

RULES OF ENTRY TO THE RED STAR JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE COUNTRY MUSIC AWARDS:

- 1 All material performed in these awards **MUST** be of Country Origin.
- 2 Open to all amateurs as defined. (Not deriving major portion of income from performing music).
- 3 All contestants must be financial members of a Country Music or Country and or Western Club affiliated to the N.Z.C.M.A. at least 3 months prior to the Awards being held.
AGE LIMITS All ages as at 1st August 2009
JUNIORS Under 13 years
INTERMEDIATE 13 years **BUT** under 18 years.
- 4 Contestants are restricted to their respective age groups.
- 5 **SECTIONS**
MERIT (Not eligible for the Entertainer of the Year). Contestants **MUST** not have won a section in any award excluding New Faces and any section won by default. Entrants in Merit Section may not combine with any contestant in the Entertainer Section to form a duo / group.
ENTERTAINER Overall winner goes through to the Entertainer of the Year Show.
- 6 Where stage name / s are used, full name / s must be advised on entry form. Once accepted, no substitutes will be permitted, but members of a group maybe less than originally advised – but no less than the minimum for that section. A group being three or more.
- 6 Any violation of the Rules of Entry or House Rules will result in disqualification. In the event of a dispute or interpretation of the rules, the Convenors decision will be binding on all parties.
- 8 Contestants eligible for the NZCMA C M Entertainer of the Year Award must abide by the Rules of Entry to the NZCMA Country Music Entertainer of the Year Award as defined by the NZCMA
- 9 Current Overall winners of Awards eligible for the NZCMA Country Music Entertainer of the Year Awards, are eligible to enter awards **BUT** can not represent any other Award in that same category (Categories defined as Solo, Duo or Group) in which they have already qualified.

HOUSE RULES

- 1 Entries must be on Official Entry Form or photocopy of same and signed as verification by President or Secretary of Club / s represented. No photocopy of signatures.
- 2 Contestants **MUST** register ½ hour before stated audition times. Contestants not available when called will be disqualified.
- 3 Entrants to perform **ONE** song in auditions **BUT** must perform a different song in the finals. No contestants may perform a song in the final that he / she has performed in **ANY** other section during the auditions.
- 4 Backing band available for auditions and finals. No other accompanist allowed unless contest / s play own instrument / s. No harmony backing allowed. Contestants **MUST** provide four (4) copies of fully chorded song sheets, named and attached to a firm backing with non reflective surface.
- 5 **Western section is backed by acoustic guitar only.** Backing available for those contestant / s not backing themselves.
- 6 Judges decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
- 7 Contestants **MUST** not appear more than once in the Duo / Group section.
- 8 Contestant's equipment and clothing is stored at their own risk.. The Awards will not be held responsible for loss, damage or theft.
- 9 **FINALISTS MUST ATTEND REHEARSALS WHEN REQUIRED.**
- 10 The Awards committee reserves the right of admission to all activities.
- 11 Any violation of the above rules will result in disqualification.
- 12 Entrants in the Open Sections are eligible for the Overall Award in their own age category i.e. Junior / Intermediate.
- 13 The Convenor must be consulted prior to any recall being performed.
- 14 New Country – Songs written after 2000. Re-recorded versions of older songs not acceptable.
- 15 In case of any damage caused and Public Liability Insurance required there will be a fee to the parents / guardians of \$400.00 as our excess is \$500.00
- 16 **LIMITED TO THE FIRST 90 ENTRIES. ENTRY FORMS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ENTRY TREASURER ON OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THE 25th March 2010.**

HAVE YOU FILLED IN YOUR ENTRY FORM CORRECTLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HAVE YOU FILLED IN YOUR SONG TITLES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!