2027 Quad Cities Summer Games

Performing Arts — Rules and Guidelines

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Preliminary Rules

These rules provide preliminary guidance for participants registering for the 2027 Quad Cities Summer Games. Certain details, particularly those involving group participation and medal distribution, will be reviewed with the event manager and finalized as soon as possible after January 1, 2027. Any updates will be incorporated into a revised version of this document.

Date and Location

Performances will take place on Thursday, June 3, 2027, at Ridgecrest Village, 4130 Northwest Boulevard, Davenport, Iowa.

Start time: 6:00 PM.

Performance Rules

Each performance is limited to six minutes. Adherence to this limit ensures an efficient flow of the event and keeps the program from running too late into the evening.

Performance order will be announced during check-in on the evening of the event.

Competition Categories

1. Dance — Individual
2. Dance — Duet
3. Dance — Group
4. Drama/Skits (including stand-up comedy)
5. Instrumental — Individual
6. Instrumental — Duet
7. Instrumental — Group
8. Vocal — Solo
9. Vocal — Group

Each individual or group may enter only one competitive performance per category. Group categories may be adjusted based on the number of entries.

Judging

Judges will evaluate performances using the following criteria:

- Stage Presence
- Audience Eye Contact
- Presentation Quality
- Audience Reception

Each criterion will be scored on a scale of 1 to 5:

5 — Superb
4 — Excellent
3 — Very Good
2 — Good
1 — Average

Registration and Medals

For individual performances, the performer must be registered for the Quad Cities Summer Games.

For performances involving groups of two or more, at least one Summer Games registration is required for every eight performers, or portion thereof. This requirement applies separately to each group performance, although an individual's registration may be counted toward more than one performance.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded by performance category, not by age group.

Individual performers receive one medal, duets receive two medals, and groups receive up to three medals per placing, regardless of group size. Additional group medals may be purchased for $5 each.

Medals will be awarded on-site following completion of the performances and judging.