

FFMC 2012 Festival Cup Directives

Thank you for your interest in the NFMC Festival Cup Plan. It's time to begin a "perfect report" now. Study the Festival Bulletin guidelines carefully. Check over your records from last year. You, the teacher, are responsible for turning in a complete and accurate report form on time each year.

Check with your District Festival Cup Chair for the preferred report format. The website forms are a pdf-basis which requires printing once it is completed. You will be unable to "save" the file for editing at a later session. Your District Festival Cup Chair may offer alternatives, such as Word or Excel. Some districts generate a computer report. Fees and forms should be submitted per local deadline. New Festival Cup fees for 2012:

\$4.00 for each event in which a student chooses to participate.
\$4.50 for the Senior Concerto event. (Superior earns 8 points)

No Festival Cup fees are refunded. No retroactive fees are accepted. Consider if your student is able to complete the cup prior to graduation. Plan ahead. The Cup is to be indicated by its points: 15-point cups; 30-points; 45-points... (Not 1st, 2nd, 3rd.)

"New" students with transfer points? Check with the district chair for previous Festival Cup participation. Not local? The district chair from previous festival area will have the information. Out-of-state? Obtain a Form JR 3-1 BEFORE registering for Festival.

Avoid disqualifications. Remember:

Students must progress as indicated in the Festivals Bulletin
Follow guidelines for ensemble "pairings"
Sightplay must match Solo class.

Indicate clearly if your student is alternating or substituting:

Strings: Alternating between solo and concerto?
Ensemble Cup: From duet to trio to quartet?
Piano: Substituting Lynn Freeman Olson and Piano Solo?

What are your strategies for your high school group? Review their options to combine points to earn bigger cups. Student must be in Grade 9 through 12. Be clear in the report to show combining. Example - Solo: Difficult I with Junior III Concerto to earn 10 possible points in the same year. (Note: Points cannot be split. Must all go to Solo.)

Grand Cup/President's Cup: Have Form JR 4-1 application ready for quick completion after Festival. The gold cup history is subject to verification at the local level and again at state level before the form can be sent to National for approval. Send in a photo of the student and their cup with brief biography to the Junior Keynotes editor. Let's hear the news of your student's top achievement!!!

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