

AKA A CAPPELLA VIII 2016 ASIA-PACIFIC A CAPPELLA CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE (APACCL): WILD CARD COMPETITION

1. Competition Details:

- The Wild Card Competition is for Local Groups based in Singapore interested in participating in the Asia-Pacific A Cappella Championship League (APACCL) organised by D-ACA.org LLP (“D-ACA.org”) as part of the AKA A Cappella VIII Festival 2016 (“AKA VIII”).
- Local Groups are required to enter the APACCL main competition as Wild Card Groups.
- The only exception for Local Groups would be Invited Groups, i.e. the local champion Group of the A Cappella Championships 2016 held by The A Cappella Society.
- A total of two (2) groups will qualify as Wild Card Groups at the end of the Wild Card Competition.
- This competition consists of two (2) phases in the following order:
 - Online Wild Card Registration
 - Date: 8th May 2016 to 30th June 2016
 - Mentorship
 - Date: 2nd July 2016 to 30th Aug 2016

2. Registration and Application:

- Groups are required to submit the completed registration form and two (2) videos (YouTube video link), each comprising one (1) song OR one (1) comprising two (2) songs. Completed registration forms and video links are to be submitted via email to aka.comp@d-acca.org.
- **Registration Form**
 - The registration form is accessible on the event website: <http://d-acca.org/akafest/register>. Registration closes 30th June 2016.
- **Registration Fees**
 - Registration fees for all applicant groups have been waived.
- **Video Links**
 - The length of each song should be between two (2) to five (5) minutes long.
 - The video(s) should showcase the live vocals of the Group.
 - No choreography is required in the video, as the selection of groups by the judges will solely be based on the musical aspect of the songs performed.
 - Usage of microphones in the video(s) is optional.
 - Video may be unlisted if the participant wishes to. However, the video link for the finalists will be shared on the event website as part of the Group showcase and publicity.
 - The video links are to be sent to aka.comp@d-acca.org by 10th July 2016, 2359 HRs.

3. Competition Rules

- All Groups should consist of a minimum of three (3) to maximum of eight (8) members.
- A singer may only participate in one (1) Group in the competition. Cross-Group enrollment is not allowed.
- There is no age limit.
- There is no gender restriction on the Group composition. Groups may be all-Male, all-Female, or Mixed.
- There is no language restriction on the pieces performed during the competition.

4. Competition Procedure

- Two (2) finalists will be shortlisted from the Online Wild Card Preliminaries.
- The shortlisted finalists will be matched with an appropriate mentor from 3 existing experienced Singaporean a cappella groups, i.e. Vocaluptuous, Key Elements, and MICappella.

The mentor will provide two (2) sessions lasting 2 hours each, to be arranged at the mutual convenience of the mentor and Wild Card Groups. The mentorship will focus on preparation for the APACCL and whatever topics, skills, or areas deemed appropriate by the mentor and Wild Card Groups.

- Shortlisted groups will be granted entry into the opening round of the Asia-Pacific A Cappella Championships (APACCL), held on 24th September 2016, as Wild Card Groups. Please refer to the rules and regulations for the APACCL for the judging criteria for the APACCL.
- Selection will be on the basis of musical ability as displayed in the videos. The judging panel for the videos will comprise the mentors from Vocaluptuous, Key Elements, and MICappella.

5. Enquiries

- Kindly direct all competition-related enquiries to aka.comp@d-acca.org.
- For general enquiries about the AKA A Cappella VIII Festival, e-mail akafest@d-acca.org.

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