

## **Rules of Judgment of the 5th Shigeru Kawai International Piano Competition**

### **Article 1 (Purpose)**

These Rules of Judgment set forth the necessary provisions concerning the evaluation of performances and the awarding of prizes in the 5th Shigeru Kawai International Piano Competition.

### **Article 2 (Scope of Judging)**

- Each juror must assess the performances of all contestants in every round in which the juror participates.
- Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, if a juror is absent and fails to evaluate all or part of the performances in a given round, that juror's evaluations for the Preliminary Screening, First Round, or any prize in that round shall be deemed invalid.

### **Article 3 (Number of Qualifiers)**

- The number of contestants advancing from each stage shall be as follows:
  - Preliminary Screening qualifiers (First Round participants): 54
  - First Round qualifiers (Semifinal participants): 18
  - Semifinal qualifiers (Final participants): 6
- The Chairman of the Jury may, in consultation with the organizer, change the number of qualifiers for the Preliminary Screening and the First Round if deemed necessary.

### **Article 4 (Judging Method)**

- Jurors shall score each performance with an integer between 1 (minimum) and 25 (maximum).
- Except as provided in Paragraph 8 below, jurors shall not consider scores from earlier rounds when evaluating performances in the current round.
- In the Preliminary Screening, any performance judged worthy of advancement to the First Round (i.e., a "pass") shall receive at least 17 points. This rule applies only to the Preliminary Screening.
- Jurors must record their scores on the Judging Form (Form 1), sign it, and submit it to the organizer. Unsigned forms shall be invalid.
- The organizer shall aggregate the submitted scores, rank contestants in descending order of total score, and present the results to the jurors on a Tally Sheet (Form 2). In the First Round, Semifinal, and Final, for each contestant the total score excluding the single highest and single lowest juror scores shall also be computed.

- The Tally Sheet described in Paragraph 5 shall be prepared with jurors' names, contestants' names, and contestant numbers concealed. However, in cases covered by Paragraph 8 below, the names and numbers of the contestants concerned may be disclosed.
- The contestants who advance to the next round and their preliminary rankings shall be determined by a deliberation meeting of the jurors and the organizer, based on the Tally Sheet from Paragraph 5.
- If, in the First Round or Semifinal, ties at the cutoff line prevent determining the prescribed number of qualifiers (Article 3, Paragraph 1), the following procedure shall apply:
  - a. For each juror, identify which tied contestant received the higher score. Contestants shall advance in order of the number of jurors who scored them higher.
  - b. If a juror awarded equal scores to tied contestants, the juror shall rank those contestants to indicate which one is higher.
  - c. If contestants remain tied in the count of jurors favoring them, the jurors shall conduct an anonymous vote among those tied contestants to decide who advances.
  - d. In the Semifinal, if a tie persists after the vote, those with higher scores from the First Round shall advance in descending order.
  - e. If the tie still cannot be resolved, the jurors shall deliberate. If no resolution is reached, the Chairman of the Jury shall make the final decision.
- Final prizes shall be awarded as follows:
  - a. To decide whether to award a First Prize, the jurors shall vote anonymously; a simple majority shall prevail.
  - b. If a First Prize is to be awarded, it shall be given to only one contestant. If multiple contestants are tied for the highest score, the jurors shall conduct an anonymous vote among them to select the sole First Prize winner.
  - c. Second Prize and lower placements shall be determined by juror deliberation based on the Tally Sheet. If multiple contestants tie for a prize, the next rank(s) shall remain vacant to match the number of tied recipients.
- Attendees of deliberation meetings must keep the proceedings confidential. All deliberations shall be conducted in closed session.

#### Article 5 (Publication of Results)

- Detailed tally results for the First Round, Semifinal, and Final shall be published on the official competition website after the event. For the First Round, only the results of contestants who advance will be disclosed.

- During the selection process for any round, jurors may not request disclosure of jurors' names on Judging Forms. However, if the organizer recognizes special circumstances, disclosure may be permitted upon consultation with the Chairman of the Jury.
- Decisions made at the deliberation meetings shall be final and not subject to objection or appeal.

#### Article 6 (Prohibition of Contact with Contestants)

Jurors shall have no contact with contestants from the First Round through the Final, except as expressly permitted by the organizer. Electronic communication with contestants is also prohibited.

#### Article 7 (Governing Language and Law)

Any matters arising under these Rules of Judgment shall be resolved based on the Japanese version of these Rules and in accordance with Japanese law.

#### Supplementary Provision

These Rules of Judgment shall take effect on February 26, 2025.