

Vocal Skills – By THE Book!

Sound

Under Unit Sound (0 – 70 points)

Accuracy / Barbershop Blend / Barbershop Balance

Vocal Skills:

- Posture
- Breathing
- Phonation
- Resonation
- Articulation

Music

Under Performance (0 – 70 points)

Harmony Accuracy / Barbershop style / Musical Artistry / Suitable to Performer

Vocal Skills:

Chord accuracy
Interval accuracy
Tuning
Chord clarity
Section unity (chorus)

Expression

Under Basic Requirements (0 – 40 points)

Synchronization / vowels / Diphthongs / Consonants / Enunciation

Vocal Skills:

Diction (vowels & consonants)
Sustained and supported phrases
Control of dynamic range
Breath support (result of good vs lack there of)

Showmanship

Under Performance (0 – 70 points)

Vocal Skills:

To effectively communicate the musical product, the showmanship judges require the same attention to good vocal production as the other categories.

By Skill Set

- **Posture –**
Breathing - sound
Resonance - sound
Interval accuracy – music
Sustained phrases – Expression
Poise and command - Showmanship

- **Breathing –**
Chord accuracy – music
Interval accuracy - Music
Tuning - Music
Sustained and supported phrases -Expression
Control of dynamic range – Expression
Synchronization- Expression

- **Phonation –**
Tuning – Music
Resonation – Sound
Diction – Expression

- **Resonation –**
Chord accuracy – Music
Interval accuracy– Music
Tuning– Music
Chord clarity– Music
Communicate the musical product – Showmanship
Control of dynamic range – Expression
Vowels
Diphthongs

- **Articulation**
Section unity (chorus) - Music
Diction (vowels & consonants) - Expression
Communicate the musical product – Showmanship