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RULES & REGULATIONS

I. General:

The purpose of Better Chinatown, USA is to expand Asian & Western culture by creating & developing community cultural activities for children of all ages. We want to create greater opportunities for Chinese American children, encouraging them to learn & understand more about their heritage through these many activities. Our aim is to educate & promote universal cultural exchanges & development of the arts. To also increase & strengthen deeper relations between China & U.S.A.

II. Qualifications & Categories:

The Asian American youth talent competition is open to all students ages 5-20. Contestants will be divided into separate age groups (5-8 / 9-12 / 13-16 / 17-20) in their respective categories. Male & Female contestants will be scored respectively. Students can choose to compete more than once in a category or more than one (1) category as well as an individual and / or with a group whether it be duet, trio or more. A separate application form **must** be filled out for each category as well as for Individual / Group.

III. Fees:

The breakdown of the category fees are as follows:

Individual:	\$ 40.00 per person / per category	(max 2.5 minutes)
2 to 3 participants	\$ 35.00 per person / per category	(max 2.5 minutes)
Group of 4 or more	\$ 30.00 per person / per category	(max 4 – 7 minutes)

Make check payable & send to:

Better Chinatown USA PO Box 9113, Paramus, NJ 07653

Once Application(s) & check have been received, a confirmation email will be sent.
The **DEADLINE** of Submission for all application(s): ***Tuesday, April 30th, 2019.***

IV. Competition Procedures:

1. Each Contestant **MUST** be ready & on time when their name / number are called, music must be ready on a USB or CD with their Name & Title of Music on it. Each USB / CD should have 1 (one) recording only. It is better to have backup as well. Contestants must ensure they have the rights to publicly use & broadcast all the music pieces in the competition. If you are **not ready** by the time your name / number is called, you are **no longer qualified to compete!**
2. Each category performed **cannot** exceed the max minutes allotted.
3. Contestants may use props that can be moved on their own. Dangerous articles, such as liquid & tinder are strictly prohibited.
4. Contestants should prepare fitted performance costumes on their own.
5. All Contestants & Instructors must have their own ***medical & accident insurance*** covering any accidents or damages before, during & after competition (see Waiver Form).

V. Rights of Organizing Committee (Better Chinatown USA):

1. Better Chinatown, USA reserves the right to arrange photography sessions, interviews, broadcasts, video & audio recordings & any other activities for the contestants without extra payment. All types of visual & audio-visual recording of the contestants' performance(s) & participation to the competition shall be the exclusive property of Better Chinatown, USA. The contestants, Instructors & Parents are aware & agree that such recordings may be used for commercial or promotional purposes.
2. Better Chinatown, USA also has the ultimate right of interpretation in respect of any regulations or provisions not mentioned above.

VI. Parade:

All contestants are invited to march in the Dance Parade on Saturday, May 18th, 2019 in New York City as well as our Autumn (Moon Festival) Festival parade held September 2019, Brooklyn, NY & our Lunar New Year Parade in Chinatown, NYC.

Better Chinatown USA reserves the right to make any rule changes that best deems fit for the Asian American Youth Talent Competition.