



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...solos accompanied by the other three parts acceptable.

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 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) - No Director- 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.