



February 1, 2024

Greetings Region 19!

Our 2024 Regional Convention website is LIVE - click [here](#)! This website is your hub for ALL things Region 19 Contest and Convention, and information is constantly being updated as we draw closer to May, so remember to check the site often!

Contest Registration opens TOMORROW February 2!

SAI has provided helpful instructions on how to register online for competition. Links may be found [here](#).

Deadline Reminders:

To help you keep up with all the deadlines, a "To Do" List has been created for you - click [here](#) to download your own copy.

- **February 9:** Housing Coordinator
- **March 17:** Quartet Entry (through Sweet Adelines International)
- **March 18:** Chorus Entry (through Sweet Adelines International):
- **March 25:** Draw for Order of Appearance
- **April 3:** Housing
- **April 5:** Regional Contest Registration/All Events Badge
 - Please note: in addition to the Quartet/Chorus Entry Fee, each performer must purchase an All Events Badge ([Regional Convention Fee](#))
 - To save time, we've pre-filled your chorus registration form with the information submitted in 2023 - please just make the necessary additions/deletions

Links for any forms for the deadlines above, as well as all others, may be found [here](#).

Regional Novice Quartet Award

- The purpose of this award is to honor the highest scoring Novice Quartet in Region 19 each year.
- A change this year: in the spirit of what it means to be a "novice," we have removed the minimum score of 400 to be eligible for this award. So if your quartet qualifies, join in the fun!
- A novice quartet may have no more than two members who have competed, either together or separately, in any Sweet Adelines Regional or International Quartet Competition, including Rising Star and Diamond Division, or in any quartet competition hosted by Harmony Inc. or BHS and its affiliates. The Novice Quartet Award will be presented to the highest-scoring qualified novice quartet.

Regional Convention Weekend Activities:

- **Thursday Night Activities: “Celebrating our Members”**
 - Please remember the Joint Briefing (for quartets and choruses) will be held at 7pm, Thursday, May 16. In order to expedite efficiency, check in will begin at 6pm.
 - We are very excited to offer a class presented by Karen Sweeters, this year’s Expression Judge. Watch the [Schedule](#) for more information.
 - Immediately following the Joint Briefing there will be a Regional Awards Ceremony where Regional leaders will acknowledge those who have made great achievements in our region (these have been traditionally awarded during the Saturday Night Show of Champions). We will also have new acknowledgements for first timers and longevity awards.
 - Following the ceremony, there will be a Social Hour for you to mix and mingle with your regional friends.
 - Microphones and speakers will be set up, and we invite quartets to entertain us with a song or two to help “get those contest jitters out.” We also invite everyone to join in on some tag singing as well!
- **Friday Activities:**
 - Back by popular demand: the “newbie class!”
 - New this year: all about the judging program presented by Region 19’s Judges and Approved Judge Candidates!
 - We will also have dedicated time to run through the Mass Sing songs before we go out to the square and perform for the public.
- **Saturday Evening Activities: “Celebrating Our Champions!”**
 - This is our opportunity to celebrate ALL our division winners – see the [website](#) for the full line up.
 - Show of Champions and Afterglow:
 - A cash bar will be available during the Show of Champions and the Regional Afterglow which will start immediately following the Show Of Champions in the function space located on the second floor - this year all hospitality rooms will be located on the 2nd floor to promote a “community of hospitality.”
 - Hospitality Rooms
 - Several choruses have already taken the opportunity to host Hospitality Rooms. If your chapter is interested in hosting a Hospitality Room, please contact [Sally Kelly](#), Events Coordinator. Room rental fees will be \$100 for the evening. Once Sally has confirmed that your chorus has a Hospitality Room reserved, you will then work with the hotel regarding food and beverage options.
 - Quartets are encouraged to visit the Hospitality Rooms, which will be located on the second floor. Signage will let everyone know where to find these Hospitality Rooms.

Function Space:

If your chorus is planning on a chorus breakfast/meal please reach out to the hotel contact listed under Function Space in the [Deadlines](#) grid on the website. There are a limited number of rooms to have a chorus meal, and these rooms will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.

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