
Iroquois County Fair Talent Contest Rules

Friday, July 21, 2017

6:30 p.m. 4-H Center

Chairman - Pat Ward 815-698-2292

1. Age Division Requirements

(Classifications refers to both solo and group)

- A. Junior Division: all contestants must be 14 years old or younger on the date of the local contest. They may be 15 years old when competing at the State Level the following January.
- B. Senior Division: all contestants must be between the ages of 15-21 years of age on the date of the contest.
- C. Mixed ages must compete in the division of the oldest member of the group.
- D. State rules dictate that contestants may only advance to the state level one time in each division (Junior or Senior) and one time in each classification (in a Group or as a Solo).
- E. In either the Jr. or Sr. Division a contestant that has competed at the state level, whether they have represented Iroquois County or another County may come back and compete in the Iroquois County Talent Show. If they enter in a different classification, they may come back the following year. If however, they enter under the same classification, then they will need to sit out a year before competing again. If a contestant(s) has won at another county competition, they may still compete on Iroquois County stage and may do so without having to sit out a year. If a winning contestant(s) has been to state, the Talent committee will send the next eligible contestant(s).

2. Talent Divisions

- A. Junior Division Showmanship: this Division is only for those contestants who have previously competed at the State Level.
- B. Senior Division Showmanship: this Division is only for those contestants who have previously competed at the State Level.
- C. Future Iroquois County Fair Stars - 8 years & under. (Not eligible for State Competition)

In either Junior or Senior Division those who participated at the state level in a solo act may come back to the State Level in a group or vice versa.

Contest Specific Rules

1. Completed entries need to be received by the deadline date (May 15, 2017) by the Iroquois County Fair Office - Box 301 - Crescent City, IL 60928. All entries must be mailed with a post mark. No entries will be accepted in person. Group entries may be mailed together in one envelope. (All group forms must be received for the group to qualify).
 2. Contestants are asked to enter the talent show through the south east door. There they will be checked into the staging area by a committee member. Show tickets will not be issued to contestants this year, only complementary front gate passes.
 3. All Contestants may appear in only one act per year.
 4. Accompaniment CD's are acceptable. No like talent is allowed.
 5. Any act that goes over four (4) minutes performance time will be disqualified.
 6. There is a 3 minute setup time.
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7. Winning contestants may compete in the Iroquois County Talent Show after sitting out a year. However, if they re-enter in a different classification, then this rule does not apply. As per State rules, winning contestants may only advance to State once in a group and once as a solo act in the Jr. Division and the same again in the Sr. Division.
 8. All acts must be memorized.
 9. All contestants must be single and never married and a resident of Iroquois County or regularly enrolled in a school located in Iroquois County.
 10. All contestants are responsible for making his or her own entry including their legal name. Group forms may be submitted in a single envelop. Alternates must also fill out a form. Correctly completed forms must be postmarked by deadline date. Groups may not include a name of a business, school, organization or other community service group.
 11. 1st place winners from another fair talent show this season may only participate as an exhibition act.
 12. Contestants must supply their own equipment, Microphones, CD player and plug in for contestants instruments will be provided by the fairboard.
 13. Judging is based on one hundred (100) points. Costume 10, Audience appeal 10, Stage presence 30, Ability 50. Decisions of the judges will be final. Scoring sheets will not be made available to anyone. Critiques/suggestions will be mailed to the contestant.
 14. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all contestants. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 place contestants in each division along with prize money. A stipend of \$75.00 will be issued to the contestants that perform at the State Level to help defray expenses. if the 1st place winner does not appear at the state contest, the 2nd place winner will be eligible.
Future Iroquois County Fair Stars Division will each receive a ribbon and trophy only. Entry Fee and a stipend of \$75 will be provided for 1st place winners in the Junior & Senior Division for State Competition in January 2018. If the 1st place winner does not appear at the state contest, the 2nd place winner will be eligible.

Extraneous Rule

1. All 1st place winners from this year will not be allowed to participate in the following years contest. We invite them to come back to perform an exhibition act.
2. Contestants will be notified by mail along with a complimentary gate pass (NO replacement passes will be issued). Contestants will have to be checked into the staging area by a member of the committee via the South East door of the 4-H Center.
3. Winning contestants that have not advanced to the State Level may participate again after sitting out the next season. They must, of course, win again to have a chance for the state level.
4. Winning groups that include even one member that has appeared at the state level in a group routine in their age division may not perform at the State IAAF Talent Show but they may enter into their respective Showmanship Division for competition.
5. State level is described as the IAAF Talent Show in Springfield the following January.
6. To be able to represent Iroquois County at the IAAF Convention, contestants must meet the official rules of the IAAF talent show.
7. Rules of the above IAAF Talent Show State will be used as guidelines.

TALENT COMMITTEE

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