

2011 Hmong Idol Competition Guidelines

The purpose of the Hmong Idol competition is of 2 folds:

- 1) Promote the Hmong individual entertainment skills and talent as part of the Hmong tradition and culture
- 2) Improve Hmong cultural experiences in Sacramento Hmong New Year.

A. Competition Process

The competition will involve 3 rounds. Round 1 of the competition involves slow Hmong song of choice. Round 2 of the competition involve a faster beat Hmong song of choice. Round 3 free styles.

B. Basic Requirements

1. All songs must be Hmong songs.
2. Language must be in Hmong.

C. Guidelines

The competition will follow the following guidelines:

- a. Competition is opened to everyone.
- b. First place winner \$500, Second place winner \$200, Third place winner \$ 150.
- c. Time limit per each round of the competition is 8 minutes max.
- d. No foul or vulgar language. If there are, the contestant is disqualified from the competition and removed from the stage.
- e. Require minimum of 5 contestants.

- f. In case of a tie at any level:
 - i. If time permits, a tiebreaker round involving free-style Hmong song.
 - ii. If time does not permit, there will be a drawing: For example, #1 will be the winner for that place and #0 will be the place below. (e.g. 2-100pts. 1-95pts. 1-90pts. The 90pts is out and 95pts third place and the 100pts will compete for first and second place)
- g. Judges cannot speak to contestant at anytime.
- h. Judges cannot be related or closely affiliated with any contestant.
- i. The 3 winners will be the 3 highest scorers.

D. Scoring System

The scoring system shall be based on the following criteria, scores 1 – 5 per category, 1 as the lowest score, 5 as the highest score.

1. Has a very good voice.
2. Sings to the beat of the music.
3. Dances and moves well with the music; good choreography.
4. Entertaining and has good stage presence.
5. Connects well with the audience, including eye contact.
6. Sings with emotion and passion.
7. Sings clearly and voice projects well to the audience.

E. Penalties

The follow penalties will be imposed if occurred during the competition:

None.

F. Judges

The competition will have 3 Judges, all well-known singers and entertainers. Judges cannot be related or affiliated with the contestants.