



Harmony in the Valley Barbershop Contest

Song Guidelines:

All songs should be Barbershop in style... meaning harmonies are written above and below the melody... the melody is scored in the "2nd voice". (ie- second tenor- alto)

No solos longer than one measure...

Four part harmony is required...

Arrangement should contain dominant 7th chords...

All songs performed accapella...

If you are not sure of the acceptability of a song call the Puyallup Valley Harmonizers to clear your material. Unlike Barbershop Harmony Society Rules, Gospel and Patriotic material is acceptable but must meet "close harmony" arrangement standards.

Contest Set: Contestants must be prepared to perform 2 songs (depending on number of contestants we may be forced to trim that to 1 song...Based on time restraints).

Non Barbershop arrangements will result in a penalty.

Quartet and Group Guidelines:

Male Quartet

Female Quartet

Mixed Quartet

Ensemble or Very LARGE Quartet (VLQ) 5 to 11 members

Male

Female

Mixed

Chorus 12+ members

Male

Female

Mixed

Simplified Scoring Guidelines:

Music as performed, 30 % (Include barbershop standard: Melody in 2nd voice, continuous chords, dominant 7th Chords, etc.)

Entertainment value, 40 %

Singing technique, 30%

Questions regarding song suitability call Puyallup Valley Harmonizers at 866-746-4868 and we will assist you. Any new to Barbershop might be able to arrange a pre-contest evaluation.