

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 page 2 for String Solo: Plucked or Strummed Judging Form.**
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.

School Code \_\_\_\_\_

Category Code \_\_\_\_\_

## MUSIC

### String Solo (Plucked/Strummed)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Composition \_\_\_\_\_ Composer \_\_\_\_\_

Time \_\_\_\_\_ {Judges – Circle time if outside limits for category}

FACTORS EVALUATED	COMMENTS	POINTS (4-10)
<b>Intonation</b>		
<b>Tone:</b> 1. Dynamics 2. Quality		
<b>Accuracy:</b> 1. Notes 2. Rhythm		
<b>Technique:</b> 1. Strumming 2. Finger picking pattern 3. Chord hand position		
<b>Interpretation:</b> 1. Tempo 2. Phrasing 3. Emotion		
<b>Selection:</b> 1. Appropriateness 2. Difficulty		
<b>Presentation:</b> 1. Appearance 2. Poise 3. Stage Presence		

Total (70 possible points) \_\_\_\_\_

**Point Scale**

9-10.....Excellent, Superior  
 7-8.....Good, Above Average  
 5-6.....Fair, Average  
 4.....Poor

Superior 62-70  
 Excellent 53-61

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 Judge's Signature