



April 22, 2024

Greetings Region 19!

In just a few weeks we will be gathering in Lancaster once again! Over the next few weeks I see that MANY of you will be hosting friends and family shows for your choruses and several visiting quartets! Have a great time showing off to your friends and family (and remind them they can watch LIVE on the webcast - more info below).

There are several changes and new information in this mailing, so please read carefully! Additionally, there have been, and will continue to be, some changes to the [Regional Convention website](#), so don't forget to check back often!

Upcoming Deadlines for Chapter Leaders and Competing Quartets:

- Deadlines for April 29:
 - Late Regional Contest Registration/All Events Badge Deadline
 - Registration Reminder: Per the Region 19 Standing Rules, all attending Region 19 members must pay regional convention registration fees (separate from Quartet and Chorus Entry Fees, which are paid to International).
 - Special Assistance Requests (Quartets and Choruses)
 - Open Division Cue Sheets (Quartets and Choruses competing in Open Division)
- Deadlines for May 3:
 - Final Pose/Song Info Form (Quartets and Choruses)
 - Webcast Survey (Quartets and Choruses)
- Deadlines for May 16 - Hand in at Briefing:
 - Song Information Sheet (Quartets and Choruses)
 - Chorus Competing Member list (hand in at briefing - 2 copies - typed and in alphabetical Order)

Schedule Change for Saturday:

The start time for the Chorus Contest is now **11:30 am**, with a **11:15am** Curtain Call.

Classes and Mass Sing:

Please click [here](#) to see the Class Schedule for Thursday night and Friday including the Mass Sing songs.

Housing Update:

As of this writing, our housing block for the Lancaster Marriott has been **completely sold out**. There are several nearby hotels within walking distance with remaining availability.

COVID Reminders:

Per RMT guidelines, there are no mandatory COVID protocols in place. The RCSC would like to remind you to be prudent regarding your health and if you don't feel well prior to coming to contest, please consider taking a home test before arrival. Masks are optional to your comfort level in the venue and on stage. Choruses will not be penalized if members choose to wear a mask on stage.

Additional Safety Reminder:

To ensure the safety and health of all convention attendees, **the use of any flashing and strobe lights is strictly prohibited at all times.**

Registration Badges:

Due to the lifting of COVID restrictions, your friends may pick up and sign for your All Events Badge for you (Registration will be in the Boutique area).

Seating:

Please remember that seating in the venue will be General Seating, with the exception of invited VIP guests. Those with special seating needs, and their caretakers, if necessary, will be accommodated.

Photography Reminders:

- **Photography will be done on stage again this year**, and the photographer will be shooting from the video platform.
 - Your chorus should have a pose prepared
 - As the lights go down after your performance, you should immediately strike your pose.
 - All chorus members will be responsible for making sure their face is in a window so it can be seen in the photo, as well as looking toward the video platform.
 - When the lights come back up, the pose should be held until the lights go down again.
 - When the lights go down the chorus may release the pose and exit the stage.

Want To Support Our Competitors?

Show your support for your favorite quartets, choruses, coach and/or person! Deadline is May 1, and you may purchase yours [here](#). Shout outs will also be read on air during the webcast.

Hospitality Rooms:

Please join us Saturday night on the second floor of the Convention Center after the Show of Champions for a joint Afterglow where we will **Paint the Town** together. There will be pizza, a cash bar, and six choruses will be hosting different hospitality rooms which are open to all. Some will have dancing, others will be a space for unwinding, and others will be a place where quartets can share some of their fun non-contest music in a relaxed atmosphere. Please stop by and say hi!

- Host Chorus Valley Forge - Constitution Boardroom
- Vocal Harmonix - Federal Room
- Lehigh Valley - Independence A
- Delmarva - Independence B
- Jersey Sound - Commonwealth Salon 3
- Greater Harrisburg - Commonwealth Salon 1&2

Cash bars will be available during the Show of Champions outside Freedom Hall B and outside the hospitality rooms on the second floor.

Webcast:

Tell all your friends and family about Region 19's Webcast! The webcast remains free to watch, but donations are greatly appreciated to help offset our costs! Suggested minimum donation: \$20 per contest session. Click [here](#) for more information.

That is all for now! And, as always, if you have any questions please feel free to reach out!

In Harmony,

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Chair - Regional Competition and Convention Steering Committee

P.S. Watch for a Know Before You Go email the week before convention!

