

# NYSSMA FAQ's

## **Can my student perform from a photocopy?**

R-4- Illegally copied music is prohibited at all NYSSMA events. The only exception is a letter from the publisher granting permission to photocopy. Photocopies to accommodate page turns are acceptable.

## **How many legal copies of music does my student need?**

R-4- All performers must have one complete legal copy. Additional legal copies are encouraged for use by the adjudicator.

## **Can my student use downloaded sheet music?**

R-4- Downloaded music must be obtained legally and must be consistent with the standard editions of the works in the manual. Students must provide the adjudicator with proof of purchase. Proof of public domain can be a disclaimer letter from the website where the music was obtained and must show a copyright date that proves public domain.

## **Can my student play the same piece on two different instruments?**

R- 2- No

## **My student is going comments only. Do they have to do scales and sight-reading?**

R-4- They are not required, but may be performed at their discretion.

## **My students are using a recorded accompaniment. Can they just use earbuds?**

R-8- No, they must provide audio playback equipment and it must be at a level that is audible to both the soloist and adjudicator. Accompaniment recordings must not include the solo line. Accompaniments must be performed as written, with no additional melodic or harmonic support.

## **Can my students' parents/guardians watch them perform?**

R-8- Absolutely, just no recordings are allowed and they must leave at the sight-reading.

## **Is vibrato required?**

R-9 and R-16- Musically appropriate vibrato is an expectation for upper level instrumental solos (not clarinet or french horn).

## **What scales are required for my instrument?**

R-9- Scale requirements are found at the beginning of each section of listings. Students are graded on their first attempt.

## **Is there anything else I should know?**

Read the "additional requirements and information" at the beginning of the sections used for your students. This contains any helpful information that might not be on this sheet.

**Any questions? Contact Samantha! [zone10@nyssma.org](mailto:zone10@nyssma.org)**