

COMPETITIVE QUARTET WAIVER

A *Competitive Quartet* is defined as one with a paid quartet contest entry fee and is thereby eligible for awards. Competitive Quartets shall conform to all Quartet Contest Rules.

Quartets entering the contest on or before the Pre-Draw Deadline will receive their Order of Appearance at least one week before contest day. Quartets accepted after the Pre-Draw Deadline will be given a "wild card" order of appearance spot prior to contest start time.

TRU HARMONY QUARTET CONTEST RULES:

Each competing quartet:

- 1. Must sing at least one song in the a cappella barbershop harmony style (henceforth known as "the contest song").
- 2. Must be represented by at least one member of the quartet at the on-site quartet briefing.
- 3. Must notify TRU Harmony A Cappella, Inc. of its chosen contest song via completed competition sheet, to be submitted no later than the on-site quartet briefing.
- 4. Must sing a minimum of two songs and perform up to 10 minutes. While there are no penalty points for singing or performing over time, evaluators may determine that the excess time affects the overall performance and could reflect in the final score. Speaking is permitted but not required, but speaking during the contest song should be avoided. Musical instruments are permitted during non-contest song(s) but, as an a cappella organization, should be used with discretion.
- 5. Must sign a waiver attesting to the quartet's legal use of their sheet music. This will be completed on-site and submitted at the quartet briefing.
- 6. Must provide the quartet's name and names of all singing members at the time of contest entry. Quartet names shall not include "TRU" as part of their name.
- 7. Must have members competing in only **one** <u>competing</u> quartet, but any member may also participate in an exhibition ensemble.
- 8. Must have a paid retreat registration for each competing member.
- 9. Must pay the Quartet Contest entry fee.

Please note: *Once a payment is received, entry fees (full or partial) are non-refundable*; however, the funds may be transferred to a new quartet upon written request of the payor.

By completing the contest entry form, all members of the quartet acknowledge that they have read the TRU Harmony Quartet Contest Rules and agree to abide by them.