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All Zonal Education Directors,
All principals,

All Island Schools Western Music & Dance Competition 2022

Circular No. 16/2022

ALL-ISLAND SCHOOLS WESTERN MUSIC & DANCE COMPETITION 2022

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

2.0 General Rules

- 2.1 This competition is for all Government schools, Privet schools and international 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.

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2.4 All participating schools will be divided into the following categories:

2.4.1 **Category A1** All Private Schools /International Schools
All Government schools where students are trained by a Professional Instructor

2.4.2 **Category A2** All National schools and 1AB schools where the training is conducted only by the Western Music teacher or another member of the school's staff

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 or a student of the same school 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.

2.8 All participants should be attired in the following dress code except in the dance item.

Girls- White short / long sleeved shirt or blouse with a collar and a black skirt (the length of the skirt should be 1" below the knee)

Or white shirt and a black pair of trousers

Boys- White short/ long sleeved shirt a black pair of long trousers.

- Ties, bows or any other accessories that may reveal the identity are not permitted.

2.9. Winners of the solo items who obtained First place on the last occasion of the competition are not permitted to apply for the same item on this occasion.

3.0 Groups

2022 Competition will be limited only to the following:

	Choir Items Senior	Girls	Grade 10, 11, 12 & 13
A2		Boys	
B		Mixed	
A1	All other Instrumental items Senior	Girls / Boys / mixed groups	Grade 10, 11, 12 & 13
A2			
B			
A1	Dance Senior	Girls	Grade 10, 11, 12 & 13
A2		Boys	
B		-	

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 per item.**

4.3 Selection of items should be as follows:

Students per Item

4.4.1	All group Items	Minimum - 10	-	Maximum - 25
	Guitar Ensemble	Minimum - 05	-	Maximum - 15
4.4.2	Mixed Instrumental	Minimum - 08	-	Maximum - 15
	Chamber Groups	Minimum - 02	-	Maximum - 08
4.4.3	Orchestra/Band	Minimum - 20	-	Maximum - 35

5.0 Stages of the Contest:

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

5.1 The Contest is conducted in two stages:

- First Round at Provincial level – July 1st onwards
- Final Round - National level - July 15th onwards
- Date of posting Set music on Website 30th April 2022
 - The Provincial Level of the competition will be conducted by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the respective Provincial Education Offices.

5.2 There should be at least 25 entries of the total items for the first round of the competition to be conducted at Provincial level. In the event of less entries the Provincial Level competition may be conducted combining two provinces.

5.3 Those obtaining First place at Provincial level will qualify for participation at the National level and the next two highest scoring schools from all participants per item will be selected to compete at the National level

6.0 Items

6.1	A1/A2/B	Vocal	Solo	Senior (Girls/Boys)	Must perform the Set Piece & a Choice Piece
6.2		Vocal	Choir	Senior (Girls/Boys/ Mixed)	
6.3		Recorder	Solo	Senior	
6.4		Piano			
6.5		Recorder	Group	Senior One player to a part. Combinations of stringed or wind (Orchestral) instruments with or without piano	Must perform Two Choice pieces of contrasting style.
6.6		Melodica			
6.7		Guitar			
	Chamber				
	Mixed Instrumental		Senior - If instruments of a Brass /Wind band are used, only one of a kind will be permitted in the Mixed Instrumental group. (Oriental Instruments <u>will not be permitted</u>)		
6.8	A1	Wind Band	Group	Only Senior Boys/ Girls/ Mixed	Must perform the Set Piece & a Choice Piece
6.9		Orchestra			Two Choice pieces of contrasting style. Must perform the Set Piece & a Choice Piece
6.10	A1/A2/B	Western Dance, original or improvised		Senior - Boys/ Girls/ Mixed	(Western Country Dances, and Line Dances only)

- Music for the dance could be live or recorded.
- Avoid repetition of dance presentations made in the previous two years (2018 & 2019)
- Costumes should be appropriate for a school performance.
- Marks will not be allocated for costumes at Provincial level. And at National level dancers should be dressed in simple appropriate costume.

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/ piece, a Choice Song/ Piece should be performed. The Choice Song/piece can be of any version and may be changed at National level at the competitor's discretion.
- 7.3. A copy of the music full score in respect of all choice pieces should be handed over to the judges on the day of the competition at Provincial and National level, prior to their performance. A penalty of Five (5) marks will be imposed on competitors who do not comply with this requirement.
- 7.4. *submit a printed copy including each student's name, grade and their respective signatures certified by the principal on the day of the competition.*
No school 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. All applications must be submitted online by 30th April 2022 through the following link: <https://forms.gle/j86NLp2EDouaZk1e8> to conform to the specimen form given and forwarded by Registered Post to the following address to reach on or before **10th May 2022.**
Director, Aesthetics Branch, Ministry of Education, 'Isurupaya', Battaramulla.
- 10.2 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.*

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Secretary,
Ministry of Education

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Fill the form in block capital letters.

Name of School:	
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Province:	
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Category: A1/A2/B	
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Name of Item	
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Section Selected:	SENIOR
Girls/ Boys	
Mixed (Only for choir)	

Name of Teacher:	
Assisted by:	

Mobile phone No of teacher – in- charge (This is compulsory)	
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Music Teacher

Principal

Date.....