

Open Division FAQ Sheet

- Open Division is open to choruses and quartets.
- There is not a different registration fee for the Open Division. All competition registration fees are the same (chorus: \$150; quartet: \$100).
- Competitors have 10 minutes to complete their Open Division packages.
- Competing in the Open Division meets the 3-year competition requirement for choruses.
- Riser configurations will not change due to Open Division. There will still be either standard or alternate.
- It is the region's choice to allow both riser configurations; it is also their choice to decide which configuration is offered first.
- The drawing for regional competitions will be as follows:
 - Quartets: Evaluation Only, International Division, Open Division
 - Choruses:
 - One riser configuration: Evaluation Only, International Division, Open Division
 - Two riser configurations: Evaluation Only, International Division, Open Division, riser change, Open Division, Evaluation Only, International Division
- Directors with dual memberships who sing and direct two different choruses in the same contest will be taken into consideration for the order of appearance draws.
- Timing starts at the first word spoken or sung. Excessive time spent entering the stage can result in a delay of contest penalty.
- Competitors will use the same lighting and staging options that are available to the International Division competitors, i.e. no pyro techniques or electricity will be allowed on stage.
- Competitors may not change from International Division to Open Division (or vice versa) after the first draw for order of appearance has been conducted at HQ.
- Competitors wishing to qualify for Harmony Classic or International Competition must compete in the International Division. Competitors cannot qualify for Harmony Classic or International if they compete in Open Division.
- Competitors cannot enter both the International Division and the Open Division of the same contest.
- The same song choice limitations apply to the contest songs as there have always been: no patriotic, religious or Sweet Adelines International songs may be sung as contest songs.
- Open Division provides competitors with the opportunity to present a "show performance" that is enhanced by the educational experience gained through official scoresheets. It is for evaluation only and thus receives a letter score.
- If a competitor is disqualified from the Open Division, they are not eligible for the Audience Choice Award.
- Only competitors entering the Open Division in their own region qualify for the Audience Choice Award.
- Competitors competing at International in the current year and performing in Open Division are not eligible for the Audience Choice Award.
- Link for [scoring criteria](#) for Open Division (from JCDB)
- Link to [Competition Handbook](#)