

The Fourth International Maj Lind Piano Competition 17–31 August 2017

Regulations for the Competition Jury

1. The jury will consist of a chairman, a vice-chairman and six other members, all of whom are entitled to vote.
2. The jury will hear all the competitors, decide which of them will proceed to the second round and the finals, and award the prizes.

Adjudication principles

3. The opinions of a member of the jury will be taken into account only if she or he has heard all the performances in each round. The competition committee has the right to make exceptions to this rule. Members of the jury may not judge their own pupils in the first and second rounds. In the finals, a member of the jury may give a pupil a conditional vote that will be considered in accordance with the majority view.

4. A competitor who has been taught by the member only in masterclasses or at least two years ago will not, however, be considered as a pupil. These and other considerations disqualifying members of the jury will be discussed at the jury meeting before the start of the competition.

5. After the first and second rounds the jury will decide the competitors to proceed to the next round by closed ballot. After the finals, a separate ballot will be held for each of the prizes. All the ballot papers will be attested by the member's signature. The votes given by each member of the jury and the ranking order of the competitors during the competition will not be announced.

6. In adjudicating the second round and finals, the jury members will take into account the competitor's performances in the previous round(s). The votes received by competitors in previous rounds will not, however, be considered in counting the votes after the second round or the finals.

The members of the jury will vote independently and may not discuss the performances. In the event of a draw, the chairman will have the casting vote.

Details of the voting procedure and other information about the working of the jury will not be disclosed to the public.

7. The results will be declared immediately after each round, as soon as the jury has completed its task.

8. The decisions of the jury are final and there will be no right of appeal.

Voting procedure

9. At the end of the first round, each member of the jury will, by consulting her or his personal notes, nominate 14 competitors to proceed to the second round. This will be done by placing a +sign beside them in the list of names. The votes will then be counted. A maximum of 14 competitors will qualify for the second round.

A member of the jury who has a pupil (or pupils) among the competitors will award only 13 votes and mark the name of her or his own pupil(s) 0. Should the majority of the other members vote for the competitor in question (the chairman in the case of a draw), a + sign will be placed beside the name of the pupil.

Should more than one competitor receive the same number of votes on the qualifying line, an elimination vote will be taken.

10. After the second round, the same procedure will be applied as after the first round to elect six competitors for the finals. At the end of the finals, a separate ballot will be held for each of the prizes, starting with the first prize and writing one name on the ballot paper. A member of the jury who has a pupil in the competition may write the name of that pupil in brackets on the ballot paper. Should the majority of the other members of the jury (in the case of a draw the chairman) vote in favour of that pupil, this vote will be taken into account in calculating the result.

11. Should no competitor receive more than half the votes, the voting will continue in stages. If other competitors receive the same number of votes, the jury will vote between them. If three or more competitors receive the same number of votes, the voting may proceed by each member of the jury nominating the two competitors that she or he considers the best, etc.

The jury may also take competitors in the other rounds into account in awarding special prizes.