

CHECKLIST FOR A CONTEST MASTER OF CEREMONY (MC)

The MC at a barbershop contest session is very critical to the overall success of the competition. As an experienced barbershopper, I know that you are very familiar with the operation of a contest session and the duties of the MC. The following checklist provides brief reminders of a few things that will ensure a successful contest.

<p>The Role of the MC</p> <p>☺ consider being a presenter instead of entertainer</p>	<p>☺ keep the contest moving</p> <p>☺ keep the needs of the contestants in mind</p> <p>☺ remember, the contestant is the entertainment, not you!</p> <p>☺ observe the signal lights even if it means stopping in the middle of a story or joke</p> <p>☺ make all introductions enthusiastically</p> <p>☺ all material MUST BE family friendly and G-rated</p>
<p>Housekeeping Rules</p>	<p>Announce the following rules at the beginning of the session</p> <p>Ü no smoking in the auditorium,</p> <p>Ü no flash photos,</p> <p>Ü no recordings of any type,</p> <p>Ü turn off all cell phones and beepers,</p> <p>Ü doors closed before each contestant performs,</p> <p>Ü audience seated before each contestant performs,</p> <p>Ü no distractions during each performance.</p>
<p>Proper announcements when both signal lights are ready</p>	<p>Do ☺ We are ready for the next contestant or ☺ Please close the doors</p> <p>Don't X – I have two lights</p>
<p>Proper quartet introductions</p> <p>International contests</p> <p>All other contests</p>	<p>Representing the <District>, the <quartet name></p> <p>Representing the <chapter(s)>, the <quartet name></p>
<p>Proper chorus introductions</p> <p>International contests</p> <p>All other contests</p>	<p>Representing the <District>, From <city & state>, under the direction of <chorus director>, the <name of the chorus> Chorus</p> <p>From <city & state>, under the direction of <chorus director>, the <name of the chorus> Chorus</p>
<p>Material Not G-Rated and Potentially Offensive</p>	<p>Any comment that is</p> <p>X - Lewd or obscene, including overly suggestive of a sexual nature</p> <p>X - Derogatory or derisive to a religion or denomination</p> <p>X - Derogatory or derisive to an ethnic group</p> <p>X - Derogatory or derisive of women</p> <p>The wise rule should always be “if in doubt, X says don't use it”</p>
<p>Political Material</p>	<p>[likely to be offensive to someone</p> <p>[use caution in telling any political jokes</p>
<p>The Judging panel</p>	<p>♪ - Verify the correct panel and districts with CA</p> <p>♪ - Introduce at last session on Saturday</p> <p>♪ - Please, no hazing or comments concerning the panel members</p>