

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

CHOIRS COMPETITION

Rules

1. Interested institutes may form their own choirs. Two or more institutes may combine to form a choir. A federation having four or more choirs taking part at its federation round will be entitled to send their winners and runners-up to the final.
2. **Numbers:** Up to 25 voices. Plus conductor and musical accompanist(s), who need not be SWI members.
3. Federations to run their own Competition, their winning choir going forward to the Final. If only one choir in a federation then that choir automatically goes forward to the Final.
4. Federations to supply Adjudicator at federation stage. The Education and International Committee will be responsible for an Adjudicator at the National Final. At the National Final, the Adjudicator will announce the top three choirs, and will give a short overview of all choirs' set and free choice pieces. The full range of marks for every choir taking part in the Final will be sent later.
5. A piano will be provided. No electrical instruments permitted.
6. Choirs to perform one set piece (from a choice of three) and one own choice piece. These may be accompanied or unaccompanied. The Adjudicator of the previous year's Competition to choose the set pieces.
7. At the National Final choirs will sing one piece as a massed choir at the end of the competition. (The sheet music for this piece may have a second part – this will be optional).
8. Choirs are responsible for providing their own musical accompanist(s), but may have a different accompanist for each piece (only one accompanist for each piece).
9. It is permissible for choirs to transpose the keys of their Competition pieces if they so wish. Choirs must provide a copy of their own choice piece for the adjudicator.
10. The competition is held two out of every three years and is a national final open to all federations.
11. A decision will be taken on the amount of travel expenses which will be refunded at the November 2017 Central Council meetings. Claims must be made within **28 days** after the event. Contributions from supporters on buses should be deducted from the total cost so that HQ pays the cost **less contributions**.
Headquarters will reimburse cost of engraving of trophies. Please send claim with receipt to headquarters within 6 weeks of the event.
12. **Awards:** There will be three awards - the Crawford Trophy for the winning choir, the Erskine Trophy for the runners-up and the Kingdom Cup for third place.
13. **NB It is illegal to photocopy music. Choirs must use original sheet music only.**

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