

Submitting a Video for NVMTA Event

Your best option is to take videos through your phone or tablet. Practice taking the video a few times so that there are no technical difficulties for your festival or competition recording.

Recording the Video

Submit ONE video per registration. When recording, students may pause between pieces, or select their best individual takes to be combined into one video for submission. This applies to duets as well. Although not mandatory, students are encouraged to announce their name, the title, and composer of the first piece they are playing. Teachers should not make announcements on the video or in any way make their identity known.

Suggestions for a good quality video:

1. Camera has to be directed to the performer and their hands. **Video angle must show that no music is being used.**
2. Do not use the digital zoom. Put the video recording device at a shorter distance.
3. If you are recording using a mobile device (phone, tablet. . .), place it only in a horizontal position.
4. Try to avoid unwanted noise during recording (the sounds behind the scenes etc.).
5. Do not put the artist in front of a bright light source (such as a window).
6. Do not use optical effects (sepia, fast shooting, black/white photo etc.).
7. You may use an external microphone if you have one available to you (wireless microphone, stereo microphone).

Additionally, we ask that you tune the quality settings for the video back to 720p if possible.

Note that some phones may stop recording video when you receive a phone call! Try and mute all notifications before recording the video. Record the video first and make sure you're able to play it back on your device. You should be able to clearly hear both songs and see the performer's face and hands, as well as the fact that there is no music in the video.

Submitting the Video

In most cases, you will receive a link to a google form from your teacher where you will share the link from your UNLISTED YouTube video and then submit the form with the other information requested for your event. Parents submit the videos, so the teacher's identity remains anonymous.