

## Competition FAQs

### *2018 New Hampshire MTNA Music Competitions*

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**Q: Are changes in repertoire allowed?**

A: No – once an application has been submitted, no changes may be made.

**Q: What if I play different repertoire than I listed on my application?**

A: Entrants forfeit consideration for any placement (winner/alternate/honorable mention) but may play for comments only.

**Q: What if I forget to bring my score?**

A: Entrants forfeit consideration for any placement (winner/alternate/honorable mention) but may play for comments only.

**Q: Must all repertoire be memorized?**

A: No. The solo piano and voice categories are the only ones that require memorization.

**Q: Is the competition open to public?**

A: Yes. The audience must follow the instructions given by the monitor before they enter the competition rooms.

**Q: Can performances be recorded or videotaped?**

A: Yes, provided the following guidelines are followed:

1. They record only their student/child and no other students.
2. They are unobtrusive (no tripods, no lights, standing in aisles, in front of the stage, etc).
3. The recording must be done for private purposes only and not distributed outside the immediate family.

**Q: How is the order of the entrants in each category decided?**

A: It is determined by random using an Excel formula.

**Q: What is the performance procedure when I go onstage?**

A: The entrant chooses their first selection; judges determine remaining order of performance.

**Q: My program is over the performance time limit. Am I allowed to perform the entire program?**

A: Programs over the time limit at any level of the competition will be cut at the judges' discretion. Performance will be stopped when maximum time is reached (does not affect results).

**Q: Will contestants receive their written comments from the judges?**

A: Yes. The written comments will be handed out during the Competition Announcements in the lobby.

**Q: Can I speak to the judges?**

A: Entrants, teachers, and parents are only allowed to converse with the judges at the end of the day after the competition has concluded.

**Q: How do judges determine a Winner?**

A: Judges ballot for a single Winner without consultation.

**Q: What does Alternate mean?**

A: An Alternate is chosen to serve in place of the Winner if the Winner is unable to attend the Eastern Division.

**Q: What does Honorable Mention mean?**

A: Honorable Mentions are given to recognize distinguished performances that do not win the first prize.

**Q: When and where will the Eastern Division competition take place?**

A: Winners and representatives in all categories of the New Hampshire State Round will compete with the other 12 States at the Eastern Division Round. Effective with the 2018-2019 competition year, the Division Competitions will move to an online-only Division Competition round. For further information please visit [www.mtna.org](http://www.mtna.org)