**Finals Competition Awards**Ties are not permitted.  
One (1) Winner  
One (1) Second Place  
One (1) Third Place   
Merit Awards Fourth Place and Below (no balloting)  
Ebony Award (Junior Piano/ Senior Piano/ Young Artist Piano)  
Chopin Award (Junior Piano/ Senior Piano)

**Balloting Procedure**

1. **Winner**   
   Judge(s) ballot for a single Winner without consultation.  
     
   WINNER: Competition Coordinator tabulates the ballots. If there is a majority for one entrant, that entrant is declared the Winner and the procedure continues with item B below.   
     
   NO WINNER: If there is no Winner, the coordinator informs the judges of the entrants [by number] who received votes on the ballot and the judges again ballot without consultation. Competition Coordinator tabulates second set of ballots. If there is now a majority for one entrant, that entrant is declared the Winner. If there is no Winner chosen, the Coordinator informs the judges of the entrants [by number] who received votes on the second ballot, and the judges will discuss the issue with the Competition Coordinator serving as moderator, until a decision is reached and recorded on the Decision of Judges form
2. 1. Judge(s) ballot for a single Second Place following procedure A above   
   2. Judge(s) ballot for a single Third Place following procedure A above  
   3. Judges ballot for Ebony Award (Junior Piano, Senior Piano, Young Artist Piano). Competition Coordinator informs judges of eligible entrant numbers. First ballot without consultation. If no winner, judges discuss with the Competition Coordinator serving as moderator, until a decision is reached and recorded on Decision form  
   4. Judges ballot for Chopin Award (Junior Piano, Senior Piano). Competition Coordinator informs judges of eligible entrant numbers. First ballot without consultation. If no winner, judges discuss with the Competition Coordinator serving as moderator, until a decision is reached and recorded on Decision form

**Completion of Balloting**

1. The Competition Coordinator and judge(s) will verify that the entrant numbers on the Decision of Judges form (Winner, 2nd, 3rd place, Ebony and Chopin winners) correspond to the final decision.
2. Once the ballot process is completed, the Competition Coordinator and each judge signs the Decision of Judges form.