

### **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**

7<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### **Registration**

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

### **Public performance**

From 8th September

### **Voting period**

14<sup>th</sup> September – 17<sup>th</sup> September 23:59pm

### **Judging and scoring period**

17<sup>th</sup> September – 29th September

### **Result announcement**

30<sup>th</sup> 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. (1<sup>st</sup> 50pt, 2<sup>nd</sup> 30pt, 3<sup>rd</sup> 10pt)
- Each of the three judges will award points to the top three competitors of their choices according to their ranking. (1<sup>st</sup> 50pt, 2<sup>nd</sup> 30pt, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> September cannot be accepted.