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Mixed Voice Chorus Contest - Entries Now Open!

Dear members of BABS,

Owing to the increasing popularity and quality of mixed voice barbershop singing, the BABS Board recently announced the alignment of the rules of the Mixed Voice Chorus Contest with those of the well-established male-only National Chorus Contest.

In summary, this means that:

- * **Competing mixed voice choruses must each represent a single BABS Club** (not including Don Amos Club).
- * **All members of that Club must be full members of BABS.** (For those who are already members of LABBS or SAI R31, membership of that organisation will grant free-of-charge membership of BABS for the purpose of singing in a BABS clubs mixed voice chorus).
- * **Don Amos members may not compete** (and should transfer their membership to the registered BABS club in whose mixed voice chorus they wish to sing).
- * **There is no longer a maximum number of singers allowed.**
- * **The minimum number of singers allowed is now 12 (rather than 18 previously).**
- * **There is no longer a minimum age** (I would like to remind you that it is the responsibility of the competing club to ensure that provisions required by the BABS Protection of Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy are enacted).
- * **The winning club will be required to sit out of the contest in the following year.**

The only rules that are different to the male-only National Chorus Contest are those specific to mixed voice choruses:

- * **No more than 70% of the chorus shall be of the same gender.**
- * **Each of the four voice parts may include both genders.**

For further information, please check the newly updated Contest Rules, which will be published shortly and contain the changes summarised above.

Entries now open:

Entries are now open for the 2019 Mixed Voice Chorus Contest, which will take place on the Sunday of the 2019 BABS Convention (26th May). Entries will close at midnight on Thursday 28th February 2019, and the contest draw will take place shortly thereafter.

To enter, just head over to www.singbarbershop.com/contest-application/mixed-chorus-online-application-form.htm and fill in your application.

If you have any queries about entering the contest, please direct them to mixedchoruscontest@singbarbershop.com
For queries about your mixed chorus becoming a Registered BABS Club, please direct them to membershipdirector@singbarbershop.com

I'm sure you will agree that this is an exciting time for mixed voice barbershop singing, and for barbershop in general. I look forward to seeing the participation in mixed voice barbershop singing continue to grow.

In harmony,

Alan Hughes
BABS Music Services Director.

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