

2022 ATG Competition General Rules and Information

Registration Form and Registration Fee: ATG competitors must complete a Festival Registration form and pay the registration fee in addition to satisfying Membership requirements, entry forms and all fees as outlined below.

Membership requirements: Contestants who are students of an ATG member must enter through their teacher. If the instructor is not affiliated with ATG, the ATG membership fee of \$60.00 (or student membership* fee of \$25.00 if applicable) should be submitted along with the entry. Independent accordionists must also be an ATG member to enter, and should submit their ATG membership fee of \$60.00 (or student membership* fee of \$25.00 if applicable) along with the entry, entitling the contestant to ATG membership benefits for one year.

Amateur/Professional designations: Categories are for amateur** participants, with the exception of those specifically governed by other rules, including those of the Confédération Internationale des Accordéonistes (CIA). Professionals*** may compete only in designated categories.

Entry forms: Entry forms may be acquired through an ATG recognized teacher, through the ATG website and/or through the competition committee.

Entry fees: Entry forms will not be processed unless accompanied by the appropriate entry fees, which are non-refundable except where the entry is rejected by the ATG. Fees submitted by ATG teachers or members should be sent as one check in USD made payable to "Accordionists and Teachers Guild, International."

Entry deadline: All entries must be postmarked no later than **June 15, 2022**. Late entries will be charged a double entry fee, if accepted.

Send completed entry and summary forms along with fees in US Dollars to:

Liz Finch, Treasurer
4420 Morella Ave., Studio City, CA 91607 USA
Email: lizeef@aol.com

Music selection:

- For Open Categories, the categories are selected by age; there is no required music list. The music is selected by the teacher and/or student and may be any level of difficulty.
It is recommended that music for the Open Categories currently be in publication.
- **Contestants must play a different selection for each category entered.**

Music rules:

- No photocopies (*unless music is out of print*)
- Music must be provided to the judge with measures numbered
- Music should be played "as written" except in the Entertainment Solo categories
- Repeats are optional
- Music must be performed by memory in solo divisions (unless otherwise stated); music may be used in duets, ensembles and orchestras

Time limits and penalties:

- All time limits are noted under specific categories and will be strictly observed
- A five (5) point penalty is assessed for music used in a solo division
- A three (3) point penalty can be assessed for the following:
 - Failure to provide music for the adjudicator
 - Music that is not numbered by measure
 - Providing a photocopy when an original is available

Proof of age and citizenship: All entrants must not be over the age limit for any category as of the beginning date of the competition, July 20, 2022 and must be prepared to offer written proof of birth date and/or American citizenship if required by category rules.

Photo and recording devices: Cameras, videos and other recording devices are prohibited during the competitions and concerts unless officially sanctioned by the ATG Festival Committee and/or the specific permission of the competitor. The Festival Committee reserves the right to use these films, photos, etc. of the performing contestants for promotional purposes.

General Competition Rules:

- Teachers may not perform with their students in any group category, including duet unless category rules specifically state otherwise.
- Digital, electronic, amplified and/or MIDI accordions are not accepted in solo or duet categories. If any of these systems are installed only the acoustic accordion (or virtual acoustic accordion sounds) may be used in these solo or duet categories.
- Percussion is permitted in all ensemble, orchestra and group classifications.
- The ATG Festival Committee reserves the right to add or eliminate a category based on the number of entries.
- No changes in categories or entries may be made without the consent of the ATG Festival Committee.
- For categories where First, Second and Third Place Awards are given **First Place Awards require a minimum score of 95; Second Place Awards require a minimum of 90 and Third Place Awards require a minimum of 85.** The final score for each entry is an average of all the judges' scores taken to two decimal points. No further rounding will apply. The minimum score requirements will be strictly observed for award standings (for example: if no entrants achieve a mark of 95 – no First Place will be awarded).
- For categories where Superior, Excellent and Very Good Awards are given, each contestant is judged on their own merit out of a possible maximum score of 100. **Superior Awards will have a score of 95-100; Excellent Awards will have a score of 90-94 and Very Good Awards will have a score of 85-89.** The final score for each entry is an average of all the judges' scores taken to two decimal points. No further rounding will apply.
- Decisions of the adjudicators are final.

*Student membership is open to anyone enrolled in an elementary or secondary education program

**Amateur is defined as one who does not engage in money-making activities on the accordion and/or is not a member of a musician's union.

***Professional is defined as one who earns a living through playing the accordion, teaching the accordion and/or is a member of a musician's union.

ATG COMPETITION CATEGORIES – 2022

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#	CATEGORIES	AGE LIMIT	FEE	TIME LIMIT	SEE GENERAL RULES and AS NOTED BELOW
V1	Virtuoso Championship Solo – Senior	32 & Under	\$45	15 to 18 min	<p>Designed for the outstanding players who love competition and may be planning to enter future Coupe Mondiale categories. Contestants may perform their own choice of music but must perform at least three (3) pieces. Cuts in the music may be made to fit the specified time limits.</p> <p>General Information: Music must be performed by memory. Entrant may be penalized if playing under or over the time limits.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One piece must be originally composed for the accordion 2. One piece must show technical virtuoso abilities 3. One piece must be of a lyrical/expressive style <p>Entrant may be of any nationality since it is NOT a qualifying category for the Coupe Mondiale representing the United States.</p> <p>Prize: 1st Place: \$1,000 plus trophy and certificate 2nd Place: Trophy plus certificate 3rd Place: Trophy plus certificate</p> <p>Awards require minimum score per General Rules</p>
V2	Virtuoso Championship Solo – Junior	18 & Under	\$45	15 to 18 min	<p>Designed for the outstanding players who love competition and may be planning to enter future Coupe Mondiale categories. Contestants may perform their own choice of music but must perform at least three (3) pieces. Cuts in the music may be made to fit the specified time limits.</p> <p>General Information: Music must be performed by memory. Entrant may be penalized if playing under or over the time limits.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One piece must be originally composed for the accordion 2. One piece must show technical virtuoso abilities 3. One piece must be of a lyrical/expressive style <p>Entrant may be of any nationality since it is NOT a qualifying category for the Coupe Mondiale representing the United States.</p> <p>Prize: 1st Place: \$500 plus trophy and certificate 2nd Place: Trophy plus certificate 3rd Place: Trophy plus certificate</p> <p>Awards require minimum score per General Rules</p>

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#	CATEGORIES	AGE LIMIT	FEE	TIME LIMIT	SEE GENERAL RULES and AS NOTED BELOW
VE1	Virtuoso Entertainment Solo – Senior	32 & Under	\$45	15 to 18 min	<p>Contestants may perform their own choice of music but must perform at least three (3) pieces.</p> <p>General Information: Music must be performed by memory. Entrant may be penalized if playing under or over the time limits.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <p>1. Selections must be of the entertainment variety Entrant may be of any nationality since it is NOT a qualifying category for the Coupe Mondiale representing the United States.</p> <p>Prize: 1st Place: \$1,000 plus trophy and certificate 2nd Place: Trophy plus certificate 3rd Place: Trophy plus certificate Awards require minimum score per General Rules</p>
VE2	Virtuoso Entertainment Solo – Junior	18 & Under	\$45	15 to 18 min	<p>Contestants may perform their own choice of music but must perform at least three (3) pieces.</p> <p>General Information: Music must be performed by memory. Entrant may be penalized if playing over the time limit.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <p>1. Selections must be of the entertainment variety Entrant may be of any nationality since it is NOT a qualifying category for the Coupe Mondiale representing the United States.</p> <p>Prize: 1st Place: \$500 plus trophy and certificate 2nd Place: Trophy plus certificate 3rd Place: Trophy plus certificate Awards require minimum score per General Rules</p>

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#	CATEGORIES	AGE LIMIT	FEE	TIME LIMIT	SEE GENERAL RULES and AS NOTED BELOW
C1	75th Coupe Mondiale <i>ATG Coupe Mondiale Competition Qualification Category - Solo</i>	32 & Under	\$60	See Coupe Program Requirements	See Coupe Program Requirements at: http://coupemondiale.org 1st Prize: \$500 (Minimum score of 95 required)
C2	Masters Coupe Mondiale <i>ATG Coupe Mondiale Competition Qualification Category - Solo</i>	32 & Under	\$60	See Coupe Program Requirements	See Coupe Program Requirements at: http://coupemondiale.org 1st Prize: \$500 (Minimum score of 95 required)
C3	Junior Coupe Mondiale <i>ATG Coupe Mondiale Competition Qualification Category - Solo</i>	18 & Under	\$60	See Coupe Program Requirements	See Coupe Program Requirements at: http://coupemondiale.org 1st Prize: \$400 (Minimum score of 95 required)
C4	International Competition for Virtuoso Entertainment Music <i>ATG Coupe Mondiale Competition Qualification Category - Solo</i>	32 & Under	\$60	See Coupe Program Requirements	See Coupe Program Requirements at: http://coupemondiale.org 1st Prize: \$300 (Minimum score of 95 required)
C5	Junior International Competition for Virtuoso Entertainment Music <i>ATG Coupe Mondiale Competition Qualification Category - Solo</i>	18 & Under	\$60	See Coupe Program Requirements	See Coupe Program Requirements at: http://coupemondiale.org 1st Prize: \$300 (Minimum score of 95 required)
C6	International Competition for Chamber Music – Classical Music <i>ATG Coupe Mondiale Competition Qualification Category - for 2 to 5 musicians</i>	32 & Under	\$60	See Coupe Program Requirements	See Coupe Program Requirements at: http://coupemondiale.org 1st Prize: \$400 (Minimum score of 95 required)
C7	International Competition for Chamber Music – World Music <i>ATG Coupe Mondiale Competition Qualification Category - for 2 to 5 musicians</i>	32 & Under	\$60	See Coupe Program Requirements	See Coupe Program Requirements at: http://coupemondiale.org 1st Prize: \$400 (Minimum score of 95 required)

Cash prize awards are to assist the winner with the expense of traveling to the Coupe Mondiale in Zofingen, Switzerland. The ATG will coordinate with the contestant to allocate the Prize Money as they prepare their travel arrangements.

For more information, please contact: Joan C. Sommers – ATG
2312 W. 71 Terrace, Prairie Village, KS 66208-3322
Phone: (913) 722-5625 or email: joansommers@kc.rr.com

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#	CATEGORIES	AGE LIMIT	FEE	TIME LIMIT	SEE GENERAL RULES and AS NOTED BELOW
S1	American Salute Solo	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under Under 32 32 & Over	\$20	3 min 5 min 6 min 8 min 8 min	One Selection – by any American accordionist composer Prize: Trophy plus certificate Awards: Superior, Excellent and Very Good Awards require minimum score per General Rules
S2	Tango Solo	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under Under 32 32 & Over	\$20	3 min 5 min 6 min 8 min 8 min	One Selection – any original or arranged tango Prize: Trophy plus certificate Awards: Superior, Excellent and Very Good Awards require minimum score per General Rules
S3	Open Solo	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under Under 32 32 & Over	\$20	3 min 5 min 6 min 8 min 8 min	One Selection – any music selection including transcriptions Prize: Trophy plus certificate Awards: Superior, Excellent and Very Good Awards require minimum score per General Rules
S4	Original Solo	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under Under 32 32 & Over	\$20	3 min 5 min 6 min 8 min 8 min	One Selection – music written specifically for the accordion Prize: Trophy plus certificate Awards: Superior, Excellent and Very Good Awards require minimum score per General Rules
S5	Ethnic Solo	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under Under 32 32 & Over	\$20	3 min 5 min 5 min 5 min 5 min	One Selection – music reflecting the heritage of world cultures (including folk, ethnic, polkas etc. but excluding popular and jazz) Prize: Trophy plus certificate Awards: Superior, Excellent and Very Good Awards require minimum score per General Rules
S6	Free Bass Solo	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under Under 32 32 & Over	\$20	3 min 5 min 6 min 8 min 8 min	One Selection – music specifically using left hand free bass for the majority of the selection Prize: Trophy plus certificate Awards: Superior, Excellent and Very Good Awards require minimum score per General Rules
S7	Entertainment Solo	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under Under 32 32 & Over	\$20	3 min 5 min 5 min 5 min 5 min	One Selection – Any entertainment type music (including but not limited to standards, show-tunes, broad-way, jazz or current top forty music) Improvisation or embellishment is encouraged Prize: Trophy plus certificate Awards: Superior, Excellent and Very Good Awards require minimum score per General Rules
S8	Adult Hobby Solo	18 & Over	\$20	3 min	One Selection – This category is for adults pursuing the accordion as a hobby. Music may be used. A published copy of the music must be given to the adjudicator. Entrant will play for the adjudicator and receive a written review. No trophies are awarded in this category.

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#	CATEGORIES	AGE LIMIT	FEE	TIME LIMIT	SEE GENERAL RULES and AS NOTED BELOW
S9	Amy Hatfield Memorial Solo	4 to 6 7 & Under 9 & Under 12 & Under 14 & Under	\$20	6 min 6 min 6 min 6 min 6 min	<p>Amy Hatfield Memorial Young Accordionists Scholarship</p> <p>Amy Hatfield was a student of Joan Cochran Sommers from age 12. She played both piano accordion and C system chromatic accordion. Amy continued her studies with Joan Sommers at the University of Missouri at Kansas City where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. Her surviving children, Kaley and Ryan, traveled with Amy's mother, Carol to the ATG 75th Anniversary festival in 2015 to present the scholarship funds to the ATG.</p> <p>This category is designed to support young accordion students from age 4 through 14 years of age. A top prize of \$100.00 cash will be awarded in each age division to the first-place winners who earn the required minimum score of 95. Trophies will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Play 2 pieces demonstrating the versatility of the performer and the instrument Demonstrate excellence and attention to details such as articulation, bellowsing and dynamics Play selections by memory
D1	Duet – Accordion Plus One	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under 16 & Over	\$30	3 min 6 min 6 min 12 min	<p>Accordion with any other instrument as a DUO entry; accordion must be dominant or equal to the other instrument.</p> <p>Age category will be based on the age of the older member in the duo.</p> <p>Prize: Trophies plus certificates</p> <p>Awards: Superior, Excellent and Very Good</p> <p>Awards require minimum score per General Rules</p>
D2	Open Duet	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under 16 & Over	\$30	3 min 6 min 6 min 12 min	<p>One Selection – Any music including transcriptions</p> <p>Age category will be based on the age of the older member in the duo.</p> <p>Prize: Trophies plus certificates</p> <p>Awards: Superior, Excellent and Very Good</p> <p>Awards require minimum score per General Rules</p>
D3	Adult Hobby Duet	18 & Over	\$30	5 min	<p>One Selection – Own choice – Written review only.</p> <p>No trophies are awarded in this category.</p>

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#	CATEGORIES	AGE LIMIT	FEE	TIME LIMIT	SEE GENERAL RULES and AS NOTED BELOW
E1	Ensemble- Accordion(s) & More	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under 16 & Over	\$40	10 min 10 min 10 min 10 min	3-9 Members Accordion or multiple accordions with other instruments or voice; accordion(s) must be dominant or equal to the other instruments or voice Requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Age category will be based on the age of the oldest member in the group Music to be classical/serious repertoire; at least two (2) pieces of different style or character Music is allowed, with or without a conductor Trophy will be awarded to the Group Must furnish own equipment Prize: 1st Place: Trophy and certificates 2nd Place: Trophy plus certificates 3rd Place: Trophy plus certificates Awards require minimum score per General Rules (Individual members will each receive a certificate)
E2	Ensembles	9 & Under 12 & Under 15 & Under 16 & Over	\$40	3 min 6 min 6 min 12 min	3-9 Members Accordions only Requirements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Age category will be based on the age of the oldest member in the group Music to be classical/serious repertoire Music is allowed, with or without a conductor Trophy will be awarded to the Group Must furnish own equipment 2 nd Selection optional if within time limit – should be of contrasting nature Prize: 1st Place: Trophy and certificates 2nd Place: Trophy plus certificates 3rd Place: Trophy plus certificates Awards require minimum score per General Rules (Individual members will each receive a certificate)

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#	CATEGORIES	AGE LIMIT	FEE	TIME LIMIT	SEE GENERAL RULES and AS NOTED BELOW
G1	Group Entertainment Showcase	Any Age	\$60	12 min	<p>10 or more Members Accordion or multiple accordions with other instruments or voice; accordion(s) must be dominant or equal to the other instruments or voice</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Music to be entertainment type repertoire; at least two (2) pieces of different style or character. Music is allowed, with or without a conductor Teachers and professionals may participate Trophy will be awarded to the Group Must furnish own equipment Time Limit for on & off stage set-up is 10 minutes total <p>Group 1st Place: \$250 plus trophy and certificates 2nd Place: Trophy plus certificates 3rd Place: Trophy plus certificates</p> <p>Awards require minimum score per General Rules (Individual members will each receive a certificate)</p>
O1	Junior Orchestra	12 & Under	\$50	5 min	<p>10 or more Members Accordions only</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Age category will be based on the age of the oldest member in the group Music is allowed, with or without a conductor Trophy will be awarded to the Group Must furnish own equipment Time Limit for on & off stage set-up is 10 minutes total <p>2nd Selection optional if within time limit – should be of contrasting nature</p> <p>Prize: 1st Place: Trophy plus certificates 2nd Place: Trophy plus certificates 3rd Place: Trophy plus certificates</p> <p>Awards require minimum score per General Rules (Individual members will each receive a certificate)</p>
O2	Open Orchestra	Any Age	\$60	12 min	<p>10 or more Members Accordions only</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Music to be classical/serious repertoire; Music is allowed, with or without a conductor Teachers and professionals may participate Trophy will be awarded to the Group Must furnish own equipment Time Limit for on & off stage set-up is 10 minutes total <p>2nd Selection optional if within time limit – should be of contrasting nature</p> <p>Prize: 1st Place: \$250 plus trophy and certificates 2nd Place: Trophy plus certificates 3rd Place: Trophy plus certificates</p> <p>Awards require minimum score per General Rules (Individual members will each receive a certificate)</p>

ATG ENTRY FORM

For Office Use: Contestant # _____ Teacher/Studio # _____

CONTESTANT NAME _____ AGE on July 20, 2022 _____

TEACHER/STUDIO NAME _____

TEACHER PHONE # _____ CELL# _____ E-MAIL _____

Mark Here If A Digital Accordion is being used

Class #	Age Limit Per Category List	Name of Selection(s)	Composer/Arranger	Duration (minutes)	Fee (\$)

**FOR ALL DUET, ENSEMBLE OR ORCHESTRA ENTRIES
PAGE TWO INFO MUST BE COMPLETED**

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For Office Use: Contestant # _____ Teacher/Studio # _____

DUET

(Please note – if contestant is participating in more than one duet category with a different partner – please use a separate page 2 form for each additional duet pairing)

Duet – Name of Partner _____ AGE on July 20, 2022 _____

Additional Instrument Being Played in Class D1 _____

ENSEMBLE & ORCHESTRA

GROUP NAME _____

CONDUCTOR _____

Note: Age Limit is Based on Age of Oldest Member as of July 20, 2022

List Names and Ages of Each Member

Name	Age	Instrument (Accordion or other instrument)
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Please list additional members on a second copy of this form

Is any member of group a professional or teacher? If so, please name below:

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2022 ATG Competition Summary Form



Only One Competition Summary Form required for all entries

Deadline for Competition Entry Forms, Summary Form & Payments - June 15, 2022

Name(s) of Entrant(s) or Group: _____

Teacher / ATG Member _____

Entrant's complete Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (C) _____ Email _____

Competition Categories	Price	x No. of Entries	= Cost
Virtuoso Senior / Junior Championships	\$ 45.00		
Coupe Qualification	\$ 60.00		
Solos	\$ 20.00		
Duets	\$ 30.00		
Ensembles (3-9 members)	\$ 40.00		
Junior Orchestras (10+ members)	\$ 50.00		
Open Orchestras & Group Entertainment (10+ members)	\$ 60.00		
If teacher or contestant is not an ATG member then an ATG Membership Fee is charged	\$ 60.00		
If student is not an ATG member and qualifies for student membership then an ATG Student Membership Fee is charged	\$ 25.00		
Grand Total			

Mail Entry Form(s) and Summary to: **Liz Finch, Treasurer**
4420 Morella Ave., Studio City, CA 91607 USA Email: lizeef@aol.com

Make your Check out to: ATG and mail to above

Make your Credit Card Payment using PayPal by clicking on this link:
<https://www.atgaccordions.com/2022-competition-information> and then scroll down to
 bottom of the web page and click "Pay Now" button

ATG Competitors must also have completed the Festival Registration form and paid the Fee

Mark which applies: My registration form has been sent and the fee paid

My registration form and fee are included

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2022 ATG Festival!