

Competition General Rules:

- Competition Registration Fee: \$10 per participant for each competition. Each participant in a group pays \$10. For example, for a group of 5, the registration fee is \$50.
- ONLY One registration is needed for the Classical and Non-Classical Group Dances. List all of the participant names in the "Special Note" field on the registration form. Balance of the payment should be paid using the DONATE NOW button on natsworld.org
<https://www.natsworld.org/nats-global/donate-now?ServiceId=10>
- Register by February 18th. Registration may close earlier if slots are full.
- Please complete the forms in their entirety. INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE CONSIDERED INVALID.
- Three (3) Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places if we have more than three participants in each competition category. If not, event coordinators will decide on # of prizes.
- NATS Cultural Team reserves all the rights to choose, merge, cancel items, conduct the competitions and competition results. No further inquiries will be entertained.

1. Recitation of Telugu Poems:

- Entry Level (Age 7-9) Mid Level (Age 10-13)
- Participants can choose from any of the telugu poems like Vemana, Sumathi etc., Maximum 2 minutes will be given for the recitation.
- Judging will be based on
 - Difficulty of the poem
 - UchchAraNa (Pronunciation)
 - Pada Vibhajana (Division of the text)
 - Bhaavam (Meaning of the poem, Sense of understanding of what you are saying)
 - Fluency in speaking
 - Completing within time

2. Telugu Vocabulary (Jeopardy):

- Ages 10-17
- There will be 5 categories and within each category there will be five questions from 100 - 500 points with increasing difficulty.
- Participants can choose the level of difficulty and category. The question will be an english word and participants should provide the meaning of the word in telugu eg., within the animal category if the questions for 300 points is buffalo then the participant

should be able to answer what buffalo is called in Telugu. The game will continue until all the questions are answered.

- Categories and questions can be increased based on the number of participants
- In case final points tie there will be a bonus question as a tie breaker.

3. Math Challenge:

- Entry Level (Grades 2-4), Mid Level (Grades 5-8), Advanced Level (Grades 9-12)
- The written test will have 40 multiple choice questions with a 45 minutes time limit for all contestants.
- Overall score will be determined by the total score that each contestant earns on the written test.
- A panel of judges (2-3) will evaluate the written test and choose the top 3 winners. The written test papers will not be provided to contestants post submission for evaluation.
- In the event of a tie, contest coordinators will conduct an additional quiz for 5 minutes until a shortlist of the top 3 winners in each section are identified
- The contestants are not allowed to use any calculators, reference books, or internet devices or phones during the competition.

4. Poster/Collage:

- Theme: Mana Sambaralu - mana telugu pandugalu/festivals
- Poster Minimum size 11"X17" and Maximum size 24"X36"
- Entry Level (Age 7-9), Mid Level (Age 10-13), Advanced Level (Ages 14-17)
- All participants should bring the finished poster according to the theme on the day of the competition.
- Entry Level participants have to give 1-2 minute presentation about their poster/collage and answer questions from judges.
- Mid Level & Advanced Level must attach a 1-page write up and give a 2-3 minutes talk about their poster/collage and answer questions from judges.
- The Poster/Collage will be judged by the following:
 - ◆ Relevance of poster to the theme
 - ◆ Creativity in the poster
 - ◆ Presentation about the poster
 - ◆ Answers to Judges' questions
 - ◆ (For Mid/Advanced Level only) Creativity in the write-up
 - ◆ (For Mid/Advanced Level only) Relevance of the write-up to the theme

→ 1st Place winner in each category might be published in NATS Sambaralu 2023 Convention Souvenir.

5. Dance Classical - Group:

- Entry Level (Age 7-9), Mid Level (Age 10-13), Advanced Level (Ages 14-17)
- Minimum of 2 participants
- Max performance time is 4 minutes.
- Audio format should be mp3.

- Registered participants should provide the audio files a week before the competitions without fail.
- Judging criteria: Talam, Abhinaya, Synchronization, Choreography, Grace , Energy, Complexity

6. Dance Semi-Classical - Group:

- Entry Level (Age 7-9), Mid Level (Age 10-13), Advanced Level (Ages 14-17)
- Minimum of 2 participants
- Max performance time is 3 minutes only.
- Audio format should be mp3.
- Registered participants should provide the audio files a week before the competitions without fail.
- Judging criteria: Presentation, Synchronization, Choreography, Grace , Energy and Complexity

7. Singing Non-Classical - Solo:

- Entry Level (Age 7-9), Mid Level (Age 10-13), Advanced Level (Ages 14-17)
- In this category the song should be a Filmy or Folk or Patriotic song or Light Music (bhajans, Annamayya or Ramadasu songs etc.,). To elaborate more on the light music, the song can be melody, fast beat, etc. Max time is 3 minutes.
- No Karaoke tracks allowed
- Judgment is based on the qualities like Confidence, Sruthi, Pronunciation, Complexity and overall impression.

8. Singing Classical – Solo: Ages 7 -17

- Categories: Geethams, Varnams, Krithis
- The contestants have the choice of selecting their own songs.
- Songs should be strictly classical with proper Sruthi, Talam.
- Participants should know the name of the Song, Composer, Raagam, Thalam and Arohana/Avarohana.
- For Krithis the maximum time is 4 minutes including alapana. In other categories, the total duration of the song shouldn't exceed 4 mins.
- Please BRING your own SHRUTI box.

9. Fancy Dress Competition: Indian

- Age group 5 to 13 Years
- Each participant will be given a maximum of 1-2 minutes to perform on the stage.
- Each participant will be judged by the following:
 - Costume/Dress
 - Make Up
 - Presentation/Confidence
 - Creativity/Concept
 - Answers to the judge's questions