

Federation Gold Cup Point Program

Students participating in the Federation Festival receive a rating sheet with a judge's critique of their performance and a certificate of participation. Each rating is worth a certain number of Gold Cup Points. The five ratings judges may give are as follows:

SUPERIOR (5 Gold Cup Points) An outstanding performance which is consistently musical, stylistically correct, and accurate. Attention is given to dynamics, phrasing and musical expression. Memorization is secure with rapid recovery from minor slips. Errors do not detract from the participant's interpretation. A complete performance.

EXCELLENT (4 Gold Cup Points) A strong performance that is musical and stylistically correct. The performance shows accomplishment and very good potential, but there are discrepancies in rhythm, dynamics, phrasing, and/or interpretation. Hesitation and/or memory slips detract from the participant's presentation. A promising performance.

SATISFACTORY (3 Gold Cup Points) Shows accomplishment; however, numerous errors occur. Additional work in one or more areas is needed in order to achieve a convincing presentation.

FAIR (2 Gold Cup Points) Some commendable aspects in performance and preparation are present, but severe deficiencies in fundamentals (for example, rhythm, notes, memory, etc.) are also apparent. Not fully ready for performance.

NEEDS IMPROVEMENT (1 Gold Cup Point) The participant is obviously poorly prepared and appears unconcerned with the performance.

As students continue to participate year after year in the Federation Festival, they will accumulate more and more points in the events in which they participate. When students earn a certain number of points, they earn Gold Cup Trophies. When a student has earned enough Gold Cup Points, individual trophies will be awarded for each event in which the student participated.

First Gold Cup: 15 Points (6" tall)

Second Gold Cup: 30 Points (8" tall)

Third Gold Cup: 45 Points (10" tall)

Fourth Gold Cup: 60 Points (12" tall)

Grand Gold Cup: 75 Points (14" tall)

President's Cup: 90 Points (16" tall)