

WAIKATO COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION
HOUSE RULES FOR AWARDS

1. The entry form is signed and verified by the President or Secretary of the represented club after it has been filled in.
When a duo or group enters representing different clubs, the entry form must be verified by the respective clubs.
No photocopied signatures will be accepted.
Audition times will be drawn by ballot and advised after closing date for entries.
2. Backing bands will be available for auditions in all sections, no other accompanist allowed unless contestant plays own instrument.
Contestants are required to provide four (4) copies of fully chorded song sheets, named and attached to firm backing with non-reflective surface.
3. Contestant to perform one item completely in auditions.
Finalists must perform a different item to that of the auditions.
4. Contestants to report to official registration desk at least thirty (30) minutes before their advised audition time.
Contestants not available when called may be disqualified.
5. Judging will be on: Musical Ability, Presentation and Entertainment Value.
Any tie breaker to be a count back on a selected category, i.e. Musical ability.
6. Finalists must attend rehearsals if required and may be accompanied by one (1) representative where applicable.
7. The awards committee has the right to limit the number of entries. They may add to or delete from the programme where necessary and beneficial to the majority.
No late entries will be accepted.
8. The Convenor must be consulted prior to any recall being performed.
9. The organisers reserve the right to record and broadcast any or all of either the auditions or finals, subject to copyright were applicable.
10. Contestants or parent/guardian will give a signed undertaking to return any/all trophies in good condition when requested to do so.
11. Contestants' equipment is used and stored at their own risk.

The awards committee will not be responsible for the loss, damage or theft of personal effects and or property.

12. The organisers reserve the right to refuse admission to any of the functions. No alcohol or illegal drugs are permitted on the premises.
13. Contestants must not contact judges or scrutineers with the intent to influence decisions or allocation of points.
14. **Section Rules**
 - Country Rock:** Song can be any age but must have an “upbeat” tempo
 - Gospel:** Song must have a “Christian” theme. Not a hymn
 - Western:** Song must have a “Western” theme, e.g. cowboys, rodeos, the prairie.
15. **Novice Section.**

This is a new section open to anyone of any age who has never competed at awards. This will be judged outright during auditions. Trophies will be presented to the highest scoring Junior, Intermediate and Senior Novice at the Final Concert.
16. The entrants in the Under-18 sections **ARE** eligible for the overall award in their own categories, i.e. Junior or Intermediate.
17. Any violation of these rules may result in disqualification.