

Valluvan Tamil Academy
Tamil Music Competition Guidelines 2018



Students can register for Classical or Non-Classical Music not both.

- Students age 5 and above are eligible to participate in the music competition and the allotted time is 4 minutes. There is a grace time of 1 minute and if exceeding the 5th minute (4+1), marks will be deducted at the rate of 6 marks/minute.
- Students can sing either Classical, Folk, Philosophical, Movie songs or songs from Tamil literature.
- There will be 4 categories based on age (5-7), (8-9), (10-11), (12 and above)
- We appreciate Tamil music which promotes our cultural objectives. Please encourage students choose songs from Bharathiyar/Bharadhidasan songs, Kummi songs, Naattupura Paadalgal and songs which showcase traditional Tamil culture.
- Please note that there is additional weightage for the lyrical values of the song. So we encourage students to pick accordingly.
- We insist that the language content is appropriate for all ages and also appropriate for all type of audiences.
- There is pre-screening process for the songs. The chosen song will be screened based on the following criteria
 - Songs should have only Tamil words.
 - Lyrics cannot contain obscene, sensual or slang words.
 - Song should be appropriate for all ages and should depict our culture and values.
 - The organizing committee can reject a song if it does not meet the criteria.
 - Organizers will get back to you if the song did not meet these criteria.

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- Participants have to provide the song details during registration and the committee will review according to the prescreening process detailed above.
- During registration please make sure you enter the song details for each of your participating child in the comments section.
- Participants have to provide the karaoke file (.mp3 or .wav or whatever the file format is) two weeks prior to the competition.
- Participants can bring their own Shruthi box.
- The judge's decision will be final.
- The winners will be announced within 24 to 48 hours from event completion.
- There will be separate for Classical and Non-Classical.
- Students will lose points if they read off from paper or any other material.
- No change to song category or song selection allowed past the deadline. All songs will be pre-screened to ensure it is appropriate for the intended audience.
- If you have any question or need clarification please email cultural committee culturalcommittee@valluvantamil.org