

The Nebraska Sports Council has opened its third annual National Anthem Contest and added a new LipDub video contest for Nebraska High Schools. The anthem contest winner will perform the Star Spangled Banner before an estimated crowd of 8,000 at this year's Cornhusker State Games Opening Ceremonies, where the LipDub winners will also be honored.

A LipDub video is an amateur video production that combines lip synching and audio dubbing to make a music video. LipDub has become popular among high schools, because of the opportunity to show creativity and school spirit. Several Nebraska schools have posted LipDub videos on YouTube.

The National Anthem Contest is restricted to solo artists and Nebraska residents only. To participate in the LipDub contest, schools are encouraged to involve the entire student body, use a sports theme and incorporate at least six different sports in the 2013 Cornhusker State Games.

To enter either competition, upload an audition video to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and email the link, along with name, age, hometown, phone number and email address to [tyound@nebraskasportscouncil.com](mailto:tyound@nebraskasportscouncil.com)

A judging panel will then determine five finalists in each contest for online voting by the public via the Cornhusker State Games Facebook page. The video which receives the most "Likes" in each category will be named the winner.

The submission deadline is April 21 for the National Anthem Contest and May 12 for the LipDub Contest.

The Opening Ceremonies take place on July 19 at 8 p.m. at Seacrest Field in Lincoln. More information about the contest, the Opening Ceremonies and the Cornhusker State Games can be found at [CornhuskerStateGames.com](http://CornhuskerStateGames.com) or by calling 402-471-2544.