

# **RULES & REGULATIONS**

## **IRISH OPEN ACCORDION FESTIVAL 2011**

1. There is no restriction on make or size of instrument used by contestants.
2. A person (other than percussion player(s)) may only perform once in any category (A-H). A player may not play the same piece in more than one section.
3. There will be a draw for playing order to which contestants must adhere or risk disqualification.
4. Amplification and limited electronics may be used in Orchestral sections.
5. There must be a minimum of 6 accordions in each Orchestra.
6. There will be a setting up time of 10 minutes for each Orchestra. One penalty mark for every minute, or part thereof, will be deducted after this time has elapsed. The first Orchestra in each section will not be allowed access to the stage until 10 minutes before the competition is due to commence.
7. In all sections, players may not play the same piece(s) in successive years.
8. Ensemble sections up to and including Junior must have a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 players. All other sections are 2 to 6. No conductor is allowed.
9. Original music (or legal photocopies) must be submitted to the Adjudicator's clerk for all sections except the test piece sections and the traditional sections.
10. Prizewinners (1st, 2nd, 3rd) in the following sections must compete in a higher standard section in subsequent years.
  - (a) Primary, Preparatory and Junior solos (Test piece and own choice)
  - (b) Higher Junior & Intermediate Solos (1st prizewinners only),
  - (c) A duet/ensemble with the same players (1st prizewinner only) up to and including Junior standard.
11. Competitors may only enter the Elementary Solo and Preliminary Solo once.
12. In orchestral sections, an orchestra that wins 1st prize in 2 successive years must enter a higher section in subsequent years.
13. In the Concert Artist Solo section, prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Adjudicator.
14. A player cannot compete in a duet/ensemble that is a lower grade than his/her own solo grade. Higher Junior players may enter Junior Duet/Ensemble sections.
15. Age limits apply as at 1st January.
16. Competitors using photocopied music illegally are liable to disqualification.
17. Any performance may be terminated at the discretion of the Adjudicator.
18. The adjudicator's decision shall be final and binding in all cases.
19. The interpretation of the above rules and regulations is subject to the decision of the organising committee.

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