

2026 SHOWCASE CONCERT COMPETITION “Rules”

PLEASE NOTE: In the event, that groups placing in first, second or third are disqualified, the next group WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE GIVEN THAT AWARD.

In order to compete in the California State Fair Youth Mariachi competition, **all members must attend or be enrolled in any school level.** Directors will **not** be allowed to participate with their group.

PLEASE NOTE:

- **ALL MEMBERS** of the performing group **MUST** be registered in the CSF Youth Mariachi Competition. **Roll call of each member will be verified prior to the performance.**
- **ALL** members of a performing group will perform with **that group only.**
- Performing time will not be more than 15 **minutes.** Groups exceeding the time limit established for the competition **will be disqualified.** At least two timekeepers will start the clock on the first note you play through your last note. Talking or other activities will be included in your allotted time.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- All participants must be registered prior to the competition.
- Student participants must be attending or enrolled in an academic institution and not older than 21 years of age.
- A live drawing will determine the order of competition. Please check the schedule of events for the date of drawing.

NATIONAL GROUP COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Each student on stage must play an instrument. Only students who are competing are allowed on stage during the competition. High School and college/university directors are not allowed on stage during competitions or during the concert. Middle school directors are only allowed on the stage during the competition to help set up the microphones and must leave before the performance begins. If a high school or college/university group's director walks on stage during the competition, that group will be **DISQUALIFIED**.
- Groups competing under or over the allotted time limits will have points deducted from their overall score.
- A minimum of 8 and a maximum of 16 musicians are required to compete in the group competition. The following instrumentation is recommended, but not required: Six violins, two trumpets, one vihuela, one guitar, one guitarron, one harp (optional).
- ALL college/university students MUST have a CURRENT STUDENT ID on hand with them the day of the competition.