

INAUGURAL MATTITUCK LIONS CLUB TALENT SHOW

RULES AND PROCEDURES AGREEMENT

We are thrilled to announce the Inaugural Mattituck Lions Club Talent Show (“Strawberry Festival Talent Show”).

Competition Groups: There will be two age categories for Strawberry Festival Talent Show. The **Sassy** category is for ages sixteen (16) and older, the **Inspiring** category is for ages fifteen (15) and younger. The contest is open to Sassy and Inspiring applicants residing in the Towns of Southold, Riverhead or Shelter Island.

Preliminary Judging: Preliminary judging for both age groups will be held on Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at the North Fork Community Theatre (“NFCT”) located at 12700 Sound Avenue in Mattituck (“Preliminary Performances” or “Preliminary Performers”). Preliminary Performers must register and will be notified in advance as to their approximate performance time slot. There will be a maximum of 48 Acts allowed for the Preliminary round.

[All acts must register in advance by May 27, 2022 by clicking this link.](#)

Final Performances: Final performances will be held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at the Mattituck Lions Club Strawberry Festival located at Strawberry Field on Rt. 48 in Mattituck. Six (6) winners for each category will be selected to compete between 6pm-8:30pm unless weather conditions are too severe for all performers to perform safely (“Final Performances”). In the case of inclement weather, the final performance will be held at a later date to be determined.

Performers: Applicants for the Sassy and Inspiring group are deemed Performers. Performers or their adult caretakers, must read and sign the documents set forth in the Strawberry Festival Talent Show Agreements referenced provision below.

1. **Performance Genre:** A variety of family friendly and safe entertainment is encouraged including but not limited to singing, dancing, skit performances; musical instruments; poetry reading; stand up a musical instrument(s), dancing, performing skits, magic tricks, poetry reading, stand-up comedy, juggling, or any other unique talent!
2. **Performance Capacity:** Performers include solo, duets, and/or larger groups.
3. **Multiple Performances:** Performers may only participate in no more than two Performances per Preliminary Performances and Final Performances., i.e. if solo performance may also participate in a duet performance.
4. **Performance Prohibitions:** The Festival is a family-oriented event. All acts, lyrics, dancing, costumes, attire, language, and behavior must be appropriate for all ages. Animal performances, firearms, profanity, nudity, sexually offensive, discriminatory or hostile offensive language are prohibited. The MLC reserves the right to immediately withdraw or shutdown any non-complaint Performers. MCL reserves the right to determine non-compliant Performers.
5. **Time Limitations:** The Performers will be limited to five (5) minutes for both the Preliminary and Final Performances defined herein. Two (2) minutes will be allowed for set-up and tear down prior to and immediately after each Performers performance. Performances over five (5) minutes will be disqualified.

6. **Performance Participants:** Any persons performing on stage will be considered part of the performance and must submit signed Strawberry Festival Talent Show Agreements.
7. **Preliminary and Final Performers:** All Preliminary Performers who are selected to advance to the Final Performance must perform the same act as was performed in the Preliminary Performance.
8. **Performance Audio and Video Recording:** Preliminary and Final Performers performances will become the property of the MLC.
9. **Strawberry Festival Talent Show Access:** The Performer will receive two (2) free Festival Day Passes to enter the MLC Fairgrounds for the Strawberry Festival Talent Show (one for the Performer and one for a guest). All other guests, friends and family must purchase a ticket to enter the MLC Strawberry Fair.
10. **Performer's Guests:** Guests, friends and family of Performers are not allowed in the backstage area during the performance.

Final Performance: No cars will be allowed onto the MLC Fairgrounds. Free parking is available. However, Performers are permitted to enter with vehicles between 5pm and 6pm to drop off props for their Performances. The Festival will provide a stage with basic lighting, power, mics and sound. All other equipment necessary for the Performance must be provided by the Performer. There will be a prep area available for Performers (and adult caretakers).

Judging: There will be 3-5 judges judging all performances, and the performer(s) with the most points after the judge's tally wins. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

- a. Physical Appearance (neatness, appropriateness) 5 possible points.
- b. Poise (confidence, covers mistakes well, composure) 10 possible points.
- c. Stage Presence (audience appeal, smiling, and performance) 15 possible points.
- d. Overall Impression 20 possible points.
- e. Talent (music, ability, coordination, etc.) 50 possible points.

In the event of a tie, the top contestants will have another opportunity to perform and the Festival Chairman will make the final determination. First place winners cannot participate in the Talent Show the following year. Second place winners and other performers are allowed to compete the following year.

Prizes: One prize only will be awarded for first and second place whether it is an individual, duo, or group act. Prize money will be presented by the Festival Chairman the night of the final performance. Prize money will be as follows:

- a. Sassy (Adult - ages 16 and over) Category: 1st place - \$500; 2nd place - \$250.
- b. Inspiring (Youth - ages 15 and under) Category: 1st place - \$500; 2nd place - \$250.

MLC Agreements: To ensure a safe, family friendly and legally compliant event we ask all Performers to agree to comply with these Rules and Procedures and related Indemnity, Copyright, Intellectual Property and Arbitration Agreements (collectively the "MLC Agreements"). Acceptance of MLC Agreements will be available and must be signed at the Preliminary round on June 5, 2022. If the applicant is a minor, the signature of an adult caretaker of the minor is required.

Questions: For questions about the talent show please email MLCstrawberryfestival22@gmail.com.