

**REGULATIONS**  
**for the**  
**Talsi International Children and Youth Competition for Academic Singing and Vocal**  
**Ensembles**

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Amendments: 29.11.2018. decision No. 483 (record of proceedings No. 27)

**1. General Rules**

- 1.1. In order to popularize academic singing and encourage the development of creative and musical skills for children and youths, explore new talents, promote improvement of skills for music teachers and accompanists, support experience exchange and popularize the recognition of the Town of Talsi and Talsi County in Latvia and across its borders, Talsi County Municipality (hereinafter – “Municipality”) shall organize International Children and Youth Competition for Academic Singing and Vocal Ensembles (hereinafter – “Competition”). The Competition is hosted by Department of Culture and Sports Development (hereinafter – “KSAN/DCSD”) of Talsi County Municipality in cooperation with the National School of Arts (hereinafter – “NSA”) Riga Dome Choir School and Talsi Music School.  
*(Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*
- 1.2. Any and all costs associated with continuing of the tradition and hosting of the Competition shall be covered by the Municipality providing for financial resources in the budget of the DCSD.  
*(Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*

**2. Time and Venue of the Competition**

- 2.1. The Competition shall take place once in two years on the last week of April or the first week of May in Talsi Music School and Talsi Culture House, Lielā iela 19/21, Talsi.  
*(Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*

**3. Aims of the Competition**

- 3.1. Popularize academic singing.
- 3.2. Improve the development of creative and musical skills among children and teenagers.
- 3.3. Establish new, creative contacts and promote the exchange of experience.
- 3.4. Create a professionally high level vocal music competition in Latvia in cooperation with NSA Rīga Dome Choir School
- 3.5. Promote creating a positive image of Talsi County.

**4. Competition Rules**

- 4.1. The Competition shall be open to individual performers of academic singing and vocal ensembles aged 8 to 23 years (hereinafter - “Participants”).  
*(Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*
- 4.2. The Participants of the Competition shall be divided into the following categories:
- 4.2.1. Solo singing.
  - 4.2.2. Vocal ensembles.

- 4.3. The competition for solo singing and vocal ensembles shall take place in six age groups:
- 4.3.1. Group A – from 8 to 10 years.
  - 4.3.2. Group B – from 11 to 13 years.
  - 4.3.3. Group C – from 14 to 15 years.
  - 4.3.4. Group D – from 16 to 17 years.
  - 4.3.5. Group E – from 18 to 20 years.
  - 4.3.6. Group F – from 21 to 23 years.
- (Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*
- 4.4. Age cut-off date for Participants of the Competition shall be the first day of the Competition.
- 4.5. The duration of the performance for the Participants in rounds 1 and 2 of the Competition:
- 4.5.1. Groups A, B, C – up to 5 minutes.
  - 4.5.2. Groups D, E, F – up to 7 minutes.
- (Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*

## **5. Organization of the Competition**

- 5.1. Application form (see Annex) shall be sent electronically to an email address: [vocal@talsi.lv](mailto:vocal@talsi.lv).
- (Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*
- 5.2. Participation fees:
- 5.2.1. Soloists – EUR 20.00 (twenty euros and 00 cents).
  - 5.2.2. Duets – EUR 30.00 (thirty euros and 00 cents).
  - 5.2.3. Trios – EUR 40.00 (forty euros and 00 cents).
  - 5.2.4. Vocal ensembles with more than 3 participants – EUR 50.00 (fifty euros and 00 cents).
  - 5.2.5. A discount of 50 % shall be applied to the participation fee for Participants from NSA Rīga Dome Choir School and Participants from educational establishments in Talsi County.
  - 5.2.6. The participation fee shall be paid by transfer not later than one month before the Competition.
  - 5.2.7. In case of Participant's absence, the participation fee shall not be refunded.
- 5.3. Travel and accommodation costs shall be covered by the Participants of the Competition.
- 5.4. Contact information: Department of Culture and Sports Development of Talsi County, email address: [vocal@talsi.lv](mailto:vocal@talsi.lv)
- (Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*

## **6. Competition Programme**

- 6.1. The Competition has two rounds.
- 6.2. On the 1<sup>st</sup> round the Participants shall perform one mandatory composition and one composition of a composer from a country which the Participant represents.
- 6.2.1. The list of mandatory compositions shall be published on the websites of Talsi County Municipality and NSA Rīga Dome Choir School.
  - 6.2.2. The note material for the mandatory compositions shall be published on NSA Rīga Dome Choir School website.
- 6.3. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Competition the Participants perform two compositions of free choice.
- (Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*

## **7. Competition Evaluation and Awarding**

- 7.1. The Competition shall be evaluated by an international jury commission, the composition of which shall be approved by order of the Executive Director of the Municipality on a recommendation from the Head of the DCSD.  
*(Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*
- 7.2. The Competition jury shall individually evaluate Participants in each category and each group. The members of the jury shall not evaluate their own students.
- 7.3. The performance of each participant shall be evaluated on a 25-point scale. The evaluation shall be obtained by adding all points awarded by the members of the jury and then dividing the total sum by the number of jury members who participate in the evaluation.
- 7.4. The Participants shall be awarded with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category and each age group.
- 7.5. One *Grand Prix* winner shall be chosen in the Competition.
- 7.6. The Jury has the right not to award 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place to anyone.
- 7.7. The Jury has the right to award the Participants of the Competition, teachers and accompanists with special prizes.
- 7.8. The Jury's decision shall be final and shall not be disputed.
- 7.9. After the Competition teachers and accompanists receive certificates of improving professional qualification.
- 7.10. The results of the Competition will be published on websites and social media of Talsi County Municipality and NSA Rīga Dome Choir School.  
*(Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*

## **8. Final Provisions**

- 8.1. Members of the Talsi County Council, Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors of the Municipality, as well as Head of the DCSD of Talsi County, Principal of Talsi Music School and Principal of NSA Rīga Dome Choir School shall have the right to submit any supplements and amendments to the present Regulations.  
*(Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*
- 8.2. Any amendments and supplements to the Regulations shall be approved by Talsi County Council.
- 8.3. The Competition can be filmed and photographed, all material is used for Competition's publicity.  
*(Amended by decision No. 493 of 29.11.2018 of Talsi County Council)*

Chairman of the Council

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