

Ohio State Harmonic Championship Rules
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Chester-Shade Historical Association

PRIZES: 1ST. place \$300; 2nd place \$150; 3rd place \$75

1. Contestant may play a diatonic or chromatic harmonica.
2. Contestant can have only one (1) accompanist on one instrument.
3. Each contestant will play a maximum of (5) five minutes. It will consist of two **(2) numbers** of their choice. **Each number should be from a different musical genre** (ex.) country, blues, folk, jazz, gospel, rock. **NO CLASSICAL MUSIC.**
4. Points will be deducted if the contestant plays over the (5) minutes.
5. Contestants will draw for placement prior to the contest.
6. Contestants must be ready to play when called.
7. There will be three (3) qualified judges,
8. The Judges decisions will be final in all cases.
9. Contestants will be judged on the following (5) categories:
 - A. Meter (timing)**
 - B. Expression of music and tone, clarity, quality of pitch**
 - C. Technique—method, skill**
 - D. Difficulty/mastery of music**
 - E. Stage presence**

Each category can receive a maximum of 20 points; maximum total points 100.

*** To Pre-register send your name, address, and telephone number to:
chestercourthouse@windstream.net , or mail to the address below. **Pre-registration is very helpful in planning the event.**

Contestant Check in: at Eastern High School 45 minutes prior to contest to receive instructions and draw for placement.

All contestants are invited to participate in the Jam Session following the Championship.

Any complaints or requests for definition of the rules may be made to the contest committee.
Contact for additional information: Ohio State Harmonica Championship, 250 Riverview Drive, Pomeroy, Oh 45769 or 740-992-2622.