

2018 NFMC CONFERENCE: FESTIVALS UPDATE

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As of August, I am pleased to report that 94,788 Juniors and 391 Adults participated in the National Federation of Music Clubs program during 2017-2018. Florida once again led the country with 8,975 Junior entrants. Congratulations!

During the NFMC Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the Festivals Committee and Junior Division accomplished a lot of business. Please see the following updates:

- I. **Passed:** A reduction of Festival fees \$.50 per entrant per event starting July 1, 2018. Total NFMC entrant fee will be \$1.50.

- II. **NFMC Standing Rules K-1 and K-2 Omissions**
 - A. Omit statement "Music/Vocal Events"
 - B. Omit statement "Rural /Military Families"

- III. **NFMC Standing Rules K-1 and K-2/JR 3-18 Additions**
 - A. Paragraph title: "NFMC Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual."
 - B. "The official rules and procedures governing the NFMC Festivals program are state in the NFMC Junior Division Festivals Procedures Manual."
 - C. "All content added, adjusted, or deleted in the NFMC Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures Manual (JR3-18) must be approved by the NFMC Board of Directors and will be updated by the NFMC Executive Director."
 - D. "All additions and adjustments to the NFMC Junior Division Federation Festivals Procedures manual must include a date, year, and location of when the item was approved by the NFMC Board of Directors."

- IV. **NFMC JR 3-18 Additions**
 - A. "The National Festivals Chair will be the final authority on all changes, corrections, or adjustments concerning the Festivals Bulletin once it has been published and distributed."
 - B. "The National Bulletin Editor will provide the National Festivals Chair with the names and contact information for each advisor he/she utilized in the creation of the Bulletin in order to facilitate any necessary Bulletin adjustments."
 - C. "Any adjustments, deletions, or additions to ALL rules in the Bulletin must be approved by the Festivals Committee prior to the printing of the Bulletin."
 - D. "The addition or deletion of Festivals Bulletin events must be proposed and approved by the Festivals Committee prior to the printing of the Bulletin."
 - E. "The NFMC Festivals Chair will send a congratulatory letter with all twelve year and above consecutive superior certificates."
 - F. "Dual state memberships are permissible. However, Festival entrants cannot enter the same event in multiple states in the same academic year. A year is defined as the academic year July 1-May 25th."

G. "Junior Individual Membership is not transferrable between states."

H. "Bulletin Advisor Guidelines for Selecting Festival Repertoire."

V. Clarification to Bulletin and JR 3-18 Concerning Availability for Rural Expatriate & Military Families

"Entrants located overseas or who reside more than **150 miles from the nearest Festival site** will be considered to be in an area where no Festival is located and may participate if..."

VI. NFMC Theory Tests and Answer Keys

NFMC Theory Tests and Answer Keys will be completed and ready for distribution to State Festival Chairs as of October 1st.

VII. New Fall Reporting Deadline for Festivals

For areas holding Festivals between July 1st– Dec. 1st all Area Festival reports JR 3-3, JR 3-7 and Festival monies will be sent to the NFMC Executive Director no later than December 15th.

VIII. New Procedure for JR 3-3 Forms

The State Treasurer will submit to the NFMC Executive Director both the JR 3-7 form and the JR 3-3 form along with the Festival money.

IX. Sightplaying Event

A committee will be formed to explore retaining professional composers to create piano sightplaying materials and criteria for Festival adjudication. Additional criteria and materials for non-piano events will be implemented in phases.

X. Theory Event

A committee will be formed to explore the retaining of a professional organization to create NFMC theory tests, answer keys and practice booklets for theory event participants.

XI. NFMC Certificates

Special Consecutive Superior Certificates to honor entrants' 3, 6, and 9 year achievements will be created and distributed as ordered this year.

XII. NFMC Bulletin 2020-2024 Bulletin Events:

A. Tuba Solo (would be 5 tuba events)

B. Saxophone Quartet

C. Alto Saxophone Duet

D. Baritone Saxophone Solo

E. Clarinet Trio

F. Trumpet Duet

G. Sacred Music Piano Solo

XIII. 2020-2024 Bulletin – Organ Event rules:

Entrants can choose to enter multiple organ events in one academic year and earn separate cups/points in each event or they can choose to alternate between the three organ events, entering one organ event per academic year and collecting points towards one collaborative organ event cup.

XIV. Adjustment to current Bulletin and inclusion in 2020-2024 Bulletin- Guitar Solo Event rules:

Participants in Guitar Solo events will be allowed to select choice literature from the required list if so desired.

XV. There will be a Sightplaying/Singing Advisor for the 2020-2024 Bulletin.**XVI. Adult Festival Event (2020-2024 Bulletin):**

A. Eliminate the mandatory progression after three years in the same class for adult festival participants.

B. For all adult festival events, points toward Federation Cup will accrue for up to three years in the same class. Progression to the next class will restore point accumulation.

XVII. NFMC Federation Cup

A. Adjustment to the Bulletin and JR 3-18: "In ensemble events, each entrant may earn points towards cups provided each pays the required fee. Since points are awarded and paid for on an individual basis, only entrants in ensembles of fewer than five members are eligible to participate in the cup plan."

B. Adjustment to JR 3-18: "All Grand Cup and President's Cup recipients will receive a congratulatory letter from the NFMC President."

C. Adjustment to the JR 3-18: "When a Grand Cup or President's Cup recipient's bio is in an issue of the Junior Keynotes, he/she will receive a complimentary copy of the Junior Keynotes magazine."