

# *Thyagaraja Day Rules:*

To facilitate a smooth singing session, organizers will **STRICTLY** adhere to the following rules, which have been modified based on the lessons learned from last few years and SIFA sponsors feedback. **SO, WE URGE ALL PARTICIPANTS (AND TEACHERS) TO READ THE INSTRUCTIONS VERY CAREFULLY:**

1. Individual participants/group participants shall register online, with the following information:
  - **Group or Individual Singing**
  - **Slot Preference – Slot 1, 2, 3 (9am-12noon, 1-4pm, 4-7pm)**
  - **The name of their teacher/school**
  - **Participant Name(s)**
  - **Song and Raga they will sing**
  - **The accompanists they will have (optional)**
2. Failing to provide all the information above will result in automatic cancellation of registration. In the spirit of providing opportunity to as many participants as possible, SIFA strongly discourages the same individual participating in individual slot and group slots.
3. **The first 90 registrations will be chosen on first-come first-serve basis and also there will be a waiting list of 15 people.** No one school will be allowed to occupy the stage for extended periods of time. SIFA's decision is final and binding. **Also, please note the total time limit for any school /teacher is 25 minutes, which can be a combination of group and individual slots. Please make sure you do not register students beyond the total time allowed.**
4. A very strict **5 minute** time limit will be imposed on each individual participant. There will also be a **10 minute** time limit for group singing.
5. There is no guarantee that the Participant will get the requested preferred slot.
6. The participants will be grouped into **three** sessions (9am-12noon, 1-4pm, and 4-7pm) and will be notified (through email) what time slot they have been assigned. We will try to assign the slot per the request based on availability. The participants are required to show up 30 minutes prior to their assigned time slot and will **randomly draw** a number stating their **order of performance** within the specific 3-hr. time slot. **Participants please make sure you are available for the entire 3 hour slot time, no concession will be made for having to leave early after you have been allotted a slot. Please understand the goal here is to encourage all participants.**
7. Anyone (either individual or in a group) who registers and is **not present** when their name is called will **automatically be placed at the end of the registration list. Based on the past record it is almost impossible for any individual to get a second chance.**
8. **Raga Alapana, Thanam, Niraval and Kalpana swarams are not permitted.**

We hope you will all participate and enjoy the age old tradition of celebrating Thyagaraja Day.