

About the competition

- This competition gives a chance to compete on Shinobue skills on the Internet, and it is a free competition.
- All competitors will be required to post their recorded performance video on YouTube.
- Competitors must complete the registration on the special website of the competition.
- The public audience has an opportunity to vote for their favorite competitors.
- Three Judges will evaluate each competitor in five categories, each judge will vote their choice of the top three.
- The final ranking will be calculated based on the points from the public audience and three judges.

Release date of the guideline and the required piece

7th July 2018

Registration

4th August – 2nd September 23:59pm
(30 entries will be accepted in order of arrival.)

Public performance

From 8th September

Voting period

14th September – 17th September 23:59pm

Judging and scoring period

17th September – 29th September

Result announcement

30th September

Competition rules and eligibility

- Open to competitors, regardless of age, sex and nationality.
- Competitors must perform with a Shinobue. Any brand will do.
- The other musical instrument players such as Nohkan, Ryuteki, Komabue and Kagurabue players are unable to participate this competition.
- Ensemble, such as duos, trios are welcome.

Required piece

- Competitors must use a Hayashi-you, which is tuned in Japanese classic scale and must use 6-hon choshi Shinobue for a performance.
(It is also possible to use 6-hon choshi-han.)
- The required piece is accompanied.
- If competitors give a performance as a duo or a trio, they are required to cooperate with other players in unison. It might be more challenging.
- In the case of a duo or a trio, the required piece should be played solo.
- Competitors must play the whole required piece.

Free choice piece

- Competitors can play any kind of Shinobue and there are no restrictions on choshi.
- If you would like to perform Traditional Japanese pieces or Classical Japanese pieces, you must arrange these pieces for variations.
- Competitors are allowed to perform with accompaniment or Karaoke.

Performance video

- A title of a video is named as below
“Internet Shinobue Competition_2018Taro Shinobue”
(Please put your name on the highlighted blue part)
It is not necessary to use your real name.
- The first number should be the required piece, and it is followed by the free choice piece.
- If you record the required piece and the free choice piece separately, they must be edited as a one video.
- You could include a short self-introduction in the video if you like.
- The total video time must not exceed 6 minutes.
- It is possible to post an over 6 minutes video, however, after 6 minutes will not be considered.
- Video recordings from concerts or lives are not permitted to post.
- It is not necessary to show faces, however, competitors are required to show playing a Shinobue. Please be conscious of the public audience.
- Reverb control and the other sound controls are forbidden.
- Competitors can use natural reverberating environments for a video recording.
(Bathrooms, staircases etc...)
- Post-recording is not allowed.
- If you play with accompaniment or Karaoke, please make sure that the sound of the Shinobue is clearly audible.

Vote

The public audience will take part in the competition. They can vote once a day and another vote will become available after 24 hours from the previous vote.

Judging

- Three judges will individually evaluate each competitor in 5 categories (sound quality, pitch, technical skills, expression ability, musical composition). Each category is scored on a 1 to 10 basis. (A perfect score is 50 point)
- A grand total score is the sum of the total scores of three judges.
- The grand total scores of the top three competitors will be published on the web.
- The judges will also select some winners of the Special judge's award.
- You could request a professional review from judges. (Paid service)

Scoring

- The top three competitors in the online voting will be given points according to their ranking. (1st 50pt, 2nd 30pt, 3rd 10pt)
- Each of the three judges will award points to the top three competitors of their choices according to their ranking. (1st 50pt, 2nd 30pt, 3rd 10pt)
- The final ranking will be decided on the sum of the above points

If you wish to cancel your entry, please contact us through the inquiry form. It may take a few days to be reflected the information on the website. Please be aware that any cancelations made after 14th September cannot be accepted.