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Provincial Secretary of Education,
Provincial Director of Education,
Zonal Director of education,

All Island Schools Western Music & Dance Competition Circular 2017

The All Island western music & Dance Competition organized by the Ministry of education will be conducted for the year 2017.

The Manual of the competition containing the rules and regulations relevant to the all the competition events is attached for your information.

The manual contains the details of the following:

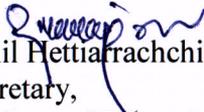
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We kindly request you to notify and make available a copy of the attached manual to the Principals of all Government schools and Government approved Privet schools in your province.

The provincial Round will be held during the month of May 2017 and the details of the Time schedule will be forwarded in due course. The ministry will require your assistance in attending to the administrative functions of this round in terms of choosing suitable venue and staff etc.

The Set Music will be posted on the Ministry's Website on the **23rd of February 2017**

The Closing date of the entries for the competition will be on the **10th of March 2017**


Sunil Hettiarachchi
Secretary,
Ministry of Education



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

All Island Western Music & Dance Competition

Manual 2017

(Circular No. 5 /2017)

ALL-ISLAND SCHOOLS WESTERN MUSIC & DANCE COMPETITION MANUAL

The Aesthetic Branch of the Ministry of Education presents this competition on an annual basis to promote the performance of Western Music amongst students in the country.

1.0 Aims and Objectives

- 1.1 To provide an opportunity for school children to display their talents
- 1.2 To encourage and develop the creative ability of teachers and students
- 1.3 To develop their ability to appreciate the performance of good music and the talents of others
- 1.4 To develop the student's personality and sense of discipline

General Rules and Regulations for the competition are as follows:

2.0 General Rules

- 2.1 This competition is open to all Government / Government approved Private schools in the country
- 2.2 Participation is compulsory for all schools where the teacher-in-charge of Western Music is employed by the state
- 2.3 Any school violating the rules laid by the Ministry will be disqualified.
- 2.4 All participating schools will be divided into the following categories.
 - 2.4.1 **Category A1** All Private Schools
All Government schools where students are trained by a professional Instructor
 - 2.4.2 **Category A2** All National schools and 1AB schools where a teacher for Western Music is available, but obtain no professional assistance in training students
 - 2.4.3a **Category B** Any other school which does not come under A1 or A2 categories
 - 2.4.3b Any Government school that has had Western Music as a subject in the school curriculum **for less than 5 years**, may at their option enter under **Category B**
- 2.5. The music teacher may play an instrumental accompaniment for any item where required but is prohibited from conducting.
- 2.6. Only **Category B** schools will be permitted to use pre-recorded music as accompaniment for their performance
- 2.7. The Time Duration for any performance should **not exceed 8 minutes** from entering the stage. Penalty marks will be deducted for any excess time taken.

3.0 Groups

3.1	Primary	Grade 1	Grade 5
3.2	Junior	Grade 6	Grade 9
3.3	Senior	Grade 10	Grade 13
3.4	Open	Combination of all age groups	
3.5	Mixed	Girls & Boys (only for choirs)	

4.0 Selection of Items

4.1 When selecting items, schools are advised to enter for more group items rather than for solo items, thus giving an opportunity for a larger number of students to participate.

4.2 Maximum number of entries permitted per school will be **five (5), and only one entry will be permitted for any item.**

4.3 Selection of items should be as follows:

No. of Items		Solo	Group
01			01
02	either	01	01
	or		02
03	either		03
	or	01	02
04	either		04
	or	01	03
05	either	01	04
	or	02	03
	or		05

- 4.3.1 All group Items Minimum - 15 - Maximum - 35
- 4.3.2 Piano Accordion Minimum - 08 - Maximum - 35
- 4.3.3 Orchestra Minimum - 20 - Maximum - 40

5.0 Contest:

Refer the Ministry of Education Website for information on the following:

- 5.1 - First Round at Provincial level
- Final Round - National level
- Awards Ceremony and Concert
- Date of posting Set music on Website
- 5.2 A minimum of 65% of an overall maximum score is required to qualify to participate in the National Level of the competition

6.0 Items

6.1	Vocal		Solo	Junior & Senior
6.2	Vocal		Choir	Primary/ Junior / Senior/ Mixed /Open
6.3	Instrumental	Recorder	Solo	Primary/ Junior & Senior
6.4	Instrumental	Piano	Solo	Junior & Senior
6.5	Instrumental	Recorder	Group	Primary/ Junior/ Senior
6.6	Instrumental	Melodica	Group	Junior & Senior
6.7	Instrumental	Percussion Band	Group	Primary (Melodicas may be included in the band)
6.8	Instrumental	Mixed Instrumental	Group	Junior/ Senior/ Open - Electronic keyboards, Electric Guitars or Oriental Instruments will not be permitted. - If instruments of a Brass /Wind band are used, only one of a kind per part will be permitted in the Mixed Instrumental group.
6.9	Instrumental	Wind Band	Group	Open
6.10	Instrumental	Orchestra	Group	Orchestra and Wind Ensembles will compete under category A 1
6.11	Dance	Western Dance, original or improvised	Group	Primary/ Junior/ Senior/ Open (Country Dance, Polka, Waltz, Maypole Dance, Folk Dance, Line Dances)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music for the dance could be live or recorded. Additional marks will not be awarded for the music. • Costumes should be appropriate for a school performance • Marks will not be allocated for costumes. Please avoid excessive spending on costumes for the dance item at Provincial level 				

Those applying for Instrumental or Vocal items in the ‘Open’ Group, will not be permitted to enter for the same item in Primary, Junior, Senior or Mixed Groups.

7.0 Set Music

- 7.1 The relevant set music can be downloaded from the Ministry of Education’s Website www.moe.gov.lk and no other version of the set piece will be accepted
- 7.2 In addition to the set song, a Choice Song should be performed (Primary/ Junior/ Senior/ Open). The Choice Song can be of any version and may be changed at National level at the competitor’s discretion.
- 7.3 Recorder, Wind Band and Orchestra – In addition to the set piece of music, a suitable choice piece should be performed.

- 7.4 A copy of the choice piece should be handed over to the judges on the day of the competition at Provincial and National level, prior to the performance.
- 7.5 The choice song for the Primary section should be an Action song.
- 7.6 **Please write the list of names of the participating students onto a CD (as a Microsoft Word document saved in compatibility mode) and submit it with a printed copy certified by the Principal, on the day of the competition.**

No schools will be permitted to participate in the competition without submitting the above mentioned details before the event.

8.0 Teachers accompanying students to the venue of the competition

- 8.1 Where the number of students is 18 or less, 2 teachers should accompany the students, and for every additional 10 students, there should be an extra teacher.

9.0 Payment

- 9.1 Please note that **no** payments will be made to teachers or to students.

10.0 Application

- 10.1. Applications must be prepared so as to conform to the specimen form given and forwarded by Registered Post to the following address to reach on or before the **10th March of the year.**

Director,
Aesthetics Branch,
Ministry of Education,
'Isurupaya'
Battaramulla.

- 10.2 Each item should be on a separate Application Form. (They may be mailed in one envelope)
- 10.3 If the Application Form is not duly completed, it will be set aside. As such, please be careful when filling the form.
- 10.4 Any withdrawal from the competition must be made in writing before 30 days prior to the Provincial Round
Candidates will be debarred from the competition for a period of two years in the future, if this condition is violated.

NOTE: The Panel of Adjudicators' decision is final. Those challenging the decision of the Panel will be disqualified. No Correspondence in this regard will be entertained.

SPECIMEN APPLICATION FORM (Each entry should be on a separate Application Form)

ALL-ISLAND SCHOOLS WESTERN MUSIC & DANCE COMPETITION 20....

Fill the form in block capital letters.

Name of School :-	
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Province:-		Zonal Education Office :-	
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Category :-		(A1 /A2 /B)
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Group :-		(Primary/ Junior / Senior/ Open)
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Section Selected :-	Vocal		Solo		Choir	
Girls/ Boys/ Mixed						

	Solo	Group
Recorder		
Piano		
Percussion Band		
Melodica		
Mixed Instrumental		
Wind ensemble		
Orchestra		
Dance		

Name of Teacher :-	
Assisted by :-	

Contact Number :-	Tel. No. Fixed Line	Mobile Tel. No.
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Music Teacher

Principal

Date.....