

Harmony Explosion! 2021 Rules

2021 Rule A) Harmony Explosion! 2021 will be a 100% virtual event on **Saturday, March 27**. Student performances will receive ratings and comments as usual, except that no performances will be in person, on site at Harmony Explosion!

2021 Rule B) Harmony Explosion! 2021 judging will compensate for necessary COVID-19 protocols that must be followed. Student Quartets will not be penalized for following healthy singing habits.

- a) 6ft or more distance between singers.
- b) Masks worn by singers.

2021 Rule C) Each Student Quartet will record and submit one unlisted YouTube video with audio. Harmony Explosion! judges must be able to see and hear the quartet performance to provide ratings and comments.

- a) The video performances should be as if the Student Quartet were singing on stage at a regular Harmony Explosion! event (location can be anywhere that students can safely gather; does not have to be on stage).
- b) The video should be a simple “nothing fancy” production: no requirement for a multi-shot / multi-picture video.
- c) Please be polite and clearly introduce your Quartet Name at the beginning of your video.
- d) There is no requirement to announce the song that you will sing, or provide the music that you will sing.
- e) Just perform your song; enjoy your performance; do not worry about mistakes; have fun; do not get stressed!
- f) **Deadline for YouTube video submission is 6pm Central Time on Friday, March 26, 2021.**

Verify that the YouTube video is an unlisted video in your YouTube Account Settings.

1. Sign into your YouTube Account.
2. Go to your **My Videos** page.
3. Select the video to confirm is an unlisted video.
 - a. Click the **Edit** button to access the video’s settings.
 - b. Go to the **Privacy** section of the page and select or verify that “unlisted” is selected.
4. Click the **Save Changes** button.

2021 Rule D) These unlisted YouTube video links shall be sent by email to jerry.meier@hoachorus.com

- a) The Harmony Explosion! Director will confirm receipt of each video and determine if the video is appropriate for viewing by others.
- b) **Inappropriate videos will not be viewed or judged at Harmony Explosion! 2021. Use your best judgement.**
- c) The decision of the Harmony Explosion! Director regarding the appropriateness of the video submission is final.

2021 Rule E) All of the existing Harmony Explosion! Rules will remain in effect as detailed below. There will be no **“Parade of Quartets”** Afterglow Concert at Harmony Explosion! 2021.

Harmony Explosion! Rules

1) There will be three (3) SAI divisions for Treble Clef voices and three (3) BHS divisions for Bass Clef voices. Mixed Quartets (treble + bass voices) will perform in the BHS division:

- 8th Grade and Under: Quartets of 4 members or Groups of 5, 6, 7, or 8 members, with no more than 2 members singing the same part.
- 10th Grade and Under: Quartets of 4 members only.
- 12th Grade and Under: Quartets of 4 members only.



BHS = Barbershop Harmony Society for Bass Clef Voices
SAI = Sweet Adelines International for Treble Clef Voices



- 2) Groups of 5, 6, 7, or 8 members will be allowed in the 8th Grade and Under Division, as long as no more than two members sing the same part (1 or 2 tenors; 1 or 2 leads; 1 or 2 baritones; 1 or 2 basses). These Groups will not be allowed in the 10th Grade or 12th Grade Divisions.
- 3) Participation in a division is based on a student's year in school (per the registration form), not on a student's age.
- 4) Quartets or Groups will sing in only one Division.
- 5) Students may sing in more than one Quartet or Group, provided that 50% or more of the members in the second Quartet or Group have not sung in another Quartet or Group on the same day at Harmony Explosion! Taking two members from Quartet A and two members from Quartet B to form Quartet C is forbidden. Two members from Quartet A can sing in Quartet D with two new members that have not sung in another Quartet on that day.
- 6) Quartets or Groups will sing one a cappella song in the Barbershop style (4-part harmony) and receive numeric scores with written comments from a panel of four judges. Two judges will be members of the Barbershop Harmony Society and will judge Singing and Performance. Two judges will be members of Sweet Adelines International and will judge Singing and Performance. Each judge can award up to 20 points each in five areas (100 points maximum per judge) as follows:
- Singing Category – up to 100 points per judge**
- Quality of 4-part Harmony – 20 points maximum per judge
 - Singing in Tune – 20 points maximum per judge
 - Blending of Voices – 20 points maximum per judge
 - Vocal Quality – 20 points maximum per judge
 - Artistry – 20 points maximum per judge
- Performance Category – up to 100 points per judge**
- Audience Engagement / Entertainment – 20 points maximum per judge
 - Vocal and Visual Agreement – 20 points maximum per judge
 - Believability – 20 points maximum per judge
 - Telling / Selling the Lyric – 20 points maximum per judge
 - Level of Effort / Having Fun! – 20 points maximum per judge
- 7) Awards will be given to the Quartets or Groups according to the following criteria:
- Gold: Quartets or Groups scoring 332 or more total points out of a possible 400 ($\geq 83\%$)
 - Silver: Quartets or Groups scoring 264 to 331 total points out of a possible 400 (66% to 82.8%)
 - Bronze: Quartets or Groups scoring up to 263 total points out of a possible 400
- 8) ~~Quartets or Groups that receive 332 or more total points out of a possible 400 ($\geq 83\%$) will be invited to sing in the afternoon "Parade of Quartets" Afterglow.~~ There will be no **"Parade of Quartets"** Afterglow Concert at Harmony Explosion! 2021.