

## REMINDER: THE CHANGES BELOW REPLACE/SUPERCEDE STIPULATIONS IN THE FESTIVAL MANUAL

1. Sixth graders MAY NOT enter any individual competition as Junior High students; individually, they may only compete as Elementary. They MAY continue to be a part of either an Elementary or Junior High group, but not both.
2. In speech, NO *Readers' Theatre* or *Bible Teaching/Devotion* category will be for Sixth grade.
3. Also in speech, *Serious Interpretation* and *Religious Interpretation* will be combined as one category. Selections may fit the guidelines for either as stated in the manual. This means that your school may only have two competitors per grade for this category.
4. *Readers' Theatre* time limits are now 5-13 minutes.
5. In *Bible/Devotions*, audio visual materials do NOT have to be original; lessons may be from published or unpublished sources.
6. Piano duet members must be 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders. An Elementary and a Junior High student MAY NOT compete together.
7. Woodwind solos follow the same guidelines as other instrumental solos though they were inadvertently left out of the manual.
8. Registration forms from schools must accurately list their accompanist for every category with an accompanist. Please use several accompanists; we will do our best to accommodate your school's needs, but the Festival has grown to a point that we cannot avoid conflicts if you have a large number of competitors and only a few accompanists.  
Several schools have addressed this issue by using proficient high school pianists for some of the accompanists needs. When you send your fees, you do NOT pay for high school accompanists. FORMS WITHOUT ACCOMPANISTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
9. Schools **must** submit a multiple entries form; I cannot stress enough the importance that this form and other registration forms must be accurate. Please have someone review your form to verify all of the information listed is correct.
10. All forms are to be postmarked by March 15<sup>th</sup>; NO changes will be accepted after March 26<sup>th</sup>, including omissions and substitutions. As the Festival dates draw near, we realize you may have some drops and your notifying us of that is a tremendous help in scheduling.

### IMPORTANT COVID 19 PROTOCOLS:

We have purchased cleaning products, masks, and thermometers. We are working with the venues to implement additional cleaning to keep things as sterile as possible. In order to help with physical distancing, we are requesting only ONE parent attend with their child. Please discourage other family members and friends from attending. We request NO STUDENT who does not have a performance role on that day (i.e. those with art or photography only should not come) and NO spectators. We must keep the attendance numbers down so we can practice recommended physical distancing. Thank you for your cooperation in these areas.