

Callahan County's Got Talent Rules

Sponsored By Cross Plains Texas

Chamber of Commerce

Performances

All acts must be **PG-13** and appropriate for an all-ages show.

Acts must be safe and clean in nature - no pyrotechnics, messy substances (glitter, silly string, sand, feathers, etc.) fire, batons, or acrobatics will be allowed. All items brought onto the stage at the start of the performance must remain on stage for the duration of the performance. All items brought onto the stage must be removed by the participant, or their helpers, at the end of the performance. All performances are limited to 10 minutes. Entrants are allowed to participate in one act only. Recorded accompaniment is allowed.

Music is allowed and encouraged but must be appropriate for an **all-ages show**. For example, music cannot contain profanity, references to drugs, or reference to sexual acts. Entrants must provide their own digital song file, instruments, props, keyboard, etc if necessary. Audio files must be provided at or before the Talent Show Rehearsal. Microphones and a sound system will be provided.

Acts whose contents are not appropriate for an all-ages show will be asked to change the content or withdraw their interest from the Talent Show.

No sexually explicit, vulgar, obscene or racially slurred content or actions will be permitted. No risqué costuming is allowed. If a majority of the Talent Show Contest judges consider the performance to be in poor taste, lower points will be awarded. Participants will be escorted off the stage if at any time the performance is unacceptable according to the rules and the discretion of the officials. Officials may ban the participants from future Talent Shows.

Setup time must be minimal. Suggested length of time for setup is one minute. Due to time constraints, no full stage bands are allowed to participate. Small groups are not considered bands. You must be able to utilize sound equipment that is furnished onsite.

Each person may only enter in ONE performance.

Professionals are NOT permitted to compete. This includes union musicians and anyone whose primary source of income is from their talent. Compensation for performing an occasional paid gig does not constitute primary source of income.

Costumes

While not the focus of the contest, costumes are strongly encouraged in performances. Costumes can be based on video games, comics, animated cartoons, fantasy and sci-fi genres. The country of origin does not matter. Costumes may be purchased or handcrafted.

Costumes should be self-contained and self-sufficient. Body paint must be properly sealed to prevent it from rubbing off. Connections to electrical sockets will be available. Bulky costumes may require an aid to move or see. Please secure your own escort if this is the case as we will not be able to provide any assistance for you.

All parts of the costume must stay on the stage at all times. It is strictly prohibited to throw items into the audience or behind the stage.

All entries must be registered for the convention, and have badges clearly displayed during contest sign-in.

This is a family friendly convention, and all costumes must comply with our PG-13 rating. No costumes that are derived from “adult content” sources will be allowed in the contest. If your costume is determined to be too skimpy, or inappropriate for children, you will be asked to cover the offending portion before participating in the contest. Failure to do so will result in disqualification and possible ejection from the convention.

In the event of a dispute, the Head of the Talent Show’s decision is final.

Scoring and Awards

Entrants will be judged on a number of factors during the Talent Show. Entries may be individuals or groups. Group entries will be judged as an entire group.

Awards Include:

- First Place
- Second Place
- Third Place

Other merit-based awards may be given depending on entries received.

Entrants should be prepared to stay for the whole duration of the show. Prizes will be presented on stage at the end of the show. Unclaimed prizes will not be mailed to winners.

Judging

Judging will be done using a point scale on four factors:

- **Stage Presence, & Attire 25%**
 - Poise, costume, costume as related to performance, showmanship.
- **Technical Ability 25%**
 - Talent, proficiency, ability, expertise.
- **Preparedness 20%**
 - Practiced, precision, accuracy.
- **Appearance/Costume 15%**
 - Creativity, appropriateness, appeal
- **Creativity 15%**
 - Produce something new, original