

## **SOUTH DAKOTA YOUTH TALENT CONTEST DEFINITION OF A PROFESSIONAL ENTERTAINER**

*The South Dakota Youth Talent Contest is designed for competition among amateur entertainers. A professional entertainer is hereby defined as one who earns more than one-half his normal living expenses by performing in any of the categories of competition participating in the South Dakota Youth Talent Contest (i.e. a professional dancer may not compete in the South Dakota Youth Talent Contest and an amateur singer, musician, etc.). A professional is further defined for Youth Talent purposes as one who is a union member or one who has signed a contract with a professional agent or manager who is paid with either salary or commission for services rendered in securing employment in the entertainment field. Furthermore, an entertainer who sings or otherwise performs on any record released for commercial distribution through normal retail outlets shall be considered a professional by the Youth Talent. This does not prohibit an entertainer from self-producing a record for sale or distribution to friends and associates such as in church group activities.*

*If an entertainer should be designated a professional for any of the above reasons and his circumstances should change, which possibly would permit him to renounce his professional standing, he may apply to the Youth Talent for declaration of his amateur standing. For example, if any entertainer should disassociate himself from a managerial contract, he may wish to petition Youth Talent for such a declaration. Similarly, he would apply for reinstatement as an amateur for Youth Talent purposes. Such request for reinstatement shall each be reviewed on an individual basis and shall be entirely at the discretion of the Youth Talent Contest Committee.*

**NOTE: *If a contestant has been determined to be a professional and wishes to submit a protest or ask reinstatement as an amateur, this must be done within ten (10) days for determination of professional standing. The petition must be submitted to the South Dakota State Youth Talent Coordinator - 13225 - 402<sup>nd</sup> Avenue - Groton, S. D. 57445-6008, to be reviewed by the Youth Talent Contest Committee.***