

RULES

APPROVED BY NEW ZEALAND COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

RULES OF ENTRY OF AWARDS

1. All material performed in these Awards must be of Country origin.
2. All contestants must be a financial member of a Country Music Club that is affiliated to the N.Z.C.M.A at least THREE (3) months prior to these Awards being held.
3. Current overall winners of Awards eligible for the N.Z.C.M.A Entertainer of the Year Awards are eligible to enter Awards but cannot represent any other Awards in that same category (Categories are defined as Solo, Duo, Group) in which they have already qualified.
4. SECTION AGES ARE:
 - JUNIOR: Under THIRTEEN (13) years of age as at the FIRST DAY OF AUGUST of the circuit year;
 - INTERMEDIATE: THIRTEEN (13) years, but under EIGHTEEN (18) years as at the FIRST DAY OF AUGUST of the circuit year;
 - SENIOR: EIGHTEEN (18) years and over at the FIRST DAY OF AUGUST of the circuit year;
 - OVER 50's: FIFTY (50) years of age and over as at the FIRST DAY OF AUGUST of the circuit year
5. Contestants must be amateur as defined, and not contracted to a recording company, or receive a major part of their income in the last FIVE (5) years from these activities. (Amateur, not deriving a major portion of income from performing music).
6. Where stage names are used, full names must be advised on the entry form, once accepted, no substitutes are permitted but members of the group may be less than the originally advised, but not less than three (3) members. NO HARMONY BACKING ALLOWED, except as part of a DUO/GROUP entry. No other enhancements allowed.
7. Instrumentalists using electronic instruments (e.g. keyboards), must not utilize any memory banks for pre-programmed automated playing.
8. Contestants are restricted to their respective age groups.
9. Contestants eligible for the N.Z.C.M.A Entertainer of the Year Awards must abide by the rules of entry to the N.Z.C.M.A Entertainer of the Year Awards as defined by the N.Z.C.M.A.
10. Any violation of the above may result in disqualification. In the event of a dispute or misinterpretation of the rules, the Convenor's decision will be binding on all parties.