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Dances with Dogs Competitions (Encompassing Dances with Dogs Freestyle & Heelwork to Music)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Dances with Dogs competitions provide handlers and their dogs with an opportunity to demonstrate a skilful, choreographed routine, performed to music.
- 1.2 Dances with Dogs encompasses two separate divisions: (a) Freestyle and (b) Heelwork to Music.
- 1.3 Dances with Dogs has its foundation in traditional obedience heelwork. However, in the discipline of Dances with Dogs, the inclusion of innovative and creative moves, and movement in time to and interpretation of the music are expected.
- 1.4 The discipline requires a good rapport between dog and handler, reflected in a high level of teamwork.
- 1.5 Dances with Dogs performances should have spectator appeal.
- 1.6 In the event that interpretation of these Rules is required, clarification should be sought, in writing, through the relevant member body, from the Dances with Dogs Committee of the ANKC, the decision of which will be binding.
- 1.7 Any person making an entry in a Dances with Dogs competition does so at their own risk.
- 1.8 The National Dances with Dogs Committee shall review and may recommend to the ANKC change(s) to these Rules at five-yearly intervals.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

Where referred to in these Rules, the following words will have the meanings assigned to them below:

“Affiliate”: a member body of a Canine Control conducting a Dances with Dogs competition.

"ANKC Ltd member body" or "member body": the ANKC Ltd member body in each State or Territory of Australia.

“Freestyle”: a division of Dances with Dogs, in which the dog works off lead and in which the routine may, subject to the provisions of these Rules, encompass a variety of moves, including heelwork and non-heelwork moves to present an interpretation of their music; there is no prescription as to the nature of moves or the level of heelwork required in Freestyle routines.

“Dances with Dogs”: an ANKC approved canine sport which encompasses both (a) Freestyle and (b) Heelwork to Music divisions.

“Heelwork to Music”: a division of Dances with Dogs in which the dog works off lead in any of the following heel positions, moving at any pace and in any direction:

- | | |
|--|---|
| (a) Dog on Right Hand Side of handler: | 1- facing forwards
2- facing backwards |
| (b) Dog on Left Hand Side of handler | 3- facing forwards
4- facing backwards |
| (c) Dog across front of handler: | 5- facing left
6- facing right |
| (d) Dog across back of handler: | 7- facing left
8- facing right |

The dog must:

- (a) move parallel to the handler in one of the nominated heelwork positions;
- (b) keep the same distance in relation to the handler in all positions;
- (c) move in the same direction as the handler;
- (d) move at the same pace as the handler.

At any class level a minimum of 70% of a Heelwork to Music routine must consist of heelwork, during which the dog's shoulder should be reasonably close to the handler's leg; the percentage of heelwork in a routine is based on the time spent undertaking heelwork positions. The remainder of the routine may consist of freestyle.

3.0 DANCES WITH DOGS COMPETITIONS

The scheduling of any Dances with Dogs competition shall be subject to the approval of the relevant member body. An Affiliate conducting a Dances with Dogs competition shall offer all of the titling classes listed in section 3.1 below.

3.1 Titling Classes

The following titling classes are available in the Freestyle and Heelwork to Music divisions of Dances with Dogs competitions.

3.1.1 Freestyle

- (a) **FREESTYLE STARTER:** For dogs that have not qualified for the Starter title.
- (b) **FREESTYLE NOVICE:** For dogs that have qualified for the title of 'Freestyle Starter' (FS.S.).
- (c) **FREESTYLE INTERMEDIATE:** For dogs that have qualified for the title of 'Freestyle Novice' (FS.N.).
- (d) **FREESTYLE ADVANCED:** For dogs that have qualified for the title of 'Freestyle Intermediate' (FS.I.).

3.1.2 Heelwork to Music

- (a) **HEELWORK TO MUSIC STARTER:** For dogs that have not qualified for the Starter title.
- (b) **HEELWORK TO MUSIC NOVICE:** For dogs that have qualified for the title of 'Heelwork to Music Starter' (HTM.S.).
- (c) **HEELWORK TO MUSIC INTERMEDIATE:** For dogs that have qualified for the title of 'Heelwork to Music Novice' (HTM.N.).
- (d) **HEELWORK TO MUSIC ADVANCED:** For dogs that have qualified for the title of 'Heelwork to Music Intermediate' (HTM.I.).

3.1.3 Progression through titling classes

- 3.1.3.1 A dog shall not be entered for any class in either division without previously having qualified, and an application having been lodged, for the title at the level of the previous class.

3.1.3.2 A dog which has gained sufficient Qualifying Certificates for the title of FS.S., HTM.S., FS.N. or HTM.N. shall not be eligible to compete in any further class at that level except in a competition for which entries closed before the final qualification score required for that title was gained.

3.1.3.3 At the discretion of the Affiliate's nominee, a competitor who completes the necessary Qualifying Certificates for a title and has applied for that title after the closing of entries may request and be transferred to the next higher class in the relevant division.

3.2 Non-titling Classes

An Affiliate conducting a Dances with Dogs competition may, at its discretion, offer non-titling classes.

4.0 TITLES

4.1 Qualifying Certificates

To be awarded a Qualifying Certificate, a competitor must gain the following from at least two of the three judges:

- (a) a score of at least ten (10) points in each of the three (3) judging categories; and
- (b) a total score of at least forty-five (45) points.

4.2 Dances with Dogs titles

4.2.1 All dogs eligible to be entered in a Dances with Dogs competition in accordance with these Rules shall be eligible to receive Title Certificates upon meeting the requirements set out in Rule 4.2.2 below.

4.2.2 The member body will receive applications for the use of the relevant title letters in connection with the name of each dog, when the dog has gained Qualifying Certificates in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) 'FS.S'/ 'HTM.S' signifying Freestyle Starter/Heelwork to Music Starter in connection with, and after the name of, each dog, which has gained a total of three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Starter class in the relevant division, under at least two (2) different Judging Panels.
- (b) 'FS.N'/ 'HTM.N' signifying Freestyle Novice/Heelwork to Music Novice in connection with, and after the name of, each dog, which has gained a total of three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Novice class in the relevant division, under at least two (2) different Judging Panels.
- (c) 'FS.I'/ 'HTM.I' signifying Freestyle Intermediate/Heelwork to Music Intermediate in connection with, and after the name of, each dog, which has gained a total of three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Intermediate class in the relevant division, under at least two (2) different Judging Panels.
- (d) 'FS.A'/ 'HTM.A' signifying Freestyle Advanced/Heelwork to Music Advanced in connection with, and after the name of, each dog, which has gained a total of three (3) Qualifying Certificates in the Advanced class in the relevant division, under at least two (2) different Judging Panels.

- (e) 'FS.Ch'/'HTM.Ch' signifying Freestyle Champion/ Heelwork to Music Champion in connection with, and before the name of, each dog which has gained its FS.A or HTM.A title respectively and thereafter gains a further seven (7) Qualifying Certificates in the Advanced class in the relevant division, with aggregate scores of 160 points or more, under at least three (3) different Judging Panels.

Those additional seven (7) Qualifying Certificates must include at least three (3) different pieces of music, which may include music used for the Advanced title. Evidence of the use of different pieces of music must be supplied to the member body when applying for the Championship title.

In the case of dogs which have attained Qualifying Certificates towards the Championship title prior to 1 January 2014, those Qualifying Certificates may be counted in accordance with the rules effective to 31 December 2013. Qualifying Scores achieved after 1 January 2014 must satisfy the requirements of this Rule.

- 4.2.3 The following is a summary of the requirements for titles at each level. Only the highest Dances with Dogs title in each division awarded to the dog shall be used in connection with the name of the dog.

Class	Starter	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced	Champion
Title	FS.S HTM.S	FS.N HTM.N	FS.I HTM.I	FS.A HTM.A	FS.Ch HTM.Ch
Number of certificates	3	3	3	3	7 (subsequent to Advanced title) with aggregate scores of 160 points or more and including at least 3 different pieces of music
Minimum number of Judging Panels	2	2	2	2	3

4.2.4 **Application for title**

Applications for all titles must be submitted on the appropriate form, accompanied by the prescribed fee. Upon approval by the member body, a title certificate authorising the use of the letters concerned will be issued to the applicant.

4.3 Decisions

- 4.3.1 Decisions of the Committee of the Affiliate conducting any Dances With Dogs competition shall be subject to appeal to the relevant member body in accordance with the rules of that member body.
- 4.3.2 The rules of the member body shall apply to any Dances With Dogs competition and to any Affiliate conducting competitions. In the event of any inconsistency, the member body rules shall prevail.
- 4.3.3 Anyone taking part in a competition who openly impugns the actions or decisions of the Judging Panel shall render themselves liable to be debarred from further participation in the competition and may be ordered from the grounds and further dealt with in accordance with the rules of the relevant member body.

5.0 RINGS

- 5.1 Except with the approval of the relevant member body, the ring shall be a minimum of 12m by 15m. Dimensions of the ring must be stated in the Schedule.
- 5.2 Where competitions are held indoors, the floor must have or be covered with a non-slip surface.
- 5.3 Ropes or markers indicating the ring perimeter must be highly visible to competitors and the Judging Panel and not obscure the Judging Panel's vision of competitors.
- 5.4 All ring equipment necessary for the proper conduct of a competition shall be provided by the Affiliate conducting the competition.
- 5.5 A distance of at least one metre from the ring perimeter is to be cordoned-off. Spectators must remain outside the cordoned area.
- 5.6 The allocated judging area must be separated from all spectators.
- 5.7 The ring entrance and competitor assembly area must be kept free from spectators throughout the competition.
- 5.8 Dogs, other than exhibits, must not be within four (4) metres of the competition ring perimeter.
- 5.9 The ring may be available for access by all competitors and their dogs prior to commencement of the competition, as advised by the Competition Manager or nominee in consultation with the Judging Panel.
- 5.10 No dog or handler shall be permitted to enter the competition ring after the Judging Panel has confirmed the suitability of the ring, except for the purpose of competition.
- 5.11 No food, toy or motivator shall be used within 6 metres of the competition ring.
- 5.12 No items of any kind shall be thrown by any person into the ring at any time during a competition.

6.0 EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Eligibility of exhibits

Dances with Dogs competitions are open to dogs that are:

- (a) registered with the relevant member body;
- (b) 12 months of age or over on the first day of a sanctioned event which includes a Dances with Dogs competition.

6.2 Entries

- 6.2.1 All entries must be made on the prescribed entry form and in accordance with the member body rules and the timelines published in the Schedule.
- 6.2.2 A separate entry form must be submitted for each entry.
- 6.2.3 A dog may be entered in both Freestyle and Heelwork to Music divisions, but shall be entered in only one class within a division.

- 6.2.4 A dog with an Intermediate title may only compete in either Intermediate or Advanced class within a division at the one competition.
- 6.2.5 A dog may be entered in both titling and non-titling classes when the latter are offered by the Affiliate conducting the competition.

6.3 Music and costume

- 6.3.1 Music in the public domain is acceptable and encouraged, provided it is not offensive or sexually suggestive in language. Competitors may obtain their music by creating it new, purchasing it, or receiving it free. Competitors do not need to hold music licenses for routines entered in member body events¹.
- 6.3.2 Costume, music and/or routine must not be offensive or sexually suggestive in language or presentation. Violations of this rule shall result in the routine being disqualified.
- 6.3.3 Appropriate² footwear is required to be worn by all handlers in the ring.
- 6.3.4 All handlers are responsible for providing the Music Steward with one (1) copy of their music, labelled with competitor's name, division, class, music selection and duration, at least thirty minutes before commencement of the competition. Music must be in a suitable audio format as specified in the competition schedule.
- 6.3.5 Music checks will be available at least thirty minutes before commencement of the competition. Handlers are responsible for the quality of recorded material.
- 6.3.6 At the discretion of the Affiliate, a competitor may change the details of the music (the music selection/title, duration etc) at the point of registration. Details of the change must be provided to other relevant officials at the competition and be recorded on the marked catalogue submitted to the relevant member body.
- 6.3.7 Once handlers have provided their music to the Music Steward and the music check has been completed, the music must remain with the Music Steward until completion of at least that class of the competition.
- 6.3.8 Handlers are responsible for the collection of their music at the end of the competition.

6.4 Registration and attendance

- 6.4.1 Handlers are responsible for registering their presence with the Secretary or nominee prior to the commencement of the competition, as specified in the Schedule.
- 6.4.2 The handler and dog shall be in the assembly area at the conclusion of the routine of the competitor prior to them.

6.5 Welfare of Dogs

- 6.5.1 All handlers whose dogs are entered at a member body sanctioned event shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the needs of their dog are met, and shall not put their dog's health or welfare at risk by any action, default, omission or otherwise.

¹ Responsibility for obtaining music licences will rest with the relevant member body or Affiliate.

² Excludes thongs, scuffs and bare feet.

6.5.2 Exhibits may be required to be inspected in accordance with the requirements of the relevant member body.

6.6 Bitches in Oestrus

Bitches in oestrus or showing a coloured discharge of any sort shall not be permitted to compete in any competition or to remain within the precincts of the competition venue.

7.0 REMOVAL OF A DOG

- 7.1 Any dog that attacks or displays aggressive behaviour towards any person or another dog shall be removed and disqualified from all competition on the day, and the matter shall be addressed in accordance with the incident reporting procedures of the member body.
- 7.2 The Judging Panel may order the removal from competition of any dog which is deemed disorderly or unmanageable, any handler who interferes wilfully with another competitor or a competitor's dog or whose behaviour is objectionable, and shall exclude or order the removal from competition of any dog which the Judging Panel considers unfit to compete.

8.0 WITHDRAWAL OF A DOG

- 8.1 A competitor may withdraw a dog before or during judging but, following such withdrawal, that handler/dog team will not be able to take any further part in that class of the competition, unless the Judging Panel, in exceptional circumstances, otherwise approves.
- 8.2 If, for any reason, a competitor requests that the music be stopped and that they be allowed to leave the ring, then the competitor is regarded as having withdrawn. A competitor who wishes to withdraw must provide a clear indication of this intention to the judges and to the music steward and may not thereafter continue with the routine.
- 8.3 If a competitor withdraws, no scores will be allocated for any of the scoring categories and the score sheet shall be marked "Withdrawn (W/D)". If a competitor withdraws, no placing shall be awarded to that entry.

9.0 THE ROUTINE

- 9.1.1 The standard and quality of the work presented by the handler and dog team should be higher and, shall be judged accordingly, as they progress through the classes. In particular, there should be an increase in achievement levels of content, technical merit and musical interpretation as competitors move into higher level classes.
- 9.1.2 The routine must start, continue, and finish within the confines of the ring.
- 9.1.3 The duration of a routine must be a minimum of one (1) minute and a maximum of four (4) minutes. It is expected that the duration of routines in the lower class levels will be towards the minimum end of the nominated time and towards the maximum end of the nominated time for routines in the higher classes.

The following guidelines regarding the minimum duration of routines are provided for competitors:

Starter	minimum of 1 minute
Novice	minimum of 1 minute 30 seconds
Intermediate	minimum of 2 minutes 15 seconds
Advanced	minimum of 3 minutes.

9.2 Dog attire

9.2.1 Dogs may only wear a decorative/co-ordinated neck collar, scarf and/or a buckle collar, or no collar.

9.2.2 Dogs must not wear:

- (a) any kind of prong, choke, or slip collars (made of chain or any other material); or
- (b) anything other than mentioned in 9.2.1.

9.2.3 A dog may not be artificially coloured.

9.3 Props and other items

If props are used, they must be an integral part of the routine and must be used by the handler and/or dog. Violation of this rule shall result in a one (1) penalty point deduction per prop. No props may be included or removed from the ring once the routine has commenced. Each Judge shall deduct such point(s) in the 'Deductions' section on the score sheet.

10.0 COMPETING

10.1 Any person who carries out punitive correction or harsh handling of any dog at any time within the precincts of the competition venue shall be reported and dealt with under the member body rules.

10.2 Verbal commands and/or encouragement may be provided by the handler to the dog and shall not be penalised at any level. Physical touch as encouragement or reward before or after completion of a routine shall not be penalised at any level.

10.3 After a dog has commenced competing in a class, no substitution of handler is permitted in that class.

10.4 Handlers with disabilities may compete, provided such handlers can move about the ring without physical assistance. The use of a wheelchair, crutches or cane is acceptable. The dog is to perform all necessary requirements of their routine as stated in these rules.

10.5 At the Judging Panel's discretion, if a dog's performance was prejudiced by peculiar or unusual conditions, the Panel may re-judge the entire routine.

10.6 For the duration of the competition, all dogs must be on a lead (or otherwise restrained [e.g. in a crate]) except when competing or practising prior to the competition. Dogs will enter and leave the competition ring on lead under the control of the handler. At any point after entering the ring, the competitor may remove the lead and hand it to the ring steward who will return it to the handler on completion of the routine.

- 10.7 The competition Secretary will allocate handlers a competition number for each entry submitted. Handlers are not required to wear numbers during competition. Numbers and names of the handler and dog, together with other relevant information, will be listed in the competition catalogue and the name of the handler and dog will normally be announced as they enter the ring. Other on-site displays of names of competitors and their dogs are permissible.

11.0 JUDGES AND JUDGING

11.1 Composition of Judging Panels

- 11.1.1 Each class in a titling Dances with Dogs competition will be judged by a Judging Panel comprised of three licensed Judges.
- 11.1.2 Persons participating in a Judging Panel at any titling Dances with Dogs competition must have been approved by the relevant member body for judging at the relevant level.

11.2 Judges' marking criteria

Each judge will mark all three sections of the Judging criteria as follows:

- (a) Routine Content – 20 points
- (i) The routine is varied with no excessive repetition of moves, befitting the class entered.
 - (ii) Degree of difficulty in respect of the type of moves.
 - (iii) Teamwork displays harmony, a strong relationship and enjoyment between dog and handler.
- (b) Technical Merit – 20 points
- (i) Accuracy of the moves and the dog's speed in responding; a smooth flow from one move to the next by both handler and dog.
 - (ii) Quality of moves and the extent of mistakes and/or refusals.
 - (iii) Accuracy of heelwork (Heelwork to Music division only).
 - (iv) The dog works in a natural and willing manner.
- (c) Musical Interpretation – 20 points
- (i) Interpretation of the music, reflecting rhythm and phrasing of the music in changes and moves.
 - (ii) Movements are complementary to the routine's concept.
 - (iii) Choreography is apparent and flowing. The routine includes balance, structure, and design and makes best use of available space.
 - (iv) Costume enhances interpretation of the routine.

11.3 Penalties

- 11.3.1 The penalties referred to in this rule relate to a deduction from the total score awarded by each individual Judge.
- 11.3.2 Barking may incur a penalty of up to four (4) points, provided that barking which is cued and is obviously part of a routine shall incur no penalty. Continuous barking shall result in disqualification.
- 11.3.3 Inclusion in the performance of a prop which is not integral to, and used by the handler and/or dog during the routine shall incur a penalty of 1 point per prop.
- 11.3.4 Physical management or manipulation of the dog during the routine shall incur a penalty up to disqualification, according to the level of management/manipulation undertaken.

11.4. Disqualification

11.4.1 The following shall result in disqualification of the dog and handler and their immediate removal from the ring:

- (a) a dog fouling/eliminating at any point between entering and exiting the ring;
- (b) the dog and/or handler leaving the ring at any time during their routine; if a dog or handler accidentally steps outside the ring during a routine they will not be penalised;
- (c) harsh or punitive treatment of the dog in the competition ring;
- (d) excessive physical manipulation of the dog in the competition ring;
- (e) any violation of the rules relating to dog attire or adornment, including artificial colouring;
- (f) costume, music, or routine offensive or sexually suggestive in language or presentation;
- (g)
 - (i) using a real or replica weapon³ of any kind;
 - (ii) using any prop in a manner which simulates or portrays threatening, attacking, injuring or otherwise harming the dog or any person, or other violence or aggression;
 - (iii) using live or recorded weaponry or explosive sounds⁴;
- (h) use of, or having on the person of the handler, during a performance, any food, toy or motivator of any kind;
- (i) use of any human or animal prop;
- (j) continuous barking;
- (k) a routine which significantly contravenes the time specified in rule 9.1.3.

11.4.2 If a competitor is disqualified, the score sheet must be marked "Disqualified (D/Q)".

11.5 Marks and placings

11.5.1 The results for each class, including marks and Judge's name, must be displayed on the day and be accessible to all competitors.

11.5.2 The aggregate score (the sum of all Judges' marking) will determine placings. Qualifying scores take precedence over non-qualifying scores for placings.

11.5.3 In the event of a tied score, a decision will be on the following criteria:

- (a) Highest total score for Technical Merit; if scores remain tied, use criterion (b).
- (b) Highest score for Routine Content; if scores remain tied, use criterion (c).
- (c) Highest score for Musical Interpretation; if scores remain tied;
- (d) Determined at the discretion of the Judging Panel.

³ Toy weapons may be used

⁴ All music/sounds must be orchestral or instrumental in origin.

APPENDIX A

DANCES WITH DOGS
JUDGES' MARK SHEET

Club		Date		
Category	Freestyle <input type="checkbox"/> HTM <input type="checkbox"/>	Class	Starter <input type="checkbox"/> Novice <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>	Competitor number
Judge		Judge's Signature		
Judging category			Maximum points available	Score
Routine Content (Max 20)				
The routine should be varied with no excessive repetition of moves, befitting the category entered			10	
Degree of difficulty in respect of the type of moves			5	
Teamwork displays harmony, a strong relationship and enjoyment between dog and handler			5	
Technical Merit (Max 20)				
Accuracy of the heelwork/positions/moves and the dog's speed in responding; a smooth flow from one move to the next by both handler and dog			10	
The quality of moves and the extent of mistakes and /or refusals			5	
The dog works in a natural and willing manner			5	
Musical Interpretation (Max 20)				
Interpretation of the music, reflecting rhythm and phrasing of the music in changes and moves			6	
Movements are complementary to the routine's concept			6	
Choreography is apparent and flowing. The routine includes balance, structure, design and makes best use of the available space			6	
Costume is appropriate to and enhances the routine			2	
Sub Total				
Deductions				
TOTAL				

**OFFICIAL DANCES WITH DOGS ENTRY FORM
(ENCOMPASSING FREESTYLE AND
HEELWORK TO MUSIC)**

To be held under the Rules and Regulations of the State Member Body

Note: Writing must be in ink, and all names of dogs and owners must be in block letters.
Use a separate form for each entry.

_____ Club Date of Competition / /
(Name of club for which entry is made)

EXHIBITOR'S DECLARATION I hereby apply to enter the following exhibit in terms of and upon the conditions set out in the State/Territory member body's Constitution Rules and Regulations by which I agree to be bound, and I hereby certify to the correctness of the particulars endorsed hereon.

BREED _____

NAME OF EXHIBIT _____

Details of dog entered must be identical with the registration of the Canine Control with which the dog is registered

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____ Registered No _____
State D or B

Name of Registered Owner/Lessee _____
(Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss - BLOCK LETTERS please)

_____ Membership No _____

Postal Address _____

Post Code _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Name of handler (if different from owner/lessee): _____

Entered in	Freestyle <input type="checkbox"/>	Starters	Novice	Intermediate	Advanced
Please ✓	HTM <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Title of Music _____

Artist _____

Duration of Music _____ Minutes & _____ Seconds CD USB or other*

I certify that this exhibit has not within a period of three months been in kennels affected with Distemper, Canine Hepatitis, Parvo Virus or any other contagious or infectious disease and that the dog has been vaccinated.

Usual Signature of owner/lessee(s) _____

Entry Fees _____
Catalogue _____
Sundries _____
Total _____
Cheque No. _____

*If permitted in accordance with Schedule.

GUIDELINES FOR DANCES WITH DOGS SCHEDULES

Subject to member body requirements, published Schedules for Dances with Dogs competitions normally include the following information:

1. The name of the Affiliate conducting the competition.
2. The date and venue at which the competition is to be conducted.
3. Details of the venue (such as whether it is an open or roofed/enclosed area, the surface of the ring [eg grass, carpet etc] and the specific dimensions of the ring).
4. The closing date for entries.
5. The address to which entries should be forwarded.
6. Entry fees.
7. Divisions and classes offered and the members of the Judging Panel(s) for each.
8. Commencing time of vetting, submission of music, music checks and judging.
9. Contact phone number (mobile) for the Affiliate on the day of the competition.
10. Such other information specific to the competition as the Affiliate considers appropriate.