

GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES
Sonatina/Sonata Competition 2019

We appreciate your serving as an adjudicator for the Sonatina/Sonata Festival.

1. Teachers of contestants may not identify themselves to any judge before or during the audition. Judges will not engage in any conversation with teachers or contestants before or during the competition or until after the winners' names have been announced. Contestants will be identified by numbers only.
2. Music will be provided to judges by the Festival Committee. Contestants are to perform from memory, except in the duet category.
3. No audience is allowed in the competition room.
4. The room monitor will usher each contestant into the room and contestants will be identified by numbers only. If necessary, the monitor will help the contestants with adjustment of piano bench. Contestants should have been informed by the monitor that they can warm up on the piano up to 1 minute. They can play scales, arpeggios etc but no part of the competition piece. You can indicate to contestants when you are ready for them to start their piece.
5. The judge's indication for the winners must not be placed on the Comment Sheet.
6. Constructive and encouraging comments will be most appreciated.
7. In each Level, judges are asked to rank contestants **first, second and third** place winners and make that known to the monitor. You can consider awarding tied places if the performances merit such a decision. The committee has a few extra awards for such purpose.
8. Please let the room monitor know when you have arrived at a decision for the winners. The monitor will gather the contestants into the room and the monitor will introduce the judges and announce the winners.
9. We are on a tight schedule. There will be about 10 minutes between levels for winners to be decided and announced. We appreciate your cooperation.
10. Decisions of the judges are final and cannot be questioned by the participant, teacher or parent.

FYI: First place winner of each level will perform in the Winners' Recital at 12 noon in the Lecture Recital Hall. All awards will be given out at the recital.