Cellympics Event Details

View videos on my website to get a better idea of the events! andreavun.com/cellympics

Beginner Events

LHP Acrobatics

Touching cello with right hand = Disqualification!

Double touch (making a sound on more than one string) = Disqualification!

Right hand does the slapping.

Left hand does the pizzicato.

Balanced cello posture.

Pizzicato 4 then 3 then 2 then 1.

When you pizz high, you slap low. Pizz low, slap high.

Focus on: speed, posture, tone.

2 chances.

BTS Go

Banana thumb = Disqualification!

Adjust bow hold after touch = Disqualification!

Left hand touches bow = Disqualification!

Play D Major scale, going up only.

Arco then pizz on each note once.

Pizzicato = "crab finger" (pincer) style, with bow hair in crook of thumb.

Remember to "Bow Hold; Touch; Sink; Go."

Focus on: posture, speed, tone, sink, bow hold.

2 chances.

Slide the Slug

Bow touching leg = Disqualification!

Banana thumb = Disqualification!

"Slippage" = Disqualification!

Focus on: speed, still fingers, fingers touching hair.

2 chances.

Still as a Pill Bug

Banana thumb = Disqualification!

Pinkie joints bent.

Hold for horizontal bow for 10 seconds once only pinkie is touching

Focus on: still bow, curved pinkie joints.

2 chances.

Intermediate Events

Dribbles

Banana thumb = Disqualification! Time stops at the first sign of slippage or stopped dribble. Focus on: time, bow hold.

2 chances.

Ka-Mania

Banana thumb = Disqualification!
One down bow and one up bow.
Sink shoulder on each upbow ka.
Focus on: clear ka, sink, number of notes.
2 chances.

Chicken Run

Banana thumb = Disqualification! Stand. Hold bow vertically. Move frog in all directions while the tip stays still. Be like the chicken in the video. Focus on: still tip, fast movements, wide swing. 2 chances.

Speak & Spell

No way to get disqualified

Phase 1: Math

Phase 2: Reading

Phase 3: Spelling

Phase 4: Singing

Focus on: accurate speaking/singing, accurate playing. 1 chance.

Advanced Events

Bowbrato

There is no way to get disqualified.

Vibrate fingers in this order on D string: 1, 2, 1, 3, 1, 4.

Pre-balance to the new finger.

Focus on: curved fingers, consistent bow-waggle, wide

bow-waggle.

2 chances.

Morse Code

Banana thumb = Disqualification!

Stop in D string sound = Disqualification!

Choose a word.

Each word must fit into one downbow.

Pause on D between letters.

Keep D string constant, A string plays code.

Focus on: clear code, number of letters.

3 chances.

Octave Slides

Passing the note, even by a microtone = Disqualification!

Curved fingers.

Fingertips.

Thumb-side corners.

Slide on A string.

Focus on: smooth, quick, tone.

3 chances.

Yoga Fingers

There is no way to get disqualified.

Pizzicato each finger on the A string.

Clear tone.

Judge wiggles non-playing fingers and gives score.

Relaxed = 10; Tight = 1

Highest score wins.

1 chance.

Seagulls

Banana thumb = Disqualification!

Seagulls on A string.

Wristwatch towards ceiling.

Thumb over 2 strings.

U-shaped thumb.

Thumb-side corner on 3rd finger.

Focus on: tone, number of seagulls.

2 chances.

Diabolically Difficult D's

Wrong bowing = Disqualification!

Wrong counting = Disqualification!

Banana thumb = Disqualification!

"down-up-up" bowing on D string.

Say "1e+a 2e+a 3e+a 4e+a" for 3 measures plus one downbeat.

(If you do it right, you will end up downbow on the last downbeat.)

Focus on: time, clear articulation, even bow strokes.

2 chances.

Fish Tails

There is no way to get disqualified.

Bridge to fingerboard before changing direction.

Bow travels on its own, not forced.

Focus on: number of fish tails, tone.

2 chances.

CellympiX (X-Games) - Team Events

Dribbles Relay

Team members pass dribble to the next player.

Banana thumb = Disqualification!

Time stops at the first sign of slippage or stopped dribble.

Focus on: time, bow hold.

2 chances.

Morse Code - Teams

Banana thumb = Disqualification!

Stop in D string sound = Disqualification!

Choose a sentence.

Each team member plays one word.

Each word must fit into one downbow.

Pause on D between letters.

Keep D string constant, A string plays code.

Focus on: clear code, number of letters.

3 chances.

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There is no way to get disqualified.

One piece will be announced.

Piece may be prepared ahead of time.

Team members must play the piece a minor 3rd up from its original key.

When one person plays a wrong note, the next person takes over.

Focus on: playing as far as possible into the piece.

1 chance.

Speak & Spell - Teams

No way to get disqualified

Each team member takes a different phase.

Phase 1: Math

Phase 2: Reading

Phase 3: Spelling

Phase 4: Singing

Focus on: accurate speaking/singing, accurate playing.

1 chance