

## **2023 Pennington County Fair Talent Contest**

**Sunday, July 16th 5:30 p.m. at the PCF Bandshell**

**Contest Coordinator: Sally Erickson 218-689-1069 [sallye@mncable.net](mailto:sallye@mncable.net)**

### **Eligibility:**

- PRE-TEEN DIVISION is open to contestants age 12 and under ONLY. TEEN DIVISION is open to contestants ages 13 through 18 ONLY. OPEN DIVISION is open to any contestant, regardless of age. \*In cases where the act consists of a group of people, choose the division that is appropriate for the majority of the group members.
- Two winners in each division will receive \$100 and the opportunity to advance to the Minnesota State Fair Talent Contest. If the winner is not able to participate in the MSF Contest, they should notify the Contest Coordinator right away so that another contestant may be given the opportunity to compete.
- Professionals are not permitted to compete. For amateurs only.
- If a contestant is a former Minnesota State Fair Talent Contest winner, they may not compete in the same division for the MCF Talent contest.
- If you have participated and won in another 2023 County Fair Talent Contest, and will be representing that County at the MN State Fair Talent Contest, please give this information to the contest coordinator when you arrive. You may still participate and are NOT eligible to win.
- The contestant must be a resident of Pennington County or have ties to the county. If you have questions about your eligibility, please check with the Contest Coordinator.

### **Contest Rules:**

- Vocalists may use recorded accompaniment, provided it contains instrumental accompaniment ONLY; absolutely NO VOCALS are allowed on the recording. If a recording has vocals of any kind, the contestant will be disqualified. Flash Drive files are required if using an accompaniment. NO iPods, iPads or cell phones are allowed for accompaniment recordings. If you have trouble with this, please call coordinator for assistance.
- There is a FOUR MINUTE time limit for each contestant. Points will be deducted for any contestant who goes over the time limit.
- Contestants are NOT allowed to use sheet music otherwise you will be disqualified.
- Judges' decisions are final and scores are not released to contestants or the public.

**CHECK IN:** Performers should check in at the Bandshell between 5-5:15 pm. The order of performance will be randomly generated. At this time you will give your accompaniment recording to our sound technician.

### **Contestants will be judged on:**

- Quality of Performance • Stage Presence • Appearance • Entertainment Value

**Thank you for your participation, Good Luck & Have Fun!**