

Judging system: excerpt from the Rules and Regulations of the Jury.

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The judgment of the competitors is based on two systems:

- the main system: voting for YES or NO
- the auxiliary system: judging with points from 0 to 100

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The main system:

After the first, the second stage, each Member of the Jury will give to the Secretary a filled in and signed evaluation form with the numbers and the names of the competitors.

Next to the names of those pianists who should qualify to the next stage (according to the certain Jury Member), the Jury Member should write YES.

It is possible to give a YES vote to:

- 12 pianists after first stage
- 3 pianists after second stage – semifinal (qualifying to the finals)

Next to the names of the rest of the pianists the Jury members should write NO.

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The auxiliary system is based on judging the performances with points. On the evaluation form, next to the YES or NO vote, the Jury Member write their opinion in points, judging the artistic value of the performance as follows:

1-20 bad

21-40 average

41-60	satisfying
61-80	good
81-90	very good
91-100	excellent

Those participants who are given a YES vote for the qualification to the second stage, should not be given less than 70 points, for the qualification to the final not less than 85 points.

When qualifying a pianist to the next stage, the Jury member should consider his/her judgment of the certain participant in the former stages. The judgment in form of points is considered only in case when two or more pianists have the same number of the YES votes.

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After the end of each stage, when the votes have been already counted, the Secretary of the Jury will present the results as a list of sum of YES votes, in the order from the highest number to the lowest – However without the names of the contestants and average points.

The Jury by vote decides about the number of contestants qualified to the second stage (max. 12). After the second stage 3 pianists will pass through to the finals.

In case of difficulties in selecting a certain amount of pianists, who should qualify to the next stage, the Secretary will compare the arithmetic mean of the points from the auxiliary system of those contestants who are at the boarder line of qualifying and present them to the Jury Members, but without giving any names. The one(s) with the highest average score will be selected to pass. It is the only case in which the auxiliary system will be used. This system avoids the need of another voting if there are two or more pianists with the same number of YES votes.

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After the final round of the Competition the Jury Members will be voting to select the prizewinners of all the prizes and awards named in the Rules and Regulations of the Competition. The procedure of voting is different from the one used after each previous round.

The first voting will decide whether the First Prize is to be given. It is necessary to obtain a positive mark from the majority of the jury members.

Should there be a situation when two or more contestants receive the same amount of votes, the Jury will vote again taking to consideration only the problematic contestants. If the additional voting does not decide – in the next voting the mark of the Chairman will decide.

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Following voting procedures will select the winners of the other prizes. The procedure is the same as for the first prize winner, however the contestant, who was already given a prize cannot be considered again.

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In case of special awards, the Jury Member writes the name of one candidate. The award will be given to a contestant with the most number of votes.

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The Jury Members have the right to make changes in the prizes, however the general amount of money considered for the prizes cannot be exceeded and the prizes cannot be lowered than stated in the Rules.

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All the evaluation forms of each Jury Member will be available for other Members after the competition has been finished.

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At the end of the first and second stage of the competition, the participants who were not qualified for the next stage will have the possibility to know their individual mark of each of the Jury Members. The finalist also have the

right to know their individual score of each Jury Member once the Competition has finished.

Final agreements

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Should any case not described in the Rules and Regulations of the Competition appear, all the decision will be made by the majority of the votes of the Jury Members.

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The decisions of the Jury are irrevocable and non-actionable.

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The Rules of the Jury is approved by the Organizers of the Competition as well as by the Chairman of the Jury