

Worldwide barbershop Quartet Association

Society for the Propagation and Preservation of Barbershop Quartet Singing in the United States

BE A JUDGE

The New Approach for Scoring in the SPPBSQSUS WBSQ Contest

Here's how it works:

- If you are a member of SPPBSQSUS Inc., when you register for the convention, or at the convention Jan 18-20 2024, you can volunteer to be a judge for the competition. 15 names will be drawn from a hat. You may be selected to judge. There is a drawing for the 1st round, Semi-finals and a new drawing for the Top 10 Finals.
- You get a front row seat with 14 other judges.
- The quartets perform and you have a scoresheet for each one
- You listen, enjoy, and evaluate the performance base on YOUR likes, YOUR sense of appreciation, who YOU think is great, good, or average, (or even not so good) and put down a score from 1-100.

Scoring Levels of Preference

- If you think the performance is excellent, exciting, and literally blows you away, give the quartet a score from 80-99. *Just leave a little room for other great performances*
- If you think the performance is really good, above average, give them a score from 60-79. *Just leave a little room for other good performances*
- If you think the performance is about average, give the quartet a score from 40-59. *Just leave a little room for other good performances*
- If you think the performance is below average, give the quartet a score from 20-39, or lower if you wish. *Just leave a little room for other below average performances*
- The contest helpers will collect your score sheet, check for legibility of your numbers, and that you have the correct quartet name on the scoresheet, and it's on to the next performance.

Don't I need to know something about music? What's the criteria?

As a Barbershopper, you already know a lot. Can you hear when a quartet goes out of tune? Do you know when they make you laugh, or cry? Think of it this way! You go to barbershop show and hear 5 quartets. Which quartet do you like best? Which one sings the best or entertains you the most. Do you really need a music degree to know who you prefer. Not really. Audiences have been judging quartets since the very first contest.....**and now it's your turn.** And we know you can do it just as well as any "trained" judge, because deep down, you know what you like...and that is all that it takes to ...BE A JUDGE...at the SPPBSQSUS Worldwide Quartet Contest.

So, now is your chance. Check at the Registration Desk at the Convention, fill out a GOLD '***I Want to be a Judge***' slip, drop it in the container and be in the room for the drawing and wait for your name to be drawn.

You'll get all your questions answered at the convention...and it will be a wonderful and rewarding experience in your barbershop "life", if you are selected. Are you up for it?

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