

NFMC FESTIVALS PROGRAM**PURPOSE**

Festivals are designed for ALL members of the NFMC. It is not a competition but an opportunity to perform and receive evaluation. The National Federation of Music Clubs sets the rules and all Festivals are administered by the respective State Federation of Music Clubs in accordance with the rules as stated in the NFMC Festivals Bulletin.

No exceptions will be made. The National Festivals Chair, in consultation with proper authorities may pass final judgment on questions or interpretation of rules and procedures.

NFMC FESTIVALS CHAIR

There shall be one Festivals Chair for both Adult and Junior Festivals with the title, "NFMC Festivals Chair". (8-9-03)

FESTIVALS BULLETIN EDITOR

The term of office for the Federation Festivals Bulletin Chair/Editor shall be four (4) years with an optional 4-year renewable term.

FESTIVALS BULLETIN COMMITTEE

The Festivals Bulletin Committee shall consist of the NFMC Festivals Bulletin chair and committee members; NFMC Junior Division chair; NFMC Festivals chair: Vivace Online Festivals Management System chair; NFMC Federation Cup chair; NFMC Budget chair (ex-officio); and two (2) appointed members.

NFMC FESTIVALS BULLETIN

The life of the NFMC Festivals Bulletin will be four (4) years beginning with 2017-2020.

FESTIVALS BULLETIN PUBLICATION DEADLINE

There shall be a Festivals Bulletin publication deadline of March 1 of the publication year.

FESTIVALS COMMITTEE

The Festivals Committee shall consist of the NFMC Festivals Chair, five regional Festival Chairs, NFMC Federation Cup Chair, Festival Bulletin Editor (ex officio) and Junior Keynotes Editor (ex officio)

VIVACE ONLINE FESTIVALS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

This Committee shall consist of the Festivals Chair, Festivals Bulletin editor, Budget Committee Chair and three (3) appointed members

MEMBERSHIP

See Bylaws Art III, Section 3A

A Junior Club Counselor or a Teacher entering students in Junior Festivals shall be required to be a member of a Senior Organization or a Senior Individual Member of the State and National Federations. (8-3-00) Membership dues must be current and are separate from Festivals Fees.

FESTIVALS/AGE LIMIT

Junior entrants must be under 19 years of age on the date of the Festival. (6-8-11)

NFMC FESTIVALS PROGRAM – CONTINUED**FESTIVALS/ELIGIBILITY JUNIORS/ADULTS**

Junior entrants must be a member of a Junior Club or be a Junior Individual Member. (Refer to Article III, Section 5) Group entrants (i.e. school orchestras, choral groups, etc) may be associate members of the State and National Federations. Junior Associate Group Membership entitles the Group (not individual members of the group) to participate in Festival.

Adult entrants must be members of a Student/Collegiate or Senior Club or be a Student/Collegiate individual Member.

TEACHERS

Teachers must enter only those entrants whom they personally teach in the event(s) entered. Every teacher whose students participate in Festivals is required to subscribe to *Junior Keynotes*. (6-27-05)

NFMC JUNIOR DIVISION FEDERATION FESTIVALS PROCEDURES MANUAL

The official rules and procedures governing the NFMC Festivals program are located in the NFMC Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual.

All content added, adjusted or deleted in the NFMC Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual (JR 3-18) must be approved by the NFMC Board of Directors and will be updated by the NFMC Office Manager.

All additions and adjustments to the NFMC Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual must include a date, year and location recording when the items were approved by the NFMC Board of Directors.

FESTIVALS FEES

Required National and State fees must be paid to the area Festivals chair by each entrant for each event entered. In addition to the required NFMC entrance fee, a per capita “surcharge” may be added when needed to cover only Festivals expenses provided it is not combined with any other fees. After all expenses are paid, any remaining amount may be held towards the next year’s Festivals expenses, may be applied to Junior Scholarships and Awards or used at the state’s discretion as approved by the state’s BOD. Fees due to national must be paid before receiving Festivals certificates and/or Festivals cups. Festivals fees are separate from membership dues.

Teachers may not charge festival entry fees in excess of the amount established by the area festivals chair/committee. State Boards may set a financial penalty for failure to comply.

FESTIVALS RATING SHEETS

All Area Festivals must use the official NFMC Rating Sheet for Federation Festivals (JR 3-9). Ratings other than those titled “Superior, Excellent, Satisfactory, Fair, Needs Improvement” will no longer be recognized by NFMC for Consecutive Superior National Certificates or Federation Festivals Cup point accrual and will be non-transferable between states.

NFMC FEDERATION CUP AWARD

Any participant entering an event in the NFMC Festivals, including Junior Composers Contest and Musicianship is eligible to enter the Federation Cup Award Plan. Participation is optional but points earned must be in conjunction with the NFMC Festivals. Cups are awarded on a point system based on Festival ratings. Gold cups are earned only in the Junior Division (up to age 19) and Silver Cup points are earned only in the Adult Division (age 19 and above). Points in each Division are totaled separately. There is no crossover of ratings or points from Junior and Adult Festivals.

