

# Ekal Sa Re Ta Re 2024 - Non-Classical Indian and Western Solo Singing Competition Rules

## Categories:

- **Indian Non-Classical**
  - Solo
  - Duet
- **Western Non-Classical**
  - Solo

## Age Groups:

- Kinder Level (5 years to 8 years)
- Junior Level (9 years to 12 years)
- Youth Level (13 years to 16 years)
- General level (16 +)

## Performance Time

1. 2.5 to 4 minutes in all categories.

## Rules

***Ekal Sa Re Ta Re 2024 reserves the right to make changes to the event. Any changes to the event will be communicated to the registered participants***

- 1. Category Participation:** Each individual may perform either Indian/Western/Duet or all 3 categories.
- 2. MP3 Karaoke Track:** To qualify for participation, contestants must submit a complete karaoke track in MP3 format only when requested by Ekal Sa Re Ta Re, not required at the time of registration.
- 3. Karaoke Usage Requirement:** The use of audio karaoke tracks is mandatory. Participants are not allowed to use video karaoke, only audio karaoke is permitted. Additionally, participants may use paper notes for lyrics.
- 4. Vocal-Only Performances:** All performances must be purely vocal; no live instruments are allowed to accompany the singers on stage.
- 5. Age Eligibility:** Participants must fall within the specified age range as of **August 31, 2024**.. Proof of age may be requested.
- 6. Age Verification:** Ekal Sa Re Ta Re reserves the right to request proof of age to verify a participant's eligibility if necessary.
- 7. Segment Cancellation:** Any category with only one entry may be canceled. Individuals have the option to compete in a higher age category if allowed by the rules.
- 8. Semi-Finals for Overcrowded Categories:** In the event of an excessive number of entries in any category, Ekal Sa Re Ga Ma may conduct online audition rounds before the final competition.
- 9. No Audience Prompting or Coaching:** Audience members are prohibited from providing any prompting or coaching to participants. Violation will result in immediate disqualification.

**10. Song Submission:** Songs must be sent to the Ekal Sa Re Ta Re team in MP3 format or Youtube videos when requested. Non-compliance will lead to disqualification.

**11. Time Limit:** Contestants must complete their songs within 15 seconds after the time limit buzzer sounds. Exceeding this limit will result in immediate disqualification.

**12. No Instrumental Support:** Ekal Sa Re Ta Re will not provide any instrumental support for the singers.

**13. Finality of Judges' Decisions:** Judges' decisions are final, and participants or their parents are not allowed to contact judges directly or indirectly for performance feedback.

## **Definition of Judging Criteria**

### **Pitch Accuracy (40% of Total Score)**

- Points are awarded based on the ability to maintain correct pitch.

### **Rhythm Mastery (35% of Total Score)**

- Points are awarded based on the participant's skill in maintaining rhythm throughout the performance.

### **Presentation Quality (25% of Total Score)**

- Pronunciation and diction.
- Quality of improvisation..
- Recovery from mistakes.
- Eye contact with the audience.
- The overall feeling and look of enjoyment.
- Total stage presence.

### **Penalty**

- If a participant is unprepared or not ready to perform when their number is called, a penalty of 5 points will be deducted from their cumulative score.

## **Winners**

**1. Single Participant:** If only one participant registers for a category, there won't be a competition, and that participant can choose to compete in a higher age category.

**2. Two or More Participants:** If there are at least two participants in a category, a first-place winner will be declared.

**3. Three or More Participants:** If there are at least three participants in a category, a first-place winner and a second-place winner will be declared.

**4. Four or More Participants:** If there are at least four participants in a category, a first-place winner, a second-place winner, and a third-place winner will be declared.

**Please Note: Judges' decisions are considered final.**