

SHOW CHOIR HANDBOOK 2017-18

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COMPETITION REGULATIONS FOR SHOW CHOIR

IMPORTANT SHOW CHOIR DATES

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
First Allowable Invite Competition	January 12	January 12	January 11
Intent to Participate Form Due	December 1	December 1	December 1
Online Registration Form Due*	March 1	March 1	March 1
Class “AA,” “A,” & “B” State Competition			
(Saturday Week 40)	April 7	April 6	April 4
	Mitchell High School	Sioux Falls O’Gorman	TBD

***NOTE: LATE ENTRY FEE - Entries electronically submitted after the online due date will be assessed a \$50.00 late entry fee.**

MANDATORY MUSIC RULES MEETING DATES:

Approximate date available online – Approximately August 15, 2017

Date to be completed by – October 1, 2017

ARTICLE I-SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Section 1. CLASSIFICATIONS. The membership of the Association shall be divided into Class “AA”, Class “A” and Class “B” schools for the Show Choir competition*. There shall be separate competitions and performances for each of the classes.

Section 2. A.D.M. Average Daily Membership enrollment figures in grades 9 through 11 shall be used for purposes of classification. Schools will be classified for a two-year time period with each reclassification period beginning in the years ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Section 3. ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS. The current enrollment classifications are as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>A.D.M. Enrollment (Grades 9-11)</u>
Class “AA”	- 450 and above
Class “A”	- 90 to 449.999
Class “B”	- Below 90

**Note: Three State Show Choir classes, (Class AA, Class A, and Class B) will be judged as long as there is a minimum of three schools from each class participating in the Competition. If the minimum number of participating schools in a class is not reached, those schools will compete in the next class higher.*

Section 4. COMPETITION FORMAT. All Class “AA, A, and B” schools will need to participate in the following number of competitions to be eligible to perform in the state competition:

- Class B – One SDHSAA sanctioned competition
- Class A – One SDHSAA sanctioned competition
- Class AA – Two SDHSAA sanctioned competitions

Section 5. INTENT TO PARTICIPATE. It is a school’s responsibility to file its intent to participate in the State Competition. The “Intent to Participate” form can be found on the SDHSAA website, www.sdhsaa.com, in the **SCHOOL ZONE**. The “Intent” form is due by **December 1**.

Section 6. COMPETITION ENTRY FORM. It is a school’s responsibility to submit a competition entry form by the **deadline, March 1, 2018**. The entry form must be filed electronically in the SDHSAA School Zone. **Any school**

whose entry form is not electronically submitted on or before the deadline due date will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee.

Section 7. SANCTIONED COMPETITIONS. Sanction for all athletic and fine arts meets or tournaments involving non-member schools or out-of-state schools must be approved by the Executive Director, or his/her designee, of the SDHSAA. For all out-of-state athletic and fine arts activities, the SDHSAA shall follow the standards and procedures as established by the National Federation of State High School Associations and the SDHSAA Board of Directors.

A member school shall not sponsor nor enter a team or contestants in any contest, competition, meet, or tournament that has not been sanctioned by the Board of Directors. Any member school that violates this regulation shall be liable to discipline, including reprimand, monetary fine, or temporary suspension, by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II-EXPENSE

Section 1. COMPETITION WITHDRAWAL. When a school finds it necessary to WITHDRAW from the competition after filing an "intent to participate," such school **must notify the SDHSAA of its withdrawal on or before the date their online competition entry form is due.**

Section 2. PARTICIPATION FEES FOR SHOW CHOIR. Each school participating in the State Show Choir Competition will be assessed a \$60.00 participation fee to be paid by May 1.

Section 3. TICKETS. Admission prices for the State Show Choir Competition shall be set by the SDHSAA Board of Directors. The cost will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for students in grades 1-12.

ARTICLE III-CONTESTANTS

Section 1. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

1. The SDHSAA Show Choir Competition is open to students in grades 7-12 as long as those students in grades 7 and 8 are a normal part of the high school show choir.
2. Contestants shall be selected by each school and the school certifies that each contestant from their school is eligible as stated in the SDHSAA By-Laws.

Section 2. SCHOOL ENTRY LIMITATIONS. A school is allowed one entry.

Section 3. RE-USE OF SAME SELECTION IS PROHIBITED. No Show Choir shall use the same selection that the school used in previous years of competition in that event.

ARTICLE IV-COMPETITION STANDARDS

Section 1. USE OF SELECTIONS WHICH ARE IN BAD TASTE: CHOICE OF SELECTION AND SELECTION CONTENT. In choosing a selection, the director should pick material that has merit and will not offend the moral standards of the community nor be in bad taste. Choirs whose work is judged to be offensive or in bad taste will be given a lower rating and/or ranking by the judge(s).

Section 2. ENSEMBLES: Minimum number of participants in a show choir is nine (9) students. There is no maximum number of students per school.

Section 3. CATEGORIES: Each category must be that school's varsity show choir. Each school may only enter in one category.

1. **Mixed ensemble**
2. **Unisex ensembles** will be allowed as long as there are a minimum of three unisex ensembles registered in a particular class. If there are fewer than three unisex ensembles in a particular class the remaining unisex entries will be entered into the mixed category.

Section 4. TIME LIMITATIONS: There will be a 30 minute time limit for each performance. The 30 minute time limit will include set-up, performance, and tear down of all props and equipment, as well any necessary stage clean up. A school exceeding the 30 minute time limit will be disqualified from receiving any awards.

Section 5. SHOW BAND: The show band must be made up of students in grades 7-12 only. The only exception to this is one (1) adult may be permitted to perform with the show band. Show bands that use more than 1 adult may still perform, but will not be eligible to receive the “Top Show Band” award.

ARTICLE V-JUDGES AND JUDGING

Section 1. SELECTION OF JUDGES FOR THE STATE COMPETITION. The Music Advisory Committee shall select up to nine (9) judges for the State Show Choir Competition. The judging pool will be recruited and asked to apply to the Music Advisory Committee for consideration into the judging pool. Judge requirements include: each judge must be a collegiate or professional adjudicator; they should possess a personality that will assure giving constructive criticism and encouragement to the contestants; they should possess a vocabulary that will make it possible for her/him to record her/his impressions and suggestions clearly and concisely; and, they must have a background or experience sufficient to serve as an effective adjudicator (e.g., judging experience). This pool of judges, once formed, will be rotated through each class and a list of alternate judges will be rotated into the yearly judging pool to allow new judges to enter the pool each year. State Competition judges will be paid out of the funds of the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Section 2. JUDGES at the State Competition will be placed in a judging pool and will be assigned to judge competition sections without regard to the class of schools being judged.

Section 3. JUDGE CONDUCT & INTEGRITY. Individuals selected to serve as judges for SDHSAA State competitions are expected to maintain the highest standards of ethical conduct and integrity. These standards include:

1. Making decisions based upon the general rules for Show Choir Competition and the specific rules for the contest event being judged.
2. Avoiding judging situations in which the judge could have a conflict of interest.
3. Judges shall arrive at their decisions independently from other judges and individuals.
4. Judges shall not consult with one another until their ballots have been submitted to the competition management.
5. Judges shall direct any questions regarding competition procedure or the interpretation of competition regulations to the chairperson and committee conducting the state competition.
6. Inappropriate conduct by a judge would include direct or implied recruitment of contestants at the time of the competition (including asking students to consider attending a particular collegiate institution). **NOTE:** This does not prevent follow-up letters and contacts after the contest.

ARTICLE VI-AWARDS

Section 1. INDIVIDUAL AWARDS. Medals will be awarded to each individual student who's show choir receives a first (gold medal), second (silver medal), or third (bronze medal) place in the show choir contest. Each school will be allowed 20 medals. Any medals needed beyond the 20 medal limitation will need to be purchased by the school.

Section 2. SHOW BAND. There will be an award for the top show band in each class. The top show band will receive a suitable plaque.

Section 3. TEAM TROPHY. The Association shall purchase a suitable trophy for the school winning the highest and second-highest trophy points in the State Competition in each class. The Show Choirs receiving third place will receive a suitable plaque.

Section 4. AWARDS DRESS POLICY. Students receiving awards at the State Competition must wear “Competition Appropriate” Clothing.

Section 5. CASH PRIZES POLICY. No cash prizes shall be offered in any show choir contest under supervision of the SDHSAA.