

Oklahoma Malayalee Association



Rules and Guidelines: Group Song Competition

1. Number of Contestants in a Group. Between two (2) and ten (10). All contestants must be from the same Contest Category (either kids, sub juniors, juniors, seniors or adults).
2. Group Leader. The group leader is responsible for filling-in the registration form listing names of all participants. He/she will ensure that all participants are eligible and they fall in the same age/category stipulations. The Group Leader (in case of minors, parent of the Group Leader) is also responsible to sign the declaration and disclosure form on behalf of all members in the group.
3. Language. Malayalam is the preferred language. One bonus mark is awarded for clear and proper usage of Malayalam. If singing in any other language, group will be accessed according to the merits; but the bonus mark will not be granted.
4. Use of Track/Karaoke. Karaoke / accompaniment track is permitted, but the grading will purely on the song/singing. The Group Leader is responsible to hand over the track in MP3 format at least by 10:00 AM on August 14, 2010. Tracks can also be e-mailed to arts-rep@omaonline.net. A confirmation email will be sent on proper receipt of the track and then only the submission considered accepted. If confirmation email is not received, the Group Leader is responsible to submit the track on CD as per the time-frame stated above.
5. Timing. Maximum time is 12 minutes. All contestants' name will be called out and the Talent Fest theme music played. Then a second call will be made for the group, naming just the Team Leader. The team is expected to be on stage and start singing at the end of second call. The time starts immediately after the second call. If the team doesn't turn up, a third call will be made for the team. If still not on stage singing within 1 minute, the team will be disqualified.
6. Judging Parameters. Each judge will award marks on a 10 point scale. 1 bonus point will be added for proper and clear usage of Malayalam language. The grading will be based on the following:-
 - (a) Posture, style, confidence and teamwork - 2 marks.
 - (b) Pitch, key, clarity of words, tone of the team - 3 marks.
 - (c) Melody, rhythm and tempo - 3 marks.
 - (d) Lyrics/song selection - 1 mark.
 - (e) Adherence to timing - 1 mark.
 - (f) Bonus Mark for Proper and Clear Malayalam - 1 mark.
7. The decision of the judging panel will be final and binding by all contestants.