

FAQs QUARTET APPLICATIONS	National Contest	Seniors Contest	Youth Contest
Do I have to be a member of BABS to participate?	YES – all four members must be a paid-up member of BABS and the quartet name needs to be registered with BABS.	YES – all four members must be a paid-up member of BABS and the quartet name needs to be registered with BABS.	NO – this is open for anyone to enter (but we would love to have you join BABS!)
How long is the contest and when does it take place?	Over three rounds: Prelims in November (2 songs) – Top 16 go through to... Semi-Finals in May at our National Convention (2 songs) – Top 6 go through to... Finals in May at our National Convention (2 songs)	Over one round in November (2 songs)	Over one round in November (2 songs)
What are the age restrictions?	No age restrictions	All members must be at least 55, and the combined age must be at least 240.	All quartet members must be under 26
Is there a set repertoire?	No, but all songs should be arranged in the barbershop style, and be purchased legally with relevant copyright clearance		
What costs are involved?	Contest entry: Free BABS Membership: £45 per year Quartet Name Registration Fee: £28 per year		
Can I enter more than one contest?	Yes. You can select which contests you want to take part in when you enter: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Contest only • National Contest AND Seniors Contest • National Contest AND Youth Contest • Youth Contest only If you are entering two contests, you don't have to sing twice! Your 2 song performance will simply be entered into both contests.		
What are International contests?	Every year, the Barbershop Harmony Society in the USA holds an International Quartet Contest, International Seniors Quartet Contest, and International Youth Quartet Contest. If you do really well in the British Contests, you may receive an invite to compete in the equivalent International Contest!		