

PAN CELTIC INTERNATIONAL SONG CONTEST

General Rules

- a) This is a competition for a new song in a Celtic language.
- b) Each Country must enter a song in its own Celtic language.
- c) The song must first be chosen at a National Competition, organised by the National Committee, and ideally, through the medium of a television programme.
- d) Each Country is responsible for providing its own musical backing and arrangement at the competition.
- e) The presentation must be a live performance. Recorded music or effects are not permitted as backing to the singer.
- f) Words and music must be newly composed.
- g) Only the winner of the competition is announced, there are no 1st, 2nd or 3rd places.
- h) The winners of the competition will perform their song again at the end of the event.

Judging

- a) Judge from each participating country & 1 Independent Judge.
- b) Judges must be at the competition venue 1.5 hours in advance of the competition.
- c) Judges' folders will be made available to them at the competition venue on arrival.
- d) Adjudication is on the basis of music, lyrics and presentation as follows:

Words - 30 points

Music - 30 points

Presentation – 40 points

Marks must then be translated into votes as follows:

1st place - 12 votes;

2nd place - 10 votes;

3rd place - 8 votes;

4th place - 7 votes;

5th place - 6 votes;

(No 2 songs may receive same vote).

- e) Each judge to enter votes on voting sheet provided. Sheet should then be placed in envelope, sealed and handed up to scrutinizer before public showing of votes.
 - f) Votes for each country to be written on voting cards and to be shown when requested by the MC. Each Judge will give his/ her votes for all countries at the one time.
 - g) Judges will not vote for their own country.
 - h) The independent judge will place all songs in order of choice as follows: A B C D E F (to be used in the event of a tie). The independent judge will put result in an envelope and hand it up sealed before voting is called for.
 - i) During the competition they must sit apart and must not consult with, or have contact with, any member of audience. MC will call on each Judge, in order, and ask for his/ her votes for each song.
1. The MC will be briefed on the order of the programme:
- a. Start with Entertainment
 - b. Present each song giving background to song, composer and singer/ group;
 - c. Have material to engage the audience during any changes in stage set-up;
 - d. Explain method of judging and introduce judges; and
 - e. Be prepared for any other matters that might arise.
- j) See also Competition General Rules and Festival General Rules.