

Regulations and General Information - Music

1. Where age limits are specified, the age must be reckoned as on 1st February 2024
 2. In all 'Own Choice' classes, copies of the pieces **must be provided for the adjudicator** at the time of the competition. If the performance is from memory then the adjudicator must be given an original copy. **Competitors must recognise that using two photocopies of the music is illegal. Failure to provide the adjudicator with a copy or provide one original copy of the music will result in the entry being classified as non-competitive and a prize cannot be awarded.** Copies will be destroyed after the event. Also see note 4.
 3. Copyright law can apply to music, typography, lyrics and for use in a public performance. The Watford Festival can be held liable for misuse of downloaded copies. **For this reason, the same rules apply to downloads as to photocopies.**
 4. Times stated in the syllabus should not be exceeded. Performances that overrun may be ended prematurely.
 5. Original copies may be purchased from Perfect Pitch, 72 The Broadway, Chesham; Chimes Music Shops www.chimesmusic.com; or online at www.musicroom.com. Photocopying of copyright material (or copying by any other method) is illegal unless permission has been obtained from the copyright holder. However, an exception has been agreed for 'Own Choice' works. This permission specifically does not apply to set works. Competitors are advised that this permission applies only to copyright holders who are members of The Music Publishers Association (6th Floor, Two Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG). It is the competitor's own responsibility to ensure that they seek permission to copy directly from any copyright holder whose name does not appear on the MPA's list.
 6. Details of the class date, time and venue will be e-mailed to the applicants before the Festival. Programmes can be pre-ordered on the website when you make your entries and these will be posted to you when available. You may also purchase programmes when you visit a Festival venue.
- If you have not received a timetable by 1st February you should contact the appropriate section leader at www.watfordfestival.co.uk
7. Certificates will be awarded in all classes up to the age of 19 years. Medals will be awarded in classes up to the age of 14 years with the exception of groups exceeding 4 in number. Trophies and scholarships will be awarded subject to a minimum mark of 85 being gained and at the discretion of the adjudicator.
 8. All trophies presented at the Festival are the property of The Festival and must be returned at least six weeks before the next Festival. Holders are responsible for any loss or damage, which must be reported immediately to the Section Heads giving full particulars.
 9. When making an online entry, payment is made when entering. Entry fees cannot be refunded if, for any reason, a competitor is unable to attend.
 10. Competitors may not communicate directly or indirectly with the adjudicators and must accept their decision.
 11. The Festival Committee reserves the right to substitute adjudicators or to engage additional adjudicators and to hold competitions on dates and at places other than those notified in the syllabus. Any class may be withdrawn or rearranged should the number of entries warrant it.
 12. Details of accompanists will be sent to you in January by section leaders.
 13. No video recording or photography is permitted during the performances. This is to comply with copyright regulations, and the Festival can be heavily fined if this is not adhered to, but this is also in accordance with the Watford Festival Child Protection Policy.

14. Unpleasant behaviour towards our volunteers, adjudicators or other competitors will not be tolerated.
15. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged over 18.
16. Soliciting of business is not permitted at the Festival.
17. All queries connected with the Festival should be addressed to the section leaders.

Data Protection Policy

The Watford Festival Data Protection Policy can be viewed at www.watfordfestival.co.uk

CUPS AND TROPHIES

Cups and Trophies will be awarded subject to the rules of the Festival and at the discretion of the adjudicator