

## Rules of Judgment of the 4th Shigeru Kawai International Piano Competition

### **PURPOSE (ARTICLE 1)**

These rules provide matters necessary for the performance of competitors in the competition (hereafter referred to as “Competitors”) and the selection of prizewinners in the 4th Shigeru Kawai International Piano Competition (hereafter referred to as “Competition”).

### **SUBJECT OF JUDGMENT (ARTICLE 2)**

1. In principle, the Jury shall judge the performances of all Competitors.
2. Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, if a Jury member is absent from any of the stages and fails to judge any or all of the performances of the Competitors, his/her judgment in that round and for the corresponding prizes shall be invalid.
3. Notwithstanding the preceding two paragraphs, any Jury member who has given instruction personally to a Competitor during the preceding two years, should be precluded from judging that Competitor in the Final Round. In such case, the Jury member shall notify the Competition Secretariat of the name of the Competitor before the Final Round.

### **NUMBER OF COMPETITORS PASSING EACH ROUND (ARTICLE 3)**

1. The number of Competitors passing each round is provided in the following clauses:

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| Passing the Preliminary Round (Qualified for the 1st Round) | 54 |
| Passing the 1st Round (Qualified for the Semifinal Round)   | 18 |
| Passing the Semifinal Round (Qualified for the Final Round) | 6  |
2. The number of Competitors passing the Preliminary Round and the 1st Round may, if the Chairperson of the Jury deems it necessary, be changed after consultation with the Competition Committee.

### **JUDGMENT (ARTICLE 4)**

1. In the judgments, the Jury members shall evaluate the performances of the Competitors by given marks based on a numerical system (integers) with a lowest score of 1 and a highest score of 25.
2. In evaluating the performers, the Jury members shall not take the evaluation from the prior judgment rounds into consideration.
3. In the judgments in the Preliminary Round, 17 points or more (integers) shall be given if the performance of a Competitor is judged to be eligible for the 1st Round. This applies to the judgment in the Preliminary Round only.
4. In the judgments stipulated in Clause 1, the Jury members shall write their own evaluations regarding the performances of the Competitors on the “Judgment Form” (Form 1), sign the form

and submit it to the Competition Secretariat. A Judgment Form without the Jury member's signature shall be invalid.

5. After Judgment Forms have been submitted by all the Jury members, the Competition Secretariat shall immediately total the score of each Competitor, sorts the calculated points in descending order of the total points, and submit the results as a Score Table (Form 2) to the Jury members.
6. The Score Table in Clause 5 shall not reveal the names of the Jury members.
7. The Score Table in Clause 5 shall be made with the names of the Competitors.
8. Based on the Score Table in Clause 5, the Jury and the Competition Committee shall determine the ranking of Competitors and those who have passed each round.
9. The highest and the lowest scores shall not be eliminated in the Score Table in Clause 5.
10. If a Jury member cannot judge a Competitor in the Final Round according to Article 2, Clause 3, an average score of other Jury members shall be applied as a score of this Jury member. The average score shall be rounded off to the second decimal place.  
ex) In case an average score is 21.75, 21.8 shall be applied.
11. If two or more Competitors are on the borderline of passing the 1st and Semifinal Rounds, the Jury shall vote only from among those tied Competitors to determine the qualifier(s). If the rate is still the same after voting, it will be decided by deliberation. If a decision cannot be reached even after deliberation, the Chairperson of the Jury shall make a decision.
12. Anyone who attends the deliberations must not disclose the contents publicly, and the contents of the deliberations shall be kept confidential.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF JUDGMENT (ARTICLE 5)**

1. Results of the selection in the 1st, Semifinal and Final Rounds shall be disclosed. For the 1st Round, however, only the results of the Competitors who passed the round shall be disclosed.
2. During the selection process, the Jury may not ask the Competition Committee to disclose the names of the Jury members on the judgment forms. However, if the Competition Committee finds special circumstances, the Competition Committee shall make a decision after consultation with the Chairperson of the Jury.
3. No objection or complaint may be against any decisions made by the Jury.

#### **PROHIBITION OF CONTACT WITH COMPETITORS (ARTICLE 6)**

The jury members may not make contact with the Competitors during the 1st, Semifinal and Final Rounds except when permitted by the Competition Committee. Making contacts by using electronic devices is also not allowed.

**CONFORMITY WITH THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE RULES (ARTICLE 7)**

In the event of problems regarding these rules, a solution shall be reached based on the Japanese language version of these rules and according to Japanese law.

**ADDITIONAL CLAUSE**

These rules are effective as of January 1, 2020.