admission ticket to fair for the performance day scheduled for each member of the act/group.
- Child/Youth contestants, ages 7-15, will each receive one admission ticket to fair for the performance day scheduled for each member of the act/group and one additional ticket for a parent/chaperone to accompany them into the fairgrounds.
- Child contestants, ages 6 and under have free admission, and will receive one additional ticket for a parent/chaperone to accompany them into the fairgrounds the day of participation.

21. The Clackamas County Fair Talent Competition may be recorded for promotional purposes. All acts give the Clackamas County Fair and its sponsors the right to use the recorded performances in any way necessary to promote the contest in future years with no additional residuals or payment. Entrants may "opt out" by noting their objection in writing on the entrance form.

22. **Semi-Finals – There will be one Semi-Final Round for Youth and one for Adults the week of the fair, the dates to be determined after the number of entrants have been selected.**

23. **Final Round - The finals will be held on Saturday, August 20th, 2016 at 7:00 pm**, and will consist of the Children's Division winners from the auditions, and the finalists from the Youth and Adult Division Semi's. All contestants from the **Children's Division will receive a participation ribbon, and three placement ribbons will be given. Three Cash Prizes** will be awarded to the **Youth Division,** and **three Cash Prizes** will be awarded to the **Adult Division.** Cash prizes vary with age, division, and placement of the contestants.

24. The top placing **Clackamas County Residents** in the Children's, Youth, and Adult Divisions may qualify to participate in the Oregon State Fair Talent Competition. The act performed at the Clackamas County Fair Talent Competition must be the act performed at the State Competition.

25. If the winner(s) are unable to attend the Oregon State Fair Talent Contest, the runner-up from Clackamas County, in that age division will fulfill the winner title.

26. The Talent Contest Committee reserves the right of final decision on any matters pertaining to the Talent Contest not specifically covered by the rules.

27. **The decision of the Judges is final.** *Revised 3-29-16*