

North Island Festival of Performing Arts
ENTRY RULES AND PROCEDURES

Closing Date for Entries: NOVEMBER 30TH by 10:00 PM – No exceptions

Before completing your entry online, please read the following information carefully.

1. All **competitions are open to amateurs only**. Special Open and Professional classes are available where noted in this Syllabus. The term "amateur" shall mean one who is studying under a qualified teacher and whose principal income is *not* derived from services or from solo performances in the particular category in which he or she is competing. This does not apply to student teachers who instruct or accept money from time to time for the purpose of applying it to the furtherance of their particular category of education. This condition does not apply to conductors of choirs.
2. Payment will be by PayPal through the computerized registration system to be received no later than **10 p.m., November 30th**. And a Master List of Entries, plus teacher or studio waivers, to be received by your discipline chair no later than **November 30th, 10 p.m.** **New to 2012 – we will need to have a copy of proof of insurance from all teachers and/or studios.**
3. **No refunds** are permissible, except for accident or illness. Requests for refunds are to be in writing and accompanied by a physician's letter.
4. Instructions for computer registration (entry) can be found on website - www.nifpa.org .
5. Except for Dance and Fiddle, all **Selections and Composers** must be indicated on the form in order to complete the entry process.
6. Accepted age for classes shall be as of **December 31st** of the year preceding Festival. The North Island Festival relies on the integrity of the teachers/studios in this regard.
7. Where **definite age groups** are specified, such as under 11 and 14, etc., or where definite stages of musical progressions are specified, competitors **may enter only once in one such classification within any one section**.
8. All **classes are both competitive and non-competitive** and performances will be programmed separately.
9. **Non-Competitive classes are for adjudication only** (no marks).