



**REGION 16 VERY LARGE QUARTET CONTEST**  
 Friday evening 10/25/19 at Fall Music School  
 Sheraton Toronto Parkway North, Richmond Hill, Ontario

## Rules and Information

### 1. Purpose of Competition:

The *Very Large Quartet (VLQ) Contest* is an opportunity for Region 16 singers to perform in a small group and in a setting with fewer restrictions than the Regional competition. This contest is not affiliated with International and is strictly a Region 16 function. *Creativity and FUN is encouraged!*

### 2. Music:

- ♪ VLQs should be prepared to perform one (1) song
- ♪ Songs must have a minimum of 4-part harmony. (2 or 3-part harmony is *not* acceptable, but more part lines than 4 *are* acceptable.)
- ♪ Selections may be barbershop style *or* other non-Barbershop a cappella forms.
- ♪ The song selection MAY or MAY NOT be Sweet Adeline contest material.
- ♪ Time limit of 5 minutes per VLQ from the time you take the stage.

### 3. VLQ members:

- ♪ VLQ members must be registered for Fall Music School.
- ♪ A minimum of 5 members in each VLQ and maximum of 8.
- ♪ The number of people singing each part is up to the VLQ to decide.
- ♪ No more than one (1) Blue Ribbon Club member may be in the VLQ.
- ♪ All four members of a registered quartet may be in a VLQ as long as they did not place in the **Top 5** at the last regional contest.
- ♪ Quartets who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in the last regional contest may have up to 2 members in the same VLQ.
- ♪ A singer *can* be in more than one VLQ.

### 4. Judging:

- ♪ VLQs will be judged in **two** categories: **SOUND and SHOWMANSHIP**
- ♪ There will be two (2) judges in each category for a total of four (4.)
- ♪ Parodies, comedy, props, emceeing and other creativity are welcome!
- ♪ In the event of a tie, VLQ with the most **Showmanship** category points will win.

<p><b><u>Sound Category</u></b>          Vocal Skills (0-10 points)          Harmony Accuracy (0-10 points)          Vowel Production (0-10 points)          Balance and Blend (0-10 points)          Unit Sound (0-10 points)  <b>TOTAL: 50 points per judge</b></p>	<p><b><u>Showmanship Category</u></b>          Vocal Skills (0-10 points)          Visual Unity (0-10 points)          Creativity (0-15 points)          Entertainment factor (0-15)  <b>TOTAL: 50 points per judge</b></p>
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5. **Awards:** The winners will receive medals.
6. **Show:** The winning VLQ will be invited to sing on the Saturday night Fall Music School show if they are available.
7. **Contest Entry:**
  - ♪ **Deadline**
    - Registration email AND check must be received by 09/22/19.
    - The competition is limited to the first 10 competitors who register.
  - ♪ **Register** by emailing [paulaallen@cogeco.ca](mailto:paulaallen@cogeco.ca) with the following information:
    - The names of the people in the VLQ
    - The name of the VLQ (If you choose the same name as another VLQ, the VLQ that registers first wins the name & you'd then have to submit a different name.)
    - The name and email address for the VLQ contact person.
  - ♪ **Entry fee**
    - \$15.00 USD *or* CDN
    - Entry fees are nonrefundable.
    - Make check or money order payable to: "Region 16 Sweet Adelines"
    - Write your VLQ name at the bottom of the check.
    - Mail to: Paula Allen, 1420 Cottsmere Ct, Kingston, ON K7L 4V4
8. **Draw for Order of Appearance:**
  - ♪ The drawing for order of appearance will be held on Saturday 10/14/19. The results of the order of the draw will be emailed to your VLQ contact person and posted on the Region 16 Facebook page.
  - ♪ VLQs must be present in the ballroom where the contest is being held when they are introduced (or risk being disqualified.)
  - ♪ **Checks or entry emails received after the 09/22/19 registration deadline will result in your quartet going FIRST in the contest.**
9. **Questions:** Contact Paula Allen at [paulaallen@cogeco.ca](mailto:paulaallen@cogeco.ca)