



**Ohio State Harmonic Championship Rules**  
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1. Contestant may play a diatonic or chromatic harmonica.
2. Contestant can have only one (1) accompanist on one instrument.
3. Each contestant will play two **(2) numbers** of their choice, **each number from a different musical genre** (eg) country, blues, folk, jazz, gospel, rock. **NO CLASSICAL MUSIC.**
4. Each contestant will have a maximum of (5) minutes to play. Points will be deducted for running over the allotted time.
5. Contestants will draw for placement prior to the contest.
6. Contestants must be ready to play when called.
7. There will be three (3) qualified judges,
8. The Judges decisions will be final in all cases.
9. Contestants will be judged on the following (5) categories:

**A. Meter (timing)**

**B. Expression of music and tone, clarity, quality of pitch**

**C. Technique—method, skill**

**D. Difficulty/mastery of music**

**E. Stage presence**

**Each category can receive a maximum of 20 points; maximum total points 100.**

\*\*\* Pre-register by email [chestercourthouse@windstream.net](mailto:chestercourthouse@windstream.net) or send your name, address, email or telephone # to the address below.

**Pre-registration is very helpful in planning the event**, but not necessary.

**Contestant Check in:** at the Chester Courthouse 45 minutes prior to contest to receive instructions and draw for placement.

**Contest Date: July 16, 2011, Time 5:00 p.m.**

Any complaints or requests for definition of the rules may be made to the contest committee.

Contact for additional information: Ohio State Harmonica Championship, 250 Riverview Drive, Pomeroy, Oh 45769 or 740-992-2622.