

2024 IAAF State Talent Contest Information

**PLEASE READ AND STUDY WITH CARE**

**THESE RULES WILL AFFECT YOU**

2024 will be here before you blink and it is time for the IAAF State Talent Contest to be held at the Crowne Plaza, 3000 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, IL on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Phone: 1-815-234-5296

***This years Pre-Registration will be \$20.00. Anyone registering at the door to watch will pay the convention price at the door. To avoid long lines in the hotel lobby and cut down on confusion. I encourage you to register in advance, please do so.***

We will start the Junior Division contest at 1:00 P.M. in Plaza H. I. & J. – Level 1. Junior Division winners will be announced as soon as possible after the completion of the division. A short break will follow and we will start the Senior Division at approximately 5:30 P.M.

Please check in at registration just inside the doors of Talent Contest rooms on Level 1 to report in beginning at 10:00 a.m. Junior Division contestants must check in by 12 noon. Senior Division contestants must be checked in by 4:30 p.m. ***Remember you can pre-register to save time.***

No definite time will be given to you in advance as to when you will perform. The program is arranged at random and to separate the different types of acts.

A professional sound system will be available for the show. **THE ONLY MICROPHONES PROVIDED BY IAAF ARE CORDLESS MICROPHONES. ANYONE WHO WANTS A LAVALIERE OR HEAD SET MICROPHONE MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN.** *To lessen sound prop confusion, When using a CD taped accompaniment, only the song the contestant is using shall be on the CD. No like talent is allowed on the recording, ie. Vocal, tap dancing, any like instrument, etc. This is carefully monitored. Recordings should be clear and not scratched.* Someone with your act should have the cassette to the sound person at least five (5) minutes before your act is to compete. Always have a second CD with you. We also have professional light people for the show.

There are two stages approximately 12 feet deep and 20 feet long. A hardwood dance floor approximately 16 x 26 feet is available for dance, tumbling, acrobatics, etc. We will have a tuned piano available for contestants if necessary. We ask that all vocalists use the right-side stage for better presentation. **ANY ACT THAT NEEDS TUMBLING MATS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN.**

There will be a room available for warm up and practice starting at 10:00 a.m. If using a CD I would suggest you bring a CD player to use in the warm up room. Two large restrooms are available on Level 1 for costume changes and last minute make up check.

The first place winner in each division may be asked to perform Sunday during the Queen Pageant, if possible.

There will be four winners in each division and four honorable mentions.

Prizes are:

First Place - \$150.00 & Trophy  
Third Place - \$120.00 & Trophy

Second Place - \$135.00 & Trophy  
Fourth Place - \$105.00 & Trophy

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4-MINUTE PERFORMANCE TIME  
NO LIKE TALENT ON ACCOMPANIMENT  
3-MINUTE SET-UP TIME

**REMEMBER: 1. Up to four (4) minutes time limit on each act. Anyone GOING OVER FOUR (4) minutes will be disqualified. Timing starts when acts start entertaining.**

- 2. When using cassette or CD for accompaniment, only the song the contestant is using on CD, they cannot have like talent on them, i.e. vocal, tap dancing, any like instrument and so forth. This is carefully monitored.**

**We will have two (2) panels of judges. One panel of three judges for each division.**

Point value for judging

Costume	10 points
Audience appeal	10 points
Stage Presentation	30 points
Ability	50 points
Total points	100 points

This year we anticipate that the number of acts will be equal or greater than last years. Please be prompt and ready to perform.

Some of the winners could be asked to perform at the State Fair this summer. More details at the convention.

**Talent contest guests 10 years and older will be required to pay \$20.00 and wear the convention badge.**

See you in Springfield January 13, 2024. If you have any questions please contact:

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