



# Pierce County Fair Talent Show Rules

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1. All contestants must reside, attend school, be employed, or have a home address in Pierce County or a Wisconsin County adjacent to Pierce County.
2. There are two divisions. They are as follows:  
**JUNIOR:** Anyone age 13 and under  
**SENIOR:** Anyone age 14 and older
3. All contestants must compete in their appropriate age division. All contestants must be amateurs, not professionals. A professional is defined as someone who has been paid on a regular basis to entertain others. Final decisions on this matter will be made by the talent show coordinator.
4. If an entry represents a mixture of Junior and Senior aged participants, the entry must be at the Senior Division level.
5. Past "First Place" winners will not be eligible to compete with the same type of talent in the same division for the next two years. They could, however, compete with another talent, or could move from the junior to the senior level. For example: A vocalist who won first place one year could compete the next year with a dance, comedy act, etc.
6. Bands are not allowed to enter, due to the long set-up and take-down time.
7. Equipment provided includes a sound system with lightning cable (iPhone), 1/8" audio jack, 1/4" input (instrument cable), CD capability, 3 wireless microphones, 1 wired mic, and digital piano.  
**Note:** *When performing, try to have audio downloaded on your device (not to depend on the Internet), and plan to put your phone on Airplane mode while performing. Mats for gymnastics or tumbling will not be provided.*
8. Entries are scored on the areas of originality (5 points), stage presence (15 points), and the talent itself (25 points). Three judges will score each entry, and the winners of each round will be determined by the total number of points assigned by all three judges.
9. If the talent act exceeds the time limit of five minutes, 1 point for every 30 second increment of overage will be deducted from their total score.
10. The top four finalists from each division will advance to the finals on Saturday. Participation ribbons will be presented to all other contestants who participate in the event.
11. First, second, and third place will be awarded in each division in the final competition. First place will receive a cash prize of \$200 and a ribbon. Second place will receive a cash prize of \$100 and a ribbon. Third place will receive \$75 and a ribbon.
12. The maximum number of acts per person is limited to two entries. If an individual enters more than one act, the second act must be a different type of talent than the first act. Participants may enter with the same type of talent if one act is a group act and the other is a solo act (e.g. vocal solo and vocal duet).
13. Contestants & accompanists must enter fairgrounds through the North Gate (Hwy 65 & Cairns St. entrance) and will be allowed to enter the Pierce County Fair for free. Your name will be on a list and verified as you enter. Family members must pay admission to the fair.
14. The preliminary round is a continuous show divided into a Junior and Senior Division. Performance order will be decided by a random draw after entry forms have been received.
15. All contestants should be present at the start of the preliminary contest at 6:30 p.m on Thursday evening. No grace time or rescheduling will be permitted if the contestant is not present at the time of their performance.
16. All finalists should be present at the start of the Final contest at 11:00am on Saturday. No grace time or rescheduling will be permitted if the contestant is not present at the time of their performance.
17. All participants for an entry must be available for both the preliminary (Thursday) and final (Saturday) rounds of the talent show.
18. Any final decisions on unanswered questions or problems will be decided by the Pierce County Talent Show Coordinator in consultation with the Manager of the Pierce County Fair (if necessary).