

## The 49<sup>th</sup> All India Competitions in Music and Dance-2024

### RULES

1. The All India Competitions in Music and Dance which are being conducted from 1961 are conceived with a view to bringing on the same platform and encourage young and amateur artistes in representative styles of South and North Indian music and dance. The competitions are proposed to be held in **third week of September 2024 at Hyderabad**. The exact dates will be notified later.
2. The competitions are open only to amateurs domiciled anywhere in India. A participant is deemed to be an amateur for the purpose of the Competitions if he/she does not have the particular branch in which he/she is a contestant as the main source of living. Graded artistes of the All India Radio or Doordarshan are not treated as amateurs for the purpose of these rules. In matters of doubt whether a candidate is or is not an amateur, the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final.
3. (i) Competitions will be conducted in the following branches :  
**MUSIC : Karnatak : Vocal, Veena, Violin and Mridangam**  
**Hindustani : Vocal, Sitar and Tabla**  
**DANCE : Bharatanatyam, Kuchipudi, Andhra Natyam and Kathak.**  
(ii) There will be ordinarily three sections in each branch as follows :  
Seniors : 17 to 23 years  
Juniors : 13 to 16 years  
Sub-Juniors : 8 to 12 years  
**(Age will be reckoned as on the last date of receipt of entries)**  
(iii) There is no bar for a Junior Section Competitor in taking part in Senior Section; or a Sub-Junior Section competitor in taking part in Junior or Senior Section and not *vice versa*. But no Competitor can take part in more than one section in the same Branch.  
(iv) A minimum of 6 entries are required to conduct competitions in any section.
4. (i) The entry fee for the competitions is as follows :  
Senior Section Rs. 500/-  
Junior Section Rs. 500/-  
Sub-Junior Section Rs. 500/-  
(ii) The application form and other particulars may be had from the Organising Secretary, YMCA, Narayanguda, Hyderabad - 500 029 or Navya Nataka Samiti, # 1-8-522/12, Chikkadpally, Hyderabad - 500 020. The forms duly filled in with the fees prescribed should reach on or before **14th August, 2024 to the Organising Secretary, Navya Nataka Samiti, # 1-8-522/12, Chikkadpally, Hyderabad - 500020 or the YMCA, Narayanguda, Hyderabad - 500 029.**  
Forms, which are not duly filled in or not signed by the Competitors, and parents or guardians in the case of minors, are liable to be rejected.  
(iii) **NOTE : All entries are subject to scrutiny and acceptance by the Organising Committee. The Organising Committee reserves the right**

**not to accept an entry of any competitor without assigning any reasons, whatsoever, in the interest of smooth conduct of the Competitions.**

5. (a) (i) The use of **Sruthi Box** is allowed for the sake of *sruthi* in Karnatak Music sections (Vocal and Instrumental).  
(ii) The use of **Tanpoora** and **Tabla** is allowed in Hindustani Music Sections (Vocal & Sitar)  
(iii) The use of a **Harmonium** or **Violin** is allowed in Hindustani Music Tabla Section for the sake of **Lehra**.  
(b) Competitors are advised to provide themselves with permissible instruments, except to the extent stated above, no other accompaniments are allowed.  
(c) **Recorded music will not be permitted.**
6. Competitors in Dance sections will have to make their own arrangements regarding the orchestra, make-up, costumes, etc., required by them.
7. Competitors will be given atleast 15 days notice before the actual date on which they will be required to attend the competitions.
8. Competitors are required to make their own arrangements in respect of conveyance.
9. For the convenience of out-station competitors, **free boarding and dormitory type unfurnished lodging facilities** will be arranged, if required, for the competitors; one escort in case of woman or a Junior or Sub-Junior Section Competitor; and **not more than three members** of orchestra for the Dance items.
10. A panel of judges will be constituted for selecting the prize winning entries. Rolling Trophies, each worth about Rs. 2,00,000/- will be awarded to the 1st prize winners in the Senior Sections. Besides handsome individual prizes and certificates will also be awarded to the winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in all sections.
11. The Organising Committee reserves to itself the right of not awarding any prizes in any section, if in its opinion the performances are not of the requisite standard; or of not conducting competitions in any section, or for men and women separately, if there are not sufficient entries.
12. **The decision of the judges in the matter of selection of prize winners will be final and binding and shall not be called in question.**
13. **The Organising Committee reserves the right to disqualify from future participation of any competitor or the guru or other supporters indulging in misbehaviour contrary to rule 12.**
14. **CANVASSING IN ANY FORM WILL ENTAIL SUMMARY DISQUALIFICATION.**
15. **A Rolling Shield may be permanently awarded, at the discretion of the Organising Committee, to the winner of the first prize in any section for the third time. A competitor cannot claim this privilege more than once.**
16. (i) First prize winners in the Senior Sections desirous of keeping custody of the Rolling Trophy awarded to them till the next competitions shall give a cash security of Rs.2,00,000/- to the Organising Committee. The Trophy shall have to be returned three months before the scheduled date of the next competitions.

The cost of collecting the Trophy and of returning it, and making good any damages (and if the damages are beyond repair, of replacing it) shall be entirely borne by the Prize winner. This privilege is however, subject to the discretion of Organising Committee.

- (ii) On the Trophy being returned in due time and if there are no repairs required to be done the entire amount of the deposit will be returned. In case any damages which are minor in nature are required to be attended to 20% of deposit will be withheld pending the final settlement of the cost of repairs and balance will be returned. In case major repairs, the Organising Committee reserves to itself the right to call upon the prize winner concerned to replace the trophy.
17. Prize winners are required to give performance on the prize distribution day. Failure to give performance, when called upto to do so, may entail forfeiture of the prize.
18. In all matters regarding these competitions the decision of the Organising Committee shall be final and binding and shall not be called in question. The Committee reserves to itself the right to amend these Rules to the extent necessary at any time considered appropriate.
19. The Organising Committee also reserves to itself the right to disqualify any competitor from taking part in the competitions at any stage if it is found that the spirit of the Competitions is not maintained or the rules are not observed.
20. Further particulars can be had from the **General Secretary, YMCA, Narayanguda, Hyderabad - 500 029 (Ph : 70326 60614)** or **Navya Nataka Samiti, 1-8-522/12, Chikkadpally, Hyderabad - 500 020 (Ph : 99086 25949 / 89197 92216)**

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