



Tongan Tau'olunga Competition Saturday, July 26, 2008

Rules & Regulations

All contestants must (1) fill out an entry and waiver form, (2) return it with the entry fee by the required deadline, (3) a picture with the information form in this packet explaining your costume, music, and explanation of your song. This is very important! Contestants will compete within their age group category. You will attend a mandatory meeting on Friday, July 25, 2008 at 8:00pm at 3030 South Main Street Ste. 400 in Salt Lake City. At the meeting you will receive your competition number and review the protocol for the event. Judges will be in attendance where you can clarify your information.

Contestant:

All participants are welcome. There will be no limit to participants in all age categories. There will be five (5) age categories.

The five (5) age categories consist of:

1- Exhibition Category	Ages 3 – 6	(No Cost)
2- Children Category	Ages 7 - 10	(\$30.00 entry fee)
3- Junior Category	Ages 11-15	(\$50.00 entry fee)
4- Senior Category	Ages 16-19	(\$50.00 entry fee)
5- Adult Category	Ages 20 & up	(\$50.00 entry fee)

Time Limit:

Participants will perform a minimum of 4 minutes and a maximum of 5 minutes. 5 points will be deducted per minute over the maximum time limit.

Music:

There will be no difference in points using a live chorus band or CD. We do encourage live music with a limit of 10 musicians and singers. CD's will be allowed.

Choreography:

Emphasis on the directed choreography of the presentation refers to the dance composition, organization, and arrangement of traditional Tongan dance movements. Appropriate translation and interpretation of Tongan songs should reflect in the choreography.

Costume:

Tongan Traditional/Contemporary costume must be worn by all participants. Natural materials such as tapa cloth, feathers, shells, are favored. You are allowed hair pieces, wrist pieces, and ankle pieces. The quality of the costumes and their appropriateness should coincide with your presentation.

Dressing Rooms:

Dressing rooms will be available the day of the competition. Each participant will be responsible for keeping the room neat and clean. You cannot put oil on in the dressing rooms. There will be an assigned spot for putting on of the oil.



Scoring:

There will be a maximum of 100 points. Points will be allocated in 10 areas of your performance.

The ten (10) areas of points allocated:

1-	Teunga	20 points	5-	Taimi	10 Points
2-	Folahaka	20 Points	7-	Fasi/Langitu'a	10 Points
3-	Tekifaiva	20 Points	8-	Tu'u / Taulalo	10 Points
4-	Mata'I faiva	10 Points			

TOTAL:

100 Points

Your score sheets will be available to you at the end of the competition at your request.

Category Award:

All categories with a minimum of 5 contestants will receive a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place awards. However, if a category has less than 5 contestants, only 1st place award will be given. If you choose to compete in your age group category only, you will only pay the age group category entry fee.

Please refer to Tongan Tau'olunga Awards & Prizes

Qualification for Overall:

Only Tau'olunga winners 1st place only of categories #2 - #5 (excluding exhibition category) will qualify to compete for the overall award. There will be two (2) overall categories.

The two (2) age categories consist of:

1-	Youth	Ages 7 - 15
2-	Adult	Ages 16 & up

All 1st place winners of the four (4) categories (#2 - #5) will qualify to compete in the overall winner. If you choose to compete in the overall category you are required to pay your age group category entry fee **and** the overall category entry fee to participate in the overall award prize prior to the beginning of the event. You cannot compete in overall category only!

Please note that if you pay the overall entry fee and do not win 1st place in your age category, you will not compete for the overall award and will not receive your overall entry fee back. This is the chance you take!

If you win 1st place and did not pay your overall fee of \$100.00 you are automatically disqualified and the opportunity will go to the next runner up.

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Policy of Columbus Center:

There will be absolutely **NO DRINKING** of alcoholic beverages anywhere on the premises. You will be immediately escorted off the premises by SSL Police if found drinking on the premises or in the parking lots.



*TONGAN TAU'OLUNGA PRIZES & AWARDS
2008*

CATEGORY	AGE	AWARD
1- Exhibition	Ages 3-6	All contestants will receive a gift & certificate of appreciation
2-Children	Ages 7-10	1 st \$60.00 + Trophy 2 nd Pendant 3 rd Pendant
3-Junior	Ages 11-15	1 st \$100.00 + Trophy 2 nd \$50.00 + Pendant 3 rd Pendant
4-Senior	Ages 16-19	1 st \$100.00 + Trophy 2 nd \$50.00 + Pendant 3 rd Pendant
5-Adult	Ages 20 & up	1 st \$100.00 + Trophy 2 nd \$50.00 + Pendant 3 rd Pendant
OVERALL AWARD & PRIZE	Ages 7-15 Category #2 & #3	\$500.00 + Trophy + Certificate
OVERALL AWARD & PRIZE	Ages 16 & up Category #4 & #5	\$1000.00 + Trophy + Certificate
OVERALL COSTUME	All Age Categories	Traditional \$50.00 Contemporary \$50.00

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Tongan Tau'olunga Agenda

Event Location: To Be Determined

2:00pm	Doors Open
4:00pm-4:30pm	Opening Ceremony
4:30pm-5:30pm	Exhibition Category Age 3 - 6 Children Category Age 7 – 10 Junior Category Age 11-15
5:30pm-5:40pm	BREAK (10 minutes)
5:40pm-7:00pm	Senior Category Age 16 – 18 Adult Category Age 19 & up
7:00pm-7:10pm	BREAK (10 minutes)
7:10pm-8:00pm	Overall Finalist Category -Overall Category #1 -Overall Category #2
8:00pm-8:15pm	BREAK
8:15pm-9:00pm	AWARDS CEREMONY