

NEW JERSEY FLUTE SOCIETY 2022 COMPETITIONS PRELIMINARY ROUND VIDEO RECORDING GUIDELINES

Requirements: Competitors submitting video entries for the preliminary round of the competition must abide by these guidelines:

1. **All videos must be recorded accompanied.** Unaccompanied recordings will not be accepted. We make this requirement for the sake of fairness. Please contact us if you have problems getting an accompanist due to local COVID regulations.

2. To preserve an important characteristic of a conventional live round of a competition, each piece or movement must be recorded in one consecutive take. **Competitors should state their name and piece selections at the beginning of the video before performing.**

3. You may record your videos using any smartphone, tablet, or other device you already own. Professional quality video is neither required nor expected, but please stage your videos according to these guidances:

- a) Place your camera or device on a tripod or flat surface while recording.
- b) Have more light sourced in front of you than behind you.
- c) Film at a medium distance, capturing as much detail as possible while making certain that you are always entirely visible.
- d) Wherever you record, do so in a clean and visually professional location. Home recordings are absolutely acceptable.
- e) Please dress as you would for a live round performance.

4. You may record the audio portion of your video using an external microphone and then pair this audio with your video. Please follow these audio guidelines:

- a) Any submission in which audio does not exactly match video will be disqualified.
- b) Set your recording levels carefully, making certain your softest sounds are distinct, but your loudest sounds do not cause clipping or any other kind of distortion.
- c) Editing a recording, including studio-produced effects, or talking during a recording is strictly prohibited.

5. Acceptable formats for video submission include mov and mp4 (**Maximum file size is 5 GB**). We also accept unlisted Youtube Videos, Google Drive files, and Soundcloud private files.

6. Recordings for the preliminary round must have been recorded on or after May 15, 2022.

7. Follow all other rules for your competition as seen on the [NJFS Competitions Page](#).

***These guidelines were inspired by the 2020 National Flute Association Virtual Competitions guidelines.*