Valluvan Tamil Academy

இசைப்போட்டி (Music Competition)

Guidelines for the year 2022-2023

Age Eligibility:

- Students aged 5 and above are eligible to participate in the music competition
- There will be 4 age groups based on age as detailed below
  - Group 1 – Age 5 to 7
  - Group 2 – Age 8 and 9
  - Group 3 – Age 10 and 11
  - Group 4 – Age 12 & and above
- Age of the student will be calculated as of **Sept 30th, 2022.**

- **No change in category will be accommodated after registration or on the day of the competition.**

Time Slot:

- The time allocated per student is **4 minutes**. There would be a grace time of up to 1 minute and if the performance exceeds beyond 5 minutes (4+1), marks will be deducted at the discretion of the judges.

Category & Performance Guidelines:

- All performances should be only in Tamil.
- There would be two performance categories - Classical or Non-Classical. Students should select only one of the categories for their performance.
- Participants **must submit the song details and the complete lyrics during the registration** for both Classical and Non-Classical songs. This is a must and cannot be changed later. Your registration will be considered incomplete if the song details and lyrics are not provided in the comments section.

  Important Note: Please upload the song details (lyrics and karaoke file) in the Google form below immediately after registering for the competition.
  https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfQQNu3n3oO4ncsFWOBxlJ-GXhntCPnk_TPVyIV8Q_qiaEMQA/viewform

- Non-Classical category students must choose a song under one of the four topic guidelines given below:
  - தமிழ்க்கவிஞர்கள். தமிழ் உணர்வு, நாட்டுப்பற்று சார்ந்த பாடல்கள் (பாரதிதாசன், பாரதியார், மற்றும் மரபுக்கவிஞர்களின் பாடல்கள்)
  - நாட்டுப்புறப் பாடல்கள்
  - தத்துவப் பாடல்கள்
  - இயற்கை, குடும்ப உறவுகள் சார்ந்த பாடல்கள்
  - குழந்தைகளின் கல்வி மற்றும் வாழ்க்கையை மேம்படுத்தும், ஊக்கப்படுத்தும் பாடல்கள்
- Non-Classical participants must specify the topic of their song selection at the time of registration.
- Music Committee will review the song and ensure it is appropriate to be performed at the Tamil school event. We insist that the language content is appropriate for all ages and appropriate for all types of audiences. Any offensive or derogatory lyrics should be avoided.
- Please encourage students to choose Bharathiyar/Bharathidasan songs, Kummi songs, Naattupura Paadalgal and songs that showcase traditional Tamil culture.
- Please note that there is additional weightage for the lyrical value of the song. So, we encourage students to pick accordingly.
- For the sake of diversity and promoting kids' interest in learning songs, we request you NOT to repeat any songs from previous years' performances.
- Participants if using Karaoke, they must provide the karaoke file (.mp3, .wav etc.) two weeks prior to the competition.
- Participants for the classical category should bring their own Shruthi box.

Results & Discretion of the Judges:

- The judge's decision will be final.
- Students will lose points if they read off from paper or any other material.
- The winners' names will be posted on our website.
- Please refer to Judge's rubrics for additional information.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please email cultural committee at culturalleads@valluvantamil.org.