



## Competition Rules, Instructions and General Information:

1. The purpose of the competition is to give kids an opportunity to perform in a competitive environment.
2. This is a 'vocals only' competition limited to performers ages 6-17.
3. Kids On First reserves the right to cancel any competition and return entry fees without notice should the number of entries be insufficient.
4. Performers may be refunded their entry fees if notice is provided to Kids On First 48 hours prior to the event. 'No-shows' will not be entitled to a refund of entry fees.
5. The competition will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. on the designated date and at the stipulated location.
6. The competition is open to a limited number of performers selected on a first come, first served basis (receipt of entry forms and entry fees). The competition will conclude no later than 4:00 p.m., unless extended at the sole discretion of the judges. Though highly unlikely, Kids On First reserves the right to conclude the competition at anytime after 4:00 p.m. regardless of whether or not all Performers have had an opportunity to perform. Entry fees will be refunded to any Performer that is not allowed to perform because of time.
7. All performers must check in at the registration desk one hour prior to their scheduled time of performance. Performers will be notified in advance of their scheduled time slot. The time slots will also be posted at the registration desk the morning of the competition.
8. Performers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
9. Each Performer should be prepared to sing two songs 3-4 minutes in duration.<sup>1</sup>
10. Performers are encouraged to bring their friends and family to watch them perform.
11. Performers must provide their own accompaniment (self-contained keyboard or guitar) or CD tracks. (No lip-syncing is permitted.)
12. Performers will be evaluated and graded in the following areas:
  - a) *Stage presence*
  - b) *Pitch and tone*
  - c) *Clarity*
  - d) *How well they know their songs*
  - e) *Uniqueness of sound*
  - f) *Originality of performance*
13. An awards ceremony will be held upon completion of the competition. Performers may be awarded gold, silver or bronze medallions based on graded evaluations of their performances. The winner in each age classification will receive a trophy or plaque.
14. All Performers entering Kids On First competitions for the first time will be awarded a one year membership into the Kids On First Performing Arts Academy.

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<sup>1</sup> There is no guarantee that both songs will be performed. In determining finalists and winners the judges may request that a Performer sing an additional song.

- 15. All Performers are awarded 'points' for their performances which may be used to qualify for future competitions including the National finals held in Branson, Missouri each year.<sup>2</sup>**
- 16. All Performers will be mailed a certificate of accomplishment and details on membership benefits.**
- 17. All decisions of the judges are final and no explanation of such will be provided. Performers, parents and or guardians are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Verbal abuse of other Performers, parents, guardians or judges will not be permitted and may result in the disqualification of offending Performers.**
- 18. At their own expense, Parents or guardians may request critiques of performances from individual judges.**
- 19. No representation or expectation of this competition is valid unless specifically addressed in this document.**

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<sup>2</sup> Detailed information is provided with membership information