



Triangle Got Talent (TGT)

Rules and General Instructions – 2026

HumSub Presents Triangle Got Talent Competition

Event Concept and Goals

Triangle Got Talent (TGT) is an exciting platform designed by HumSub to showcase the diverse talents of the Triangle community. This competition celebrates artistic excellence and provides a stage for performers of all skill levels to demonstrate their abilities.

- **Objective:** Discover and celebrate diverse talents in the Triangle and neighboring areas.
- **Format:** Talent show with preliminary review (video submissions) and grand finale (live performance).
- **Target Audience:** Triangle community, including families, friends, and supporters of participants.

Theme

"Showcasing the Triangle's Finest Talents"

Participants must complete an online registration form available on the HumSub website. As part of the preliminary round, contestants will be required to submit a pre-recorded video performance, with each act limited to 2 minutes.

A panel of judges will review these submissions, and selected participants will advance to the final round. The shortlisted candidates will have the opportunity to perform live at the Triangle Got Talent event, where the 2026 Triangle Top Talent will be chosen. Finalists will be evaluated based on creativity, skill, and stage presence. HumSub encourages performers of all backgrounds and talents to participate and make this event a celebration of artistic excellence.

Eligibility Criteria

- **Age Groups:** Open to participants aged 7 and older. Minors under 18 must have parental or guardian consent to participate.
- **Residency:** Participants must reside in North Carolina.
- **Amateur Status:** Open to amateur performers only. This competition is designed for those who do not earn their primary income from the performing arts.
- **Ethnicity:** Open to people of all ethnicities.

Performance Categories

Talent types include but are not limited to:

- Singing
- Dancing
- Instrumental Music/Ensemble
- Stand-Up Comedy
- Magic
- Special Skills (e.g., juggling, acrobatics)
- Shloka Chanting
- Storytelling
- Drama/Acting/Impersonation
- Mime
- Poetry Recitation
- Martial Arts
- Yoga
- Technology Showcase (Videography, etc.)
- Fusion Acts

Solo & Group Acts

- **Solo Acts:** 1 participant per entry.
- **Group Acts:** 2–10 participants per group.
- **Participation Limits:** Each contestant can perform in only one solo act and one group act, but not multiple acts of the same type.

Safety and Appropriateness

- **Medical Waiver:** Participants must sign a waiver confirming they are medically fit and accept the risks involved in performing.
- **Content Restrictions:** Performances must be family-friendly. Explicit language, inappropriate gestures, or offensive content are strictly prohibited.

- **Costumes and Props:** Must adhere to family-friendly and cultural appropriateness standards. No dangerous props (e.g., fire, sharp objects) unless pre-approved by organizers.
- **Stand-Up Comedy:** Should be appropriate for a family audience.

Audition Process

1. **Registration:** Participants must complete an online registration form available on the HumSub website.
2. **Video Submissions (Preliminary Review):** Participants will submit pre-recorded performances created exclusively for TGT auditions (not staged elsewhere or for other events). Each act will have 2 minutes to showcase their talent.
3. **Selection:** A panel of judges will review submissions, and selected participants will advance to the final round.

Performance Time Limits

- **Solo Acts (Preliminary):** Maximum 2 minutes.
- **Group Acts (Preliminary):** Maximum 2 minutes.
- **Solo Acts (Grand Finale):** Maximum 3 minutes.
- **Group Acts (Grand Finale):** Maximum 4 minutes.

Music and Equipment

- Participants must provide their own music tracks in MP3 format.
- Any special equipment must be disclosed during registration. HumSub may not guarantee availability for special requests.

Judging Criteria

Participants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Talent/Skill Level (35%)

- **Technical Proficiency:** How well the act is performed, considering complexity and execution.
- **For Singers:** Vocal range, pitch, and tone quality.
- **For Dancers:** Precision, choreography, and synchronization.
- **For Magicians:** Seamlessness of tricks and audience deception.
- **Originality:** Uniqueness of the act compared to similar performances.
- **Consistency:** Ability to maintain skill level throughout the performance.

2. Creativity/Innovation (25%)

- **Original Concept:** Does the act bring something fresh or surprising?
- **Artistic Expression:** How well does the performance combine skill, story, or presentation to captivate the audience?

- **Use of Props or Technology:** Creative use of stage props, visuals, or technology to enhance the performance.

3. Entertainment Value (25%)

- **Engagement:** Does the act hold the audience's and judges' attention throughout?
- **Wow Factor:** Does the act evoke strong emotions (awe, laughter, or excitement)?
- **Memorability:** Is the performance something the audience will remember and talk about?

4. Stage Presence/Charisma (10%)

- **Confidence:** Does the performer appear self-assured and comfortable on stage?
- **Connection:** Ability to connect with the audience and judges emotionally or energetically.
- **Energy:** Does the performer's enthusiasm match the act's requirements?

5. Overall Impression (05%)

- Emotional appeal.

Note on Judging: Each judge assigns scores based on this rubric. The judges' decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

Code of Conduct

- **Behavior:** Participants, families, and supporters are expected to maintain respectful conduct toward event staff, judges, and other participants.
- **Disqualification:** Any violation of rules or misconduct will result in immediate disqualification. Misrepresentation of talent or identity is grounds for disqualification.

Prizes and Recognition

- **Group:** Prize of \$750 and title of "Triangle Got Talent Champion 2026."
- **Group Runners-Up:** Prize of \$500.
- **Solo:** Prize of \$500 and title of "Triangle Got Talent Champion 2026."
- **Solo Runners-Up:** Prize of \$250.
- **Certificates for All Winning Groups:** All members of a winning group performance receive certificates.

Grand Finale Event Details

- **Date:** Saturday, December 5, 2026
- **Location:** Alston Ridge Middle School, Cary, NC
- Selected participants will perform live in front of judges and an audience. Winners will be determined based on the judging criteria.

Event Day Instructions

- **Check-In:** All participants must arrive at least 1 hour before their scheduled performance time.
- **Stage Rules:** Participants are expected to leave the stage immediately after their performance. Clean-up for acts requiring props is the responsibility of the performer.

Media and Promotion

All participants must agree to be photographed or recorded for promotional purposes.

HumSub retains the right to use all content from the event for marketing and media purposes.

Important Dates

- Applications Open: July 1, 2026
- Application Deadline: Sept 06, 2026
- Preliminary Review & Results Announced: Oct 30 2026
- Grand Finale: Saturday, December 5, 2026

Acknowledgment and Agreement

By registering for Triangle Got Talent 2026, participants agree to abide by all rules and regulations set forth by HumSub and uphold the spirit of fair competition.

Contact Information

For questions or more information, email: special_events@humsub.net