

AA • GOSPEL SINGING COMPETITION

Junior, Youth, & Adult Solo Competition

Youth & Adult Group Competition

Superintendent: Wade & Gwen Hall

Entry Deadline: August 9, 2024, by 11:55pm, *ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY*

Contest Date: Saturday, September 14th

Check-in Time: Solos No later than 8:30 am
Groups No later than 11:00am

Performance Times: Solos - Promptly at 9:00am
Groups - Following lunch break

Location: Gate 7 (parking), Got To Be NC Tent (Near Entrance Gate)

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Competition is limited to residents of North Carolina.
- Solo competition will be limited to the first ten (10) entries in each class.
Group competition will be limited to the first five (5) entries in each class.
- Contestants must check in by times listed above.
- Solos will begin promptly at 9:00am and will be performed in order by classes (AA001, AA002, AA003). Following solo competitions, there will be a break for lunch.
Group performances will begin when lunch is over and after the 11:00 am check-in. They will be performed in order by classes (AA004, AA005).
- Each performance will be allowed ten (10) minutes. Each performance is limited to 2 songs. Contestants going over the ten (10) minute time limit WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. We will not give you any type of time indication. It is suggested that you time yourself to be sure that you stay within the time limitations.
- Set up time begins when your name is called. Soloists have three (3) minutes to set up. Groups have up to eight (8) minutes for setup. Use your time wisely. Contestants exceeding the set-up time limit WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- It is suggested that your instruments be set up prior to the start of the competition. The stage will be open and available prior to start of the competition.
- No entries accepted after August 9th. In the event there are not enough in a class, Fair Management reserves the right to modify this date.
- Awards will be announced following the contest. The decision of the judges is final.
- A basic sound system will be provided for amplification of voices, and playback of CDs. We will provide 110-volt power at the stage. We do NOT provide musical instruments, instrument amplifiers and/or speakers or specialized playback equipment like MiniDisc or MP3 files. Individuals and groups will be completely responsible for providing and setting up extra equipment, and coordinating incorporation of equipment into the provided sound system including all patch cords, electrical extension cords, etc. If in doubt, bring back-up equipment.
- Age should be as of the day of the competition. Age stipulations for each class will be strictly enforced.
- **An individual is allowed to sing as Soloist and in one group. If an individual sings in more than one group, both groups will be disqualified.**
- NO entries nor changes in classes will be accepted on the day of competition. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Criteria for Judging:	Appearance	(1-25 points)
	Presentation/Quality	(1-25 points)
	Originality	(1-25 points)
	Professionalism	(1-25 points)
	Total Points	100

SOLO

CLASS DESCRIPTION

AA001	Junior Solo (6 - 10 years of age)
AA002	Youth Solo (11-16 years of age)
AA003	Adult Solo (17 years of age and older)

SOLO AWARDS: 1st Place \$150.00 Trophy 2nd Place \$100.00 Trophy 3rd Place \$ 50.00 Trophy

GROUP (Group consists of 2 - 8 performers)

CLASS DESCRIPTION

AA004	Youth Group (6-16 years of age)
AA005	Adult Group (17 years of age and older)

GROUP AWARDS: 1st Place \$300.00 Trophy 2nd Place \$200.00 Trophy 3rd Place \$100.00 Trophy

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Sanctioned by The United Clogging Association

Show Secretary & Superintendent: Dianne Loftin

Competition Dates: September 6th, Friday 7:30 pm (Judges & Directors' meeting 7:15 pm)
September 7th, Saturday 10:00 am (Judges & Directors' meeting 9:45 am)

Location: Gate 6

Gate Admission ***GATE 7*******This gate is off Airport Road.

Governing Rules: United Clogging Association (<http://www.cloguca.com/>) and the North Carolina Mountain State Fair

Entry Deadline & Fees: Postmark by August 16, 2024, **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Team:	\$15.00 per dance per dancer
Duo/Duet:	\$30.00 per couple
Choreographed Solo:	\$40.00 per dance
Short Duo/Duet:	\$30.00 per couple
Solos:	\$15.00 per dance

Registration

- All entry forms and fees MUST be postmarked by August 16, 2024.
- NC Substitute W-9 MUST be filled out and returned with an entry form to be paid prize money.
 - NC Substitute W-9 is required for the team competition as well as individuals dancing solo and duo / duet. The NC Substitute W-9 requires the individual Social Security Number. If W-9 is not submitted premiums will be forfeited. NC Mountain State Fair will not be responsible for obtaining W-9's.
- There will be no back-gate admission.
- There will be no tickets required for children 5 years of age and under.
- **NO TEAM OR DUO/DUET ENTRY WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER AUGUST 16th.**
- Solo entries will be accepted at the door if preregistered with a team.

Sanctioned Categories:

<u>Couples Freestyle:</u>	<u>Couples Precision:</u>	<u>Lines:</u>	<u>Small Teams:</u>
Country Hoedown	4 or More Cpl Precision	Traditional Line	Contemporary Line
6/8 Cpl Southern Appalachian Traditional Line	Running Set Precision		Traditional Line Formations
6/8 Cpl Freestyle	4 Couple Precision	Contemporary Line	Exhibition
Running Set Hoedown	6/8 Cpl Precision	Contemporary Line Formations	Traditional Line
Formation			
4 or more Cpl Hoedown	6/8 Cpl Smooth		Contemporary Line Formation

<u>Acapella:</u>	<u>Variety:</u>	<u>Novice:</u>	<u>Non-Sanctioned Categories:</u>	
Acapella Team	Exhibition	Line	Traditional Duo	Flatfoot
Progressive Acapella	Props Exhibition	Traditional Line	Buck & Wing (Traditional Duet)	Traditional
Solos				
	Show (3 min set-up time)	Exhibition	Contemporary Duo	Contemporary Solos
	Irish Step Dance	4 or more Cpl Hoedown		Contemporary Duet
Acapella Solo				
	Open Dance (Multi-Styles)			Show Duo/Duet
Choreographed Solos				
	Mixed Clogging		Short Duo/Duet	
			Acapella Duo/Duet	

MaxTime Limits:

8 minutes - All Traditional Categories (except 4 or More)

5 minutes - 4 or More Cpl Open Precision, 4 or More Cpl Open Hoedown, Show (3 minutes setup time)

3 minutes - Line, Line Forms, Traditional Line, Exhibition, Small Teams, Props Exhibition, Duo/Duets

Min Time Limits:

Hoedown Categories - Timing begins when the last dancer starts dancing & ends when the first dancer stops dancing.

Precision Categories - Timing begins when the first dancer starts dancing and/or uses body movements and ends when the last dancer stops dancing and/or uses body movements.

Novice categories may be danced for 1 year per team per category and age division.

Age Divisions:

Team and Duo/Duet: Tiny Tot 6 and under, Pee Wee 7-9, Elementary 10-12, Junior 13-15, Senior 16-18, Young Adult 19-29, Adult 30-50, Senior Adult 51 & over.

Solo: 3 and under, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-19, 20-25, 26-31, 32-40, 41-50, 51 and over

Flatfoot (Males & Females compete against each other.): 15 and under, 16-30, 31 and over.

Team & Duo/Duet age division is determined by AVERAGE age.

General Information

- At the World Championships, a dancer may only dance twice per contemporary dance category. NO limit for Traditional categories. At regional competitions, there is no limit to the number of times a dancer may dance.
- The caller of the figures must dance on stage with the team.
- A team must place 1st or 2nd with each category and age division at two sanctioned competitions to qualify for the World Championships in October.
- Five certified judges (Determined by UCA) are required. Highest and lowest scores will be dropped, and the 3 middle scores averaged.
- The same 5 judges must judge a competition category in its entirety. Different judges may be used for different categories. Different judges shall NOT be used for different age divisions for the same category.
- A Rules, "Rep", Official will be in attendance and will have the final say regarding any infractions.
- Point Deductions on Rep Sheets for affected categories:
 - 5-point deduction will result if improper number of dancers is used.
 - 2-point deduction for everyone not always dancing in Acapella Team.
 - 1-point deduction for every 15 seconds or portion thereof, exceeding the given time limits.
 - 1-point deduction for each dancer not dressed correctly (Male position dancer must wear slacks; Female position dancers must wear skirt or dress).
 - 1-point deduction for placing dancers on stage. EXCEPTION: Tiny Tot age division.
 - 1-point deduction for "directing" off stage. EXCEPTION: Tiny Tot age division.
 - 1-point deduction for not holding HOME position in Southern Appalachian, Smooth, 4 Couple Precision, 6/8 Couple Precision, and 6/8 Couple Freestyle.
 - 1-point deduction for not swinging to set HOME POSITION in Country Hoedown and 4 couple Precision.
 - 1-point deduction for couples not becoming active to perform small circle figures.
 - 1-point deduction for each required figure not performed and each corner/partner swing not performed when required.
 - 1-point deduction for improper progression.
 - 10-point deduction for dancing more than twice in a Contemporary dance category at the World Championships.
- **DRESS CODE:** NO Fannies, NO Midriffs, NO Cleavage, Tasteful Clothing in All Categories.

- **DISQUALIFICATION:**

- Use of alcoholic beverages on premises.
 - If Entry Fees are not paid for all dancers performing on stage. (Festival Directors Discretion)
 - If a team dances in the wrong age division. Example: You register in adult age division and dance, when the average age of your dancers is Young Adult.
- The United Clogging Association World Championships rules will be enforced. (www.cloguca.com)

Friday Dance Order

1. Traditional Duo
2. Buck & Wing Duet
3. Contemporary Duo/Duet
4. Show Duo/Duet
5. Acapella Duo/Duet
6. Short Duo/Duet
7. Solos Traditional
8. Solos Contemporary
9. Flat Foot
10. Choreographed Solos

Saturday Dance Order

1. Country Hoedown
2. 4 or More couples Precision
3. Small Team Contemporary Line Formations
4. Small Team Contemporary Line
5. Line
6. Smooth
7. Small Team Traditional Line Formations
8. 4 couple Precision
9. Line Formations
10. Southern App
11. 4 or More Cpl Hoedown
12. Traditional Line Formation
13. 6/8 Couple Freestyle
14. Solos Traditional
15. Solos Contemporary
16. Flatfoot
17. Acapella Solo
18. Novice Team
19. Running Set Hoedown
20. Exhibition
21. Small Team Traditional Line
22. Traditional Line
23. Running Set Precision
24. Small Team Exhibition
25. Props Exhibition
26. Open Dance
27. Acapella Team
28. Mixed Clogging
29. Progressive Acapella
30. Show

Awards & Premiums

Premiums will be forfeited if NC Substitute W-9 is not provided for team and each solo dancer.

The 1st Place team in each division will receive \$50, 2nd and 3rd place trophies will be given in all divisions. Duo/Duets and Individuals (except Flatfoot) will receive trophies in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Overall Team Grand Champion will receive \$200, Duos/Duets overall will receive \$100 each, Male and Female Solos for Traditional & Contemporary will receive \$100 for Grand Champion. Flatfoot will receive \$50.00 for Grand Champion. Short Duo/Duets will receive \$50 per dancer for Grand Champion. Acapella Solo and Choreographed Solo will receive \$50 for overall Champion. Allow up to 10 weeks for premium checks to be processed.