# 2021 CONTESTANT BINDING AGREEMENT

## RECITALS

The World Championships of Performing Arts (WCOPA®) is internationally regarded as the one and only Talent Olympics. It is an annual competition for performing artists where dozens of countries send their entries to compete for various distinguished world titles, along with gold, silver, and bronze medals. For its 25th year, it will be held from November 20-28, 2021, in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A.

The undersigned entry (or a guardian if entry is below 18 years of age as of November 1, 2021) has successfully passed all audition requirements for qualification to compete at the 25th annual WCOPA® as a member of Team Canada 2021, and agrees to all the Rules and Regulations set forth in this document.

Final jurisdiction and decisions over all matters associated with this Agreement rest solely and exclusively with the National Director.

## DECLARATIONS

1. I understand that I am responsible for all my expenses such as travel costs, hotel lodging, processing of entry registration, etc. as related to the competition and during the competition week. These expenses may be partly or fully sponsored by a third party, and/or by fundraising activities.
2. I understand that an Official Licensed Scout or Director is to be assigned to me, from whom I shall be deriving support, from the time I am invited to Team Canada up to the entire duration of the competition.
3. I understand that all contestants must stay at Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino Hotel or a designated hotel by WORLDSTARS™ International Inc., and that a special rate has been established for the group. Hotel reservations and payments must be made through the National Director. An entry is disqualified if not staying at the designated host hotel.
4. I agree to use good sportsmanship before, during, and after the competition week. Any exhibition of bad sportsmanship or disruptive behavior may lead to immediate disqualification from any event and/or dismissal from the Team. Any such disqualification or dismissal will be final with no right for appeal.

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5. I understand that each entry is entitled to and is responsible for a Contact/Supporter(s) full page in the Directory of Contestants, and must follow the instructions and directions for camera-ready copy to be submitted to WCOPA® before and by the deadline. The entry's photograph, contact information, and competitions entered are in the top half of the full page with supporter(s) and sponsor(s) in the bottom half of the page.
6. I understand that full payment must be made for the non-refundable, non-transferable Entry Registration Fee Package in order to compete. I am considered merely as an invitee unless all payments are fully settled, only after which I will be considered an official entry. All figures are posted in a Google Sheets spreadsheet available online.
7. I understand that I am required to register as a member of the International WorldStars Association (IWA) for US$15. This I am to do myself online on the website www.iwa.tv.
8. I understand the no-refund, non-transferable policies as stated in the Official Contestant Handbook and by WCOPA®/WORLDSTARS™ International Inc.
9. I understand that my failure to pay my fees before deadlines in accordance to the set schedule of payments can be enough grounds for my disqualification.
10. I understand that this is an invitation-only event. Entries are screened and invited by Scouts and qualified by National Directors, who are independent agents and not employees, representatives or agents of WCOPA®/WORLDSTARS™ International Inc.
11. I understand that I am to wear the official team uniform representing my country during specific activities at the WCOPA® such as the Opening Ceremonies (if not wearing a costume) and the Awards Ceremony.
12. I understand that THE DECISIONS OF THE OFFICIAL JUDGES AND PRODUCERS ARE FINAL.
13. I understand that trophies, plaques, and medals are awarded during this event. If I am not present and do not send a designee to pick up my awards at the Awards Ceremonies, those awards will NOT be saved or distributed to me.
14. I understand that WCOPA®/WORLDSTARS™ International Inc. and any affiliates cannot be held liable or responsible for any misprints, errors or omissions in the Official Souvenir Program and Directory of Contestants.
15. I understand that a webcast or television special or series may be produced from WCOPA® 2020. Therefore, it is understood that WCOPA® has sole jurisdiction in the format, production, content, rights and distribution of the event, show and broadcast.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

16. All contestants and/or parents/chaperones are required to attend any and all meetings and briefings called by the Team Directors at any time during the competition dates.
17. All contestants and/or parents/chaperones must have an ID badge which must be displayed at all times on one's person for access to official events. The ID badge costs

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US$795 for all-events and US$395 for limited-access. All attendees are required to provide a photo to the National Director for their official ID badge. The cost of a lost badge is US$100. Badges will only be sold during the event if space is available, and at a much higher rate than the aforementioned pre-selling rate.

18. All photos, videos, paperwork, CDs and music submissions become the property of WCOPA®, and may not be returned to the contestants.
19. Shuttle bus transportation between the hotel and any official WCOPA® show sites will be provided whenever necessary. Every contestant and guest pass will include transportation when applicable. A parent or designated chaperone must travel with minors. WCOPA® is not responsible for minors traveling without supervision.
20. A contestant or entry is responsible for obtaining written release and/or license for the use of any and all copyrighted and registered materials, including but not limited to: music, dance, scripts, variety acts, etc. for performances at WCOPA®. WCOPA® has rights to use music registered with BMI, ASCAP, and SESAC. Therefore, if a contestant is using music registered with BMI, for example, the contestant only has to write on the clearance form "registered with BMI." However, a contestant has to get permission for original music and music from smaller companies if not with BMI. Also, many songs or types of music within a performance can be difficult to clear or may be too expensive for clearance; therefore, this should not be done. Remember, acts that use music which cannot be cleared or is too expensive may be eliminated from an appearance in the finals. As an option and only where possible, some music (i.e. modeling, dance acts, etc.) may be substituted by editing in original music and may be done if clearance is difficult or expensive.
21. Each official entry will receive a free souvenir program book and a Directory of Contestants.
22. Parents and guardians will be responsible for their minor children at all times before, during, and after the competition.
23. Parents, family, friends, agents, hairdressers, dressers, coaches, scouts, National Directors, make-up artists, and other retinues are not allowed backstage before or during the competition. However, one adult will be allowed to assist minor contestants and will be allowed a backstage pass.
24. No videotaping or photography is allowed at any competition event without a Camera Pass. Covering the event will be professional photographers and videographers who are private contractors and are not affiliated in any manner with WCOPA®/WORLDSTARS™ International Inc. WCOPA®/WORLDSTARS™ International Inc. is neither responsible nor liable for these photographers and videographers and their respective products, services, and rates. Contestants can purchase a copy of photographs or videotapes from these independent professionals at preset prices.
25. I agree to hold IWA®, WCOPA®, WORLDSTARS™ INTERNATIONAL Inc., WORLDSTARS™ USA, Inc. and any affiliates, including but not limited to, The Westgate Hotel or any other

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sites of Official Activity and their staff, harmless and blameless from any loss of personal items, injuries or liabilities while at the competition. Contestants, families, guests, directors and all others participating at the event should purchase medical insurance in advance, as WCOPA®/WORLDSTARS™ International Inc. and WORLDSTARS™ USA, Inc. are not responsible for any type of medical coverage.

26. I hereby grant WCOPA®/WORLDSTARS™ International Inc. and WORLDSTARS™ USA, Inc. and its employees, agents, and assigns all rights to use my name, voice, likeness, statements, videos, and photographs for promotional, advertising and broadcasting purposes including but not limited to photography, video, audio, print, and the internet.
27. I agree to abide by all rules and regulations established by WCOPA®/WORLDSTARS™ International Inc. including deadlines and codes of conduct. Additionally, I understand that WCOPA®/WORLDSTARS™ International Inc. reserves the right to make changes in competition events, styles, categories, schedules, procedures, rules, finals, shows, deadlines, and any other activity, situation or factor so as to maintain its professional quality and produce a superior event.
28. I understand that any violation of any of the provisions in this document may be cause for my disqualification from the competition, with no option for refunds on fees.

I certify that I have read and have understood these rules and regulations and will abide by them. My signature, or that of my parent or legal guardian if I am under 18 years of age as of November 1, 2021, makes this a binding agreement and this form will be turned over to WCOPA®/WORLDSTARS™ International Inc. by the prescribed deadline.

This Agreement shall be construed and enforced according to the Federal Laws of Canada. We have read, fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

*WCOPA®2021 Official Entry:*

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NAME of CONTESTANT and SIGNATURE NAME of GUARDIAN and SIGNATURE

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Email

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DATE