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If you've never been to a Barbershop Convention or you're interested to learn more about what's expected of delegates, then this document is for you – a comprehensive guide of the do's and don'ts of Convention.

The Convention Team

Members of the Convention Team are all volunteers, giving their time freely. They work very hard throughout convention to ensure that all our delegates have a great time, so please show them respect.

Roles covered include:

- Convention Manager
- Registration Desk Administrators
- Shop Assistants
- Door Stewards
- Couriers
- Photographer
- Contest Administrators

Registration Desk

Choruses often travel together so, at times, the Registration Desk can get very busy. Please be patient if there is a little delay; everything comes to he who waits...

This is your point of contact for:

- Show Tickets
- Contest Results
- Messages
- Lost Property
- General Enquiries
- Early Bird Registration
- Convention Information
- Scratch Quartet
- Raffle Tickets

Contests & Shows

MCs, Couriers, Stewards, Judges and Contest Administrators do an excellent job to ensure the smooth running of Contests and Shows; please help them by remembering the following rules:



- No badge or no ticket = **no admittance**
- No exit or entry during performance (the MC instructs the stewards to close the doors)
- No food or drink in the theatre
- No photographs or recordings
- No children under 5
- Mobiles, watch alarms, pagers, iPods, etc., must be turned OFF

Why is it essential to obey the rules? Contestants have the right to compete in identical circumstances; obeying these simple rules avoids the subsequent inconvenience and delay if an appeal is made by a contestant. We should also obey the rules, out of common courtesy and respect for all performers.

Champions – What Do We Expect of You?

Chorus Champions

In their championship year, the gold medal chorus is expected to act as ambassadors for SABS and to promote barbershop singing in Spain and to encourage new members.

In the following year after winning the gold medal, the chorus may not compete, but is expected to carry out their duty as mic-warmer and/or mic-cooler in the chorus contest and to appear on any SABS shows, as required.

The gold medal chorus is expected to supply couriers/door stewards in their year out.

Quartet Champions

In their championship year, the gold medal quartet is expected to act as ambassadors for SABS and to promote barbershop singing in Spain to encourage new members.

In the following year after winning the gold medal, the quartet does not compete, but is expected to carry out their duty as mic-warmer and/or mic-cooler in the quartet contest and to appear on any SABS shows, as required.

After winning, the champion Chorus and Quartet will be required to appear on shows during convention.

Medal Etiquette

Chorus Medals

Chorus members may wear their medals on ribbons until the following year's champion chorus is announced. After that, the pin may be worn on its own.



Quartet Medals

Quartet members may wear their medals on ribbons at all times.

Scratch Quartet Contest

The aim is to have fun singing with people you don't normally sing with. Names are put in a hat and quartets are drawn. You decide on a song you all know and rehearse it. The more you make your audience laugh, the better chance you have of winning!

Afterglows

Afterglows at convention offer an opportunity for people to get to know each other and you will find groups in corners singing tags or whole songs together. **Golden Rule:** never 'fifth wheel' (never sing along when a quartet is singing).

Masterclass

An opportunity for expert coaching from some very experienced people from the barbershop world and it's free of charge to convention delegates, so make sure that you take full advantage.

Contest Evaluations

Each competing chorus or quartet will receive an evaluation sheet which gives an appraisal of their marks in the singing, music and presentation categories. This offers advice on how to improve marks for future contests.

