

Sangamon County Fair

Rules for Talent Competition

(Professional entertainers are not eligible)

1. You must live in Sangamon County or an adjoining county or attend school in Sangamon County to participate in the Talent Contest.
2. All acts must fill out an Official Entry Form and return it to: **Sangamon County Fair, P.O. Box 147, New Berlin, IL. 62670.** Deadline for entries is **June 10, 2023.**
3. There are two divisions. Contestants for the **Junior Division:** all contestants can be 14 years old or younger on the day of the contest June 17, 2023. **Senior Division:** All contestants cannot be over 21 years of age on the day of the contest June 17, 2023. Acts that include members both younger than the age of 15 and older than age 15 must participate in the Senior Division.
4. Entrants may participate in one act only.
5. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee for each act. All checks should be made payable to the **Sangamon County Fair** and be returned with the entry form. Forms without the entry fee will not be considered "Entered".
6. The competition will take place on **Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Senior Exhibit Building. All junior acts must check in by 11:30 a.m. All Senior acts must check in by 12:30 p.m.
7. Acts may last no longer than **four minutes** from the time the entertainment begins. Any act longer than four minutes will be disqualified. Set up time is also limited to **four minutes.**
8. You will be judged in the following way: Costume – 5 points, Audience Appeal – 5 points, Stage Presentation – 15 points, Ability – 25 points. Total points available 50.
9. Score sheets will not be available for review; however, there is a comments section on each judge's score sheet. If it is filled out, it can be detached and mailed to the contact person after the contest. Judge's decision is final.
10. The size of the wood stage is 28 feet wide by 20 feet deep. Dressing rooms are available. Piano, CD player and microphones will be furnished. You will need to provide any other musical instrument or props.
11. **When using a recorded accompaniment, NO live talent is allowed on the recording. i.e. vocal, tap dancing, any live instrument, etc.**
12. The Sangamon County Fair Association is not responsible for any accidents or injuries that occur as result of participation in the contest.
13. First place Junior Division winners or Senior division winners from previous years who competed as a single are eligible to compete again in a group or if in a group can come back as a single.
14. The top 5 places in each division will receive a trophy. Ribbons and cash awards are as follows: 1st place - \$100, 2nd place - \$75, 3rd place - \$50, 4th place \$25 and 5th place \$15. Prizes will be awarded after each division of competition. First place winners in the **Junior and Senior** Divisions will advance to the Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs State Talent Contest to be held in January, 2024. In the event that the winner cannot perform, the runner-up may be invited to appear.
15. Any questions contact nancy@sangcofair.com.