

Group Song Audition Rules

1. Eligibility

- a. Contestants must be members of the Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Sunday School.
- b. Contestant details must be submitted using the prescribed form.
- c. Replacement of contestants is not permitted.
- d. Children from grade 7 (Intermediate) onwards are eligible to participate.

2. Audition Criteria

#	Criteria	Marks
a	Notations	40
b	Pitch	20
c	Clarity	15
d	Voice Quality and Loudness	15
e	Rhythm	10
	Total	100

3. Performance Guidelines

- a. All participants must sing either two stanzas (Stanzas 1 & 2) or two stanzas with the chorus of the given song, unless otherwise directed by the judges.
- b. This applies to both English and Malayalam songs.
- c. Following the performance, the vocal range (highest and lowest note) of each participant will be assessed to determine their dynamic range and assign the appropriate voice part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, or Bass), based on the requirements of the harmony arrangement for the given song (English or Malayalam).
- d. Contestants must strictly follow the given notations/ tune.
- e. Improvisations are not permitted.
- f. Use of microphones is not permitted during the audition.

4. Qualification Requirements

- a. The minimum qualifying score is 50 marks (50%).
- b. A maximum of 16 children will be selected in each category (Malayalam and English) for the Group song event.
- c. A participant performing well may be qualified for both Malayalam and English group song event.
- d. In the event of a tie, the judges' decision on the tiebreaker shall be final.
- e. Two participants each from both Girls and Boys will be selected as a standby, in the event the qualified participant is unable to join the event.

5. Post-Selection Commitments

- a. Selected participants are expected to attend all rehearsals regularly.
- b. Withdrawal from the choir after selection is not permitted, except in cases of emergency or unavoidable circumstances.
- c. All participants must adhere to the dress code as specified by the Abu Dhabi Mar Thoma Sunday School.

6. General

In the event of any discrepancy, the decision of the judges shall be final.