

The 2010 edition of the Competition Handbook is now available on our Web site. It contains the rules and regulations that pertain to competition and replaces all prior handbooks. The Table of Contents is interactive. By clicking a specific topic, you will be directed to the corresponding page. Follow this link <http://www.sweetadelineintl.org/pdf/competitionhandbook.pdf> to the handbook.

Please note the **major content changes** listed below.

Inclusion of the option for holding joint regional/area competitions.

Quartet members are ineligible to compete in both the International Quartet Semifinals and Rising Star in the same year.

Total time for the entertainment package in the International Quartet Finals is not less than ten (10) minutes and not more than fifteen (15) minutes.

A penalty may be assessed for throwing objects into the audience or judging pit from the competition stage.

A penalty may be assessed for delaying or disrupting the traffic pattern.

Addition of the Novice Quartet Award for International Quartet Semifinalists.

Inclusion of the Rising Star rules and regulations.

Hard copies of the handbook are available through International Sales for a nominal fee. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to let me know. Contact me at carol@sweetadelineintl.org or 1-800-992-7464.