

**TEXAS MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
STUDENT AFFILIATE PERFORMANCE CONTESTS**

**DUTIES of the JUDGES' TIMEKEEPER
LOCAL CONTEST**

You will be provided a table in the front of the contest room, in view of the judge. A digital timer will also be provided for your use. Please make sure that you understand the use of the timer before the contest begins. You are responsible for helping keeping the record of how long each piece is that the student is performing.

TIME LIMITS: (As stated in the SA Handbook – for the State Contests)

- a. Grades 7-12 Solo Contests: **10 minutes**. Entrants whose auditions exceed the time limit will be stopped but not disqualified. (Grades 9-10, 11-12 Orchestral Instruments Contests: 15 minutes.)
- b. Young Artist Solo Contest: **Not less than 15, nor more than 25 minutes**. Entrants whose auditions are less than the 15-minute minimum will be disqualified. Those exceeding the 25-minute maximum will be stopped but not disqualified.
- c. Grades 9-12 Concerto Contests: **No time limit**. However, contestants are scheduled every 20 minutes and may be stopped after 15 minutes to keep the contest on schedule. The programs may consist of the first or last movement of any standard concerto.

Record the playing time on a repertoire sheet provided.

Contestants are allowed a **one-minute** warm-up before beginning their program. Be prepared to signal the contestant if they exceed this one-minute. Do not record this as part of their time limit.

When two or more compositions are included in a single contestant's program, any pause between pieces is not included in the time limit. Start the timer when they begin their first selection and stop when they end. Clear the time and restart when they begin the next piece. Continue until the program is finished. Please add and record the total time on a repertoire sheet provided. The State Contest Chairmen need the time of each piece as well as the total time.

At the conclusion of each contest, **sign** the sheet and **return** to the Contest Chairman.

Your help is much appreciated. Performance Committee