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Vocal Skills

By the Book

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Sound

Under Unit Sound (0 – 70 points)

Accuracy / Barbershop Blend / Barbershop Balance

Vocal Skills:

- Posture
- Breathing
- Phonation
- Resonation
- Articulation

Music

Under Performance (0 – 70 points)

Harmony Accuracy / Barbershop style / Musical Artistry
/ Suitable to Performer

Vocal Skills:

- Chord accuracy
- Interval accuracy
- Tuning
- Chord clarity
- Section unity (chorus)

Expression

Under Basic Requirements (0 – 40 points)

Synchronization / vowels / Diphthongs / Consonants /
Enunciation

Vocal Skills:

- Diction (vowels & consonants)
- Sustained and supported phrases
- Control of dynamic range
- Breath support (result of good vs lack there of)

Showmanship

Under Performance (0 – 70 points)

Vocal Skills:

- To effectively communicate the musical product, the showmanship judges require the same attention to good vocal production as the other categories.

Posture –

- Breathing - sound
- Resonance - sound
- Interval accuracy – music
- Sustained phrases – Expression
- Poise and command - Showmanship

Breathing –

- Chord accuracy – Music
- Interval accuracy - Music
- Tuning - Music
- Sustained and supported phrases - Expression
- Control of dynamic range – Expression
- Synchronization- Expression

Phonation –

- Tuning – Music
- Resonation – Sound
- Diction – Expression

Resonation –

- Chord accuracy – Music
- Interval accuracy– Music
- Tuning– Music
- Chord clarity– Music
- Communicate the musical product – Showmanship
- Control of dynamic range – Expression
- Vowels
- Diphthongs

Articulation

- Section unity (chorus) - Music
- Diction (vowels & consonants) - Expression
- Communicate the musical product – Showmanship