

**2019 MARION COUNTY FAIR TALENT SHOW
JUNIOR & SENIOR DIVISIONS—RULES**

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019



REGISTRATION FEE: \$10.00 per person --- \$15.00 maximum per act

Junior Division: age 12 and under

Registration: Noon Contest: 1 PM

Senior Division: age 13 to 21 (If you are 13 years of age anytime during 2019, you must enter the Senior Division)

Registration: 5 PM Contest: 6 PM

Every contestant in the Youth Talent Contest **MUST BE A RESIDENT OF MARION COUNTY OR A MEMBER OF 4-H IN MARION COUNTY**

Group acts must perform in the division determined by the ages of the majority of the group. No one older than 14 may compete in a junior group division.

Cash prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category of both divisions. 1st place winners in each category of each division will represent Marion County at the 2019 Indiana State Fair Contest. If fewer than three acts are entered in any one category or competition, the Talent Show Director reserves the right either to cancel the category or combine it with another category.

Registration closes 10 minutes before the contest begins. One person from each act must register for their group.

Each contestant may perform in two (2) categories. The combination may be one in the solo category of their choice, and the group category of their choice; or 2 different category groups. No contestant may be a soloist winner in two different categories or a group winner in two different categories.

Must use the stage and the sound system provided by the Marion County Fair. Music can be in the form of USB Drive or CD labeled with performer's name and phone number.

Performance time allotted shall be: **2:00-minute limit for solo act; 2:30-minute limit for duets and groups of three or more; 5:00-minute limit for band performance. The definition of a band is one (1) lead singer, one (1) bass player, one (1) lead guitarist and one (1) drummer/percussionist. A band must consist of four (4) or more members. **Ten penalty points will be deducted from the score of any act that exceeds the designated time limit for that act.***

CATEGORIES

(Please see reverse side of this page for Category Rules)

Vocal Solo	Dance Solo	Tumbling Solo-Free X only
Vocal Group	Dance Group	Tumbling Group-Free X only
Instrumental Solo	Novelty Solo	Clogging Solo
Instrumental Group	Novelty Group	Clogging Group

In accordance with State Fair guidelines, the Talent Show Director and judges reserve the right to assign acts to what they determine to be appropriate categories.

For further information, you may contact Brenda Carter through the Marion County Fair Office at 317-353-2444.

INDIANA STATE FAIR YOUTH TALENT CONTEST RULES WILL BE FOLLOWED. You may preview those contest rules at: YouthTalent@Indianastatefair.com

STATE FAIR COMPETITION DATES:

August 4/5 & 18/19—Farm Bureau Bldg. Auditorium—1st Place winners ONLY

CATEGORY GUIDELINES

Marion County Fair reserves the right to assign contestants to what it believes to be the proper categories. Any questions shall be resolved by the Event Coordinator and the Fair President; their decision is final. The following is a list of categories and a description of each. These are the guidelines and are subject to interpretation by the Event Coordinator and President of the Marion County Fair.

Vocal: Solo male, female or group (2 or more performers, male or female): This category shall consist of a solo or group performance by a vocalist(s). Instrumental accompaniment is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. Any background vocal on a CD must be minimal. (No props allowed)

Instrumental: Solo male, female or group (2 or more performers, male or female): This category shall consist of a solo or group instrumental performance without vocal utterance. Accompaniment is allowed, but must assume the pure character of accompaniment. The test shall be whether the solo performance would stand alone if the accompaniment were removed. No instrument of the same nature may be used for accompaniment. 2-minute limit, set-up time.

Dance: Solo male, female or group (2 or more performers, male or female): This category shall consist of a solo or group dance performance. Accompanists are permitted on stage. Ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, lyrical, modern, hip-hop, step will be judged in the category. Acts may use acrobatics or tumbling moves such as cartwheels, round-offs, flips and aerials. A limit of two acrobatic or tumbling moves will be permitted. Props must be part of the costume, i.e. hat, cane, umbrella, parasol, etc.

Clogging: Solo male, female or group (2 or more performers, male or female). This category shall consist of a solo or group clogging performance. Accompanists are permitted on stage. Freestyle, artistic expression, traditional moving line, hoedown, precision are all allowed. Props must be part of the costume. No tumbling is allowed.

Tumbling/Rhythmic Gymnastics: Solo male, female or group (2 or more performers, male or female). (Floor exercise only): This category was created for the dance routines that incorporate more than two acrobatic/tumbling tricks. Everyone is responsible for his/her own mats and runners. Two people per mat may place mats on stage. Props and scenery are allowed. No spotters. 2-minute limit, set-up time.

Novelty: Solo male, female or group (2 or more performers, male or female). This category shall consist of a solo or group performance in any act that has not been previously described. The following acts are in this category: Skits, impersonators, Lip Sync, comedians, magicians, recitations (original or otherwise), mimes, jugglers (pins, balls, plates, etc.), unicyclist, hoola hoops, reenactments, dramatic presentations (theatrical). THIS CATEGORY DOES NOT INCLUDE SINGERS, DANCERS, TUMBLERS, CLOGGERS OR INSTRUMENTALISTS. Props are allowed. 2-minute limit, set-up time.

NOTE:

Cheerleaders and Baton twirlers or similar acts using batons, machetes, or sharp instruments will not be accepted in the Youth Talent Contest. No fire, dry ice, or fog will be allowed on stage. Any attempt to circumvent these terms and conditions shall result in disqualification.