

Senior Olympics Talent Rules

Playing Format

1. There will be 2 age divisions: 50-69 and 70+
2. There will be solo and group acts in each category.
3. There will be 7 categories: Band, Comedy, Dance, Instrumental, Kitchen Band, Reading and Vocal.
4. Each act is allowed a 2 minute set-up time. Bands are allowed 3 minutes.
5. All acts except Band are allowed four (4) minutes for their performance, which does not include set-up time. Bands are allowed 8 minutes to perform not including set up time.
6. All Talent Acts will be penalized for performing past the time limits or taking more than the allowed set-up time limits by subtracting 5 points for each ½ minute or portion thereof over the allotted time.
7. The same act/routine may not be repeated two years in a row.
8. All talent groups will be limited to 20 members per roster in all categories.
9. See Appendix for Judging Sheets for Acts and Bands.
10. Final individual score tabulations will be provided to solos/groups only upon request to NMSO. Please allow 2-4 weeks.
11. Categories will be judged separately.
12. In the event of a tie, tiebreakers will not be used. If there is a tie for first, then the two acts will be awarded gold, no silver awarded, next highest act will be awarded bronze.
13. No staff under the age of 50 will be allowed on the stage with the bands.
14. Practice is mandatory. At least one member of the act must attend practice during the scheduled times. Failure to attend practice could result in disqualification of the act unless prior arrangements have been made with the Sport Coordinator. See Sports Table for details.
15. Athletes may participate with only one talent group per event.

Specific Talent Rules

1. **Band**
 - a. Band--Instruments must be traditional, "store bought," musical Band instruments such as guitar, bass, drums or orchestra type instruments.
 - b. No kitchen instruments allowed in Band competition.
 - c. Band Category may have participant(s) who sing(s).
 - d. Band act cannot be duplicated in Instrumental Event.
2. **Comedy**

May be skits, Lip Sync, Pantomime, Stand-Up Comedy, etc.
3. **Dance**
 - a. Dance will be folk or ethnic.
 - b. No Waltz, Polka, Country Western, Latin Ballroom, Jitterbug or Line Dancing is allowed.

Specific Talent Rules (cont)

4. **Instrumental**
 - a. Must use musical instrument(s) that are store bought (no Kitchen Band instruments)
 - b. No singers permitted
 - c. Instrumental act cannot be duplicated in Band Event
5. **Kitchen Band**
 - a. Kitchen Band– kitchen utensils or other instruments fashioned from household utensils or handmade instruments
 - b. Kitchen Band may utilize pre-recorded music.
 - c. Kitchen Band may have participant(s) who sing(s).
6. **Reading**

May be reading of poetry, etc.
7. **Vocal**
 - a. One voice is considered a solo act.
 - b. Two or more voices are considered a group act.
 - c. Accompanist will not be considered part of the act and will not be required to register for New Mexico Senior Olympic Annual Summer Games. Accompanist will not receive award.

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