

Harmony Explosion! Rules

1) There will be three (3) girls divisions and three (3) boys divisions at Harmony Explosion!

- 8th Grade and Under Girls / Boys: Quartets of 4 members or Groups of 5, 6, 7, or 8 members, with no more than 2 members singing the same part.
- 10th Grade and Under Girls / Boys: Quartets of 4 members only.
- 12th Grade and Under Girls / Boys: Quartets of 4 members only.

2) Groups of 5, 6, 7, or 8 members will be allowed in the 8th Grade and Under Division, as long as no more than two members sing the same part (1 or 2 tenors; 1 or 2 leads; 1 or 2 baritones; 1 or 2 basses). These Groups will not be allowed in the 10th Grade or 12th Grade Divisions.

3) Participation in a division is based on a student's year in school as provided on the registration form, not on a student's age.

4) Quartets or Groups will sing in only one Division.

5) Students may sing in more than one Quartet or Group, provided that 50% or more of the members in the second Quartet or Group have not sung in another Quartet or Group on the same day. Taking two members from Quartet A and two members from Quartet B to form Quartet C is forbidden. Two members from Quartet A can sing in Quartet D with two new members that have not sung in another Quartet on that day.

6) Quartets or Groups will sing one a cappella song in the Barbershop style (4-part harmony) and receive numeric scores with written comments from a panel of four judges. Two judges will be members of the Barbershop Harmony Society and will judge Singing and Performance. Two judges will be members of Sweet Adelines International and will judge Singing and Performance. Each judge can award up to 20 points each in five areas (100 points maximum per judge) as follows:

Singing Category – up to 100 points per judge

- Quality of 4-part Harmony – 20 points maximum per judge
- Singing in Tune – 20 points maximum per judge
- Blending of Voices – 20 points maximum per judge
- Vocal Quality – 20 points maximum per judge
- Artistry – 20 points maximum per judge

Performance Category – up to 100 points per judge

- Audience Engagement / Entertainment – 20 points maximum per judge
- Vocal and Visual Agreement – 20 points maximum per judge
- Believability – 20 points maximum per judge
- Telling / Selling the Lyric – 20 points maximum per judge
- Level of Effort / Having Fun! – 20 points maximum per judge

7) Awards will be given to the Quartets or Groups according to the following criteria:

- Gold: Quartets or Groups scoring 332 or more total points out of a possible 400 ($\geq 83\%$)
- Silver: Quartets or Groups scoring 264 to 331 total points out of a possible 400 (66% to 82.8%)
- Bronze: Quartets or Groups scoring up to 263 total points out of a possible 400

8) Quartets or Groups that receive 332 or more total points out of a possible 400 ($\geq 83\%$) will be invited to sing in the afternoon "Parade of Quartets" Afterglow.