

2020 KWCUSA Duet Contest Official Rules

Registration

1. Register to compete within your Chapter or Charter, find your local Chapter or Charter on-line at the KWCUSA website, www.KWCUSA.com.
2. Duet Teams are to be made up of any two people (21+) that fall in lines with the same set criteria to compete in the solo rounds of KWCUSA.
3. Only one member of each duo is required to be a full citizen of the United States
4. Duos must include the applicable entry fee with the completed entry form prior to any trial competition rounds.
- 5. Registration will not be considered completed until the entry fee has been received.**

Duos

1. Duos must consist of two people performing arrangements for two vocalists. Any Genre of music will be accepted.
2. Individuals may participate in only one duo combination.
3. Members of KWCUSA's board of directors and/or KWCUSA State Directors are not eligible to participate in the competition during the year of their tenure.
4. Past KWCUSA champions may compete as a duet performer as long as they have not participated at the world duets level in the past

Contest logistics

1. Duos will be prepared to perform any number of vocal duet numbers as determined by Chapter or Charter Director running the program in that area.
2. Duos may introduce themselves and their songs by speaking into the microphone. Duos will be allowed up to seven minutes to compete with each song selection, including any introductions.
3. An official timekeeper will track the time of each performance. 10% of your total points will be deducted from duos' total scores for going over the time limit.
4. No one other than contest officials may approach the judges at any time during the contest. It is strictly forbidden for contestants and audience members to speak to contest judges at any time before, during, or after the contest.

Scoring

1. **Duet Judging Criteria:** Judges shall award each performer between 1 and 10 points for each of the following 5 categories, based upon the following specific criteria:

Voice: Quality, Mastery, Range, Dynamics and Timbre of Voice

Technique: Pitch, Timing, Breathing, Diction, and Overall Skill

Artistry: Expressiveness, Musicality, Lyrical Interest, Individuality, and Song Choice

Stage Presence: Charisma, Confidence & Appearance, Audience Appeal, Costume Appropriateness

Harmony & Syncopation- Are the singers harmonizing where they should be and are they at the correct cadence for the song on each part.

2. Duet Scoring Evaluation

- a. Judges will assess and score each performance
- b. Each judge may award up to 10 points for each criterion, for a total possible score of 50 points per song.
- c. After each duet performance, judges will provide completed scorecards to the scorekeepers, who will tally the scores. (or utilize a provided online digital scoring platform)
- d. Judges will score the preliminary and final round performances separately.
- e. In the event of a tie, preliminary and final round scores will be combined. If the tie is still not broken, the judges will determine the ranking.
- f. Judges' scores are final. Scores will be publicized after the event without judge names attached.