

**NELSON COUNTY FAIR**  
**COCA-COLA TALENT PRELIMINARY CONTEST RULES**  
**JULY 20, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.**  
**Registration until 5:30 p.m. day of event.**

All entrants pay \$10 gate admission.  
Entry form and info at [www.nelsoncofair.com](http://www.nelsoncofair.com)

**\$10/Act Entry Fee**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place \$100**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$75**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$50**

1. All contestants must be at least 13 years of age and not more than 21 years of age as of August 1, 2017. This includes anyone assuming visual importance except piano accompanists.
2. This contest is not open to professionals. Professional is defined as anyone who is a union member, has a professional manager, booking agent or whose principal and supporting income is derived from performing.
3. No son, daughter, grandchild, step-child or any other relative of any preliminary contest worker may enter the contest in which the relative works.
4. Entries will be accepted in the following solo and group categories:
  - Vocal
  - Instrumental
  - Variety
  - Dance
  - Acrobatics/Gymnastics
5. Baton twirlers or similar acts using batons or machetes will not be accepted. No fire, smoke, or smoke effect will be allowed on the stage.
6. **For contestants entered in any vocal category, accompaniment tracks with any background vocals are strictly prohibited. This includes recorded live and/or synthetically produced voices.**
7. There must be no taps or tap effects on a taped recording used by a dancer.
8. In instrumental solo, the only accompaniment allowed is a live or taped acoustical piano. Special exception requests must be filed in writing prior to August 1, 2017. In piano solo, no accompaniment is allowed. In the use of electronic keyboard, the contestant must create all sound live on stage.
9. A contestant may enter only once in any one category at the Kentucky State Fair and may enter a total of two categories.
10. **If a performer has won an invitation to the State Fair from a preliminary, he/she may not perform the same act or in the same category in another preliminary.**
11. If a performer wins in two categories in the State Fair semi-finals, he/she must choose one of the two categories for his/her final performance.

12. Any act may drop a member as listed on the entry form, but MAY NOT ADD OR REPLACE any member listed on the form. An individual cannot be part of an act at the State Fair if they did not perform in the act at the preliminary AND semi-final.
13. **ANY ACT RUNNING MORE THAN 4 MINUTES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. An official timekeeper will be present at the State Fair. Timing begins with first word or note and ends with last word or note. This includes bows.**
14. All contestants will use only the lighting system as provided by the Fair.
15. All contestants, excluding bands, will use only the sound system and sound operator as provided by the Kentucky State Fair. Bands may use their own amps.
16. No teachers, parents or friends will be allowed on the stage.
17. Only one person other than those visible on the stage will be allowed backstage per act. This includes all parents, teachers and friends.
18. No member of a KSF Grand Award winning act may compete again in the same category.
19. Contestants may make changes in their act (song, music, choreography) prior to the Kentucky State Fair as long as those changes DO NOT result in a change of categories.
20. Contestants may not change their act between the semi-finals and finals competition at the Kentucky State Fair.
21. The decision of the judges is final.
22. The contestant will be disqualified from the competition and forfeit any ribbons and prize money won up to that time for:
  - a. Any discourtesy to a judge or official of the Fair.
  - b. Any contestant, parent, teacher or friend who attempts to communicate with the judges before, during or after their adjudications.
23. All contestants, parents, teachers and friends are expected to abide by all rules and regulations of the Kentucky State Fair.
24. All questions regarding entries, category, rules or any other issues, shall be determined by the Coca-Cola Talent Classic staff. Their decision is final.
25. The Kentucky State Fair staff will view and suggest a category for acts by appointment prior to August 1, 2017.
26. Each sanctioned preliminary will name three overall winners. Fourth and fifth place winners should be provided as alternatives. There shall be no ties.
27. The top three winners of sanctioned preliminaries will be guaranteed an invitation to compete in the Coca-Cola Talent Classic (providing eligibility).
28. If any of the preliminary contest's top three placing winners was a finalist at the Coca-Cola Talent Classic last year, the Fair agrees to take the fourth and/or fifth place winners (providing eligibility) as additional official Fair entries.

Any announcement at the event will take precedence over these written instructions
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