



Children's Day/ Rajyotsava Celebrations 2015

Guidelines/ Rules and Regulations

Introducing "Mandaara Pratibha Kaaranji" (MPK)!!!

Inviting applications for our Music and Dance Competitive and Non Competitive Categories! We also have Fancy Dress for our little members, Geo Bee for our geographically inclined youth members and Essay Competition for our Star Writers! Stay tuned for details regarding these and also our President's Award!

Fancy Dress

For our little members! This is non-competitive and there is no fee for participating in this event.

Cultural Program

Mandaara Pratibha Kaaranji is a competitive segment with categories in Music and Dance. Based on the age groups, we have 3 categories:

- Under 10
- Age 11 to 14
- Age 15 and above

Apart from competitive segment, we are also accepting applications for Non Competitive Segment – *Mandaara's Talent Showcase!*

Guidelines for Participation

MPK

- NEKK will give preference to group entries over solo entries.
- MPK Competition participants are not eligible to take part in the non competitive segment.
- There is a fee associated with MPK.
 - Solo Item - \$20
 - Group Item - \$10 per participant with a **minimum of \$40** for a group.

- The following categories will be followed and registrant will be slotted into their age category under one of these art forms.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non Classical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Solo ▪ Group ○ Classical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Solo ▪ Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Non Classical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Solo ▪ Group ○ Classical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Solo ▪ Group
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- The time restrictions for each category will be strictly enforced and will be criteria for judgment.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Solo – 4 mins ○ Group – 6 mins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Solo – 5 mins ○ Group – 7 mins
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- Solo participants must be children of a current Kannada Koota Member.
- A child may participate in only one solo item.
- Groups may include non members but there must be at least 1 participant who is the child of a current Kannada Koota Member.
- A group will be placed in the category that the oldest child in the group belongs to. For example, If your group comprises of four 9 yr olds and one 11 yr old, your group will be placed in the 11 to 14 yr old category.
- The age of the applicants will be floored – For example, in the 6 to 10 category, the child must be 10 or under on the date of the event. Any discrepancies found in age declaration will be cause for disqualification.
- MPK will be judged by a Judges Panel and the decision of the judges is final.

Mandaara's Talent Showcase

This is the non competitive category and there is no fee for participation.

- This will include music, dance, instrumental, harikatha, magic show, standup comedy, mimicry and any other art form that a youth members wishes to perform.
- All items will be allotted 5 mins, irrespective of solo or group.
- At least 50% of the group must be children of current NEKK members.

- Time limit for any group item such as skits, dance drama etc will be decided by the Mandaara Manaranjanaa Samithi on a case by case basis.
- A child who is participating in “MPK” will NOT be allowed to participate under any category in the “Non-Competition” section.
- In the interest of time, we will be giving preference to group participation. We have minimum number of slots for this segment; please send in your applications as soon as possible. The slots will be filled in a first come first serve basis.

General Rules Applicable to Both Segments

1. Although we prefer the items to be performed in Kannada, we are inclusive of other languages provided the ethnicity of the art form demands that. For example, if a group wants to perform a Rajasthani Ghoomar or Gujrathi Garba, we understand that you may want to stick to the language of ethnicity.
2. If a group is performing for film songs, we request you to strictly adhere to the Kannada Language since there is no dearth of Kannada film songs.
3. Non-members who would like to come and watch the event will need to pay \$15 for individual entry and \$25 for a family entry.

How to Register

Submit complete details by filling out the form that will sent in a separate email.

Once we have received your registration, one of our Manaranjanaa Samithi members will contact you to let you know the payment process. We prefer that you send the payment by check to avoid waiting in line at the venue, so you can directly proceed to the green room. Details of payment will be sent via email after your registration.

Submit your Children's names, age, type of talent, whether participating competition or non-competition, etc. by filling out the appropriate form that will be sent out soon!!