

LIONS DISTRICT 105EA MUSICAL COMPETITION.

Rules of Procedure

Preface:

In order to encourage talented young musicians, a Musical Competition may be held annually. The Competition is progressive with the District winner going on to represent the District in the Multiple District (MD) Competition, when a candidate will be selected to represent MD105 at the Lions Europa Forum Competition. Prizes will be awarded at District, Multiple District and Europa Forum stages. The Competition year runs approximately from Europa Forum to Europa Forum.

It is important that Candidates entered by Clubs into the District Competition are made aware of the progressive nature of the Competition and they commit to being available to attend the District, MD and the Europa Forum Competitions and possibly District and MD Conventions should they be successful.

Each Lions Club is invited to enter one candidate to participate in the District Competition. Where a piece to be performed in the competition requires an accompanist it is the Candidates responsibility to arrange and provide a suitable person in this capacity. Thereafter, each Club is responsible for actively supporting the Candidate and the cost of the Candidates and accompanists (*when required*) expenses. **Please make it CLEAR to your candidate exactly what your clubs financial support will be.** (also see items below about costs, expenses and fees)

To have any prospect of success, a Candidate will need the active support and encouragement of the sponsoring Club. **Expenses incurred can correctly be drawn from the Club's Charity Account and/or covered by local sponsorship.**

The selection of Candidates at Club level shall be at the discretion of the Club (as shall the awarding of any Club Prize[s]). This is provided that their Candidate undertakes to enter into all of the later stages of the Competition (*if successful*) and continues to conform to the requirements of these Rules of Procedure.

Candidates:

- ♪ Candidates must be not more than 25 years on 1st January in the year of the Competition. That year being the year of the Autumn Europa Forum
- ♪ Candidates must have been resident in the territory of our MD for at least three years prior to 1st January in the year of the Competition.
- ♪ No previous winner of any Competition may participate in any subsequent Competitions.
- ♪ Each Club within District 105EA may nominate one and only one Candidate for the Competition. The registrations of the Candidate's have to be made to the District Youth Music Officer by 31st December in the competition year.
- ♪ The travel and meal costs of a Candidate and Accompanist (*if required*) to attend the Competition, whether at Club, Region or District finals shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring Club.
- ♪ The costs of organising the Competition, whether at Region, or the District final, including meal costs for the Judges, will be the responsibility of the District.

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The Competition:

- ♪ Each Contestant shall perform, on the prescribed instrument,
 - ε The imposed piece - duration of approx. ten minutes
 - ε A piece of his/her own selection from a provided repertoire list.
- ♪ The Annual District prize fund will be £175.00 to be awarded as follows
- ♪ Winner 1st prize: £100.00 (plus the opportunity of competing in the Multiple District Competition as our District Contestant).
- ♪ Runner up 2nd: £75.00
- ♪ All Candidates will receive a Certificate of Participation
- ♪ The District Competition (final) may be limited to a maximum number of Candidates equal to the number of Regions at the time. In the event that the number of Candidates nominated by Clubs exceeds this number the District Governor with the District Youth Music Officer will have the discretion to organise Region competition(s) to determine the Candidate(s) who should be nominated to proceed to the District Final.

District Officers Responsibilities:

- ♪ Notifying Clubs each year of the prescribed instrument and the imposed and repertoire pieces to be played in the year of the Competition (which shall be the same instrument and music list selected for the corresponding Competition at Europa Forum). *(The prescribed instrument will not include any instrument selected for the competitions of the two proceeding years.)*
- ♪ Announcing:
 - ε the prescribed instrument, the imposed piece and repertoire list by posting information on the District Web Site and/or in the District Newsletter, as soon as information is available and District cabinet has voted to enter a candidate at MD level.
 - ε the various dates and venues of the Competitions as these become available. This District's Competition will be held in February or March each year. *(The Multiple District Competition is required to take place by 31st May in each year and is usually held in April. Europa Forum, where the international competition is held, is held anytime any time between September and November.)*
- ♪ Accepting Contestant entries from Clubs by 31st December in the year of the Competition.
- ♪ Appointing a judging panel (not exceeding 3 in number) comprising at least one professional musician or music teacher judges may not be closely related to any Contestant.
- ♪ Providing venue and facilities (including practice facilities for the use of Contestants) for elimination contest(s).
- ♪ Notifying the appropriate Multiple District Officer of all details, as may be required, in respect of our District Contestant into the MD Competition.
- ♪ Arrange for the District's candidate to be presented at Convention if DG or Cabinet request this.
- ♪ Encourage other District Officers/Committees as necessary to encourage Clubs to participate and to ensure that maximum publicity for the Competition is achieved.
- ♪ Report any proposed changes to these rules to Cabinet for discussion and decision.