

Annual Updates

2015 Edition State Competition Manual

The ACEA State Competition Manual (2015 edition) will govern competition fall of 2015 through spring of 2020. There were many changes made. Over the course of five years other changes may become necessary. Competition Annual Updates will be posted on the ACEA website and any changes will govern the competition.

- Correction - Speech General Rules #8 should read, which may, not which will. ...which **may** prevent an other wise first-place winner from placing first, a second-place winner from placing second, or a third-place winner from placing third.
- December 21, 2015

String Solo: Plucked/Strummed Instruments

Due to changes in AACS rules regarding the String Solo category, ACEA has made the following changes:

1. ACEA will allow plucked or strummed instruments in the Strings Solo category as we have done in the past. **This category will not be eligible for national competition.**
2. This category is for stringed instruments that customarily uses a plucking or strumming pattern. Examples of instruments that are included in this category are guitars, banjos, mandolins, and other fretted instruments. (No electrically amplified instruments will be permissible.)
3. String Solo rules and time limits as written in the *2015 Edition State Competition Manual* will remain the same for plucked or strummed instruments. The judging form on the competition manual CD is for bowed instruments only. See link on website to judging form for String Solo: Plucked or Strummed Instruments.
4. Plucked or strummed instruments are allowed in both small and large instrumental ensembles on the state and national level.
5. The category code for String Solo (Bowed) is EM05, JM05, or SM05.
6. The category code for String Solo: Plucked or Strummed is EM05PS, JM05PS, or SM05PS.
7. When filling out the judging form, check to make sure you are using the correct form and code.