



## 2023 Sr. Calypso Competition Criteria

### **Lyrics (Topic, Composition, Construction) – 40 points**

Do the words complement each other smoothly and comfortably or is the song over-crowded with the singer having to rush the words to get them in? How smoothly do the lyrics flow along with the arrangement? Use of satire, subtlety, double entendre, irony, wit, humor, puns, play on words. Does the calypso have a distinct recognizable theme? How well do the words develop and support the theme?

### **Melody (Originality, Compatibility) – 30 points**

Strength and sweetness of the melody of the verses. Does the tune carry the message effectively? Is it married to the lyrics in terms of measurement? Does it capture the mood of the theme? Is the song original? *Song must not have been presented nor performed in any previous Calypso Competition!*

### **Rendition ( Diction, Intonation, Clarity) – 20 points**

Is it a calypso? Is it in calypso style? Does the singer use his voice effectively to interpret the song? Are there nuances of vocal chords? Is the singer in the proper key? Is the manner of singing in keeping with the mood of the song? How good is the diction?

### **Presentation (Use of Stage / Props / Attire / Showmanship - 10 points**

The use of body the hands, face, body contortions, energy. The use of the stage. Are these being used to more effectively communicate the song and to improve the understanding of its lyrics?

#### Contestant Eligibility:

Contestant must be born on St. Martin/St. Maarten or have residence on either side.

Contestant must be able to provide Identification and/or proof of residency to organizers.

#### Song Eligibility:

The contesting song must have not been presented, performed or judged in any Calypso Competition prior to being presented in this competition.