



Newsletter July 2008

Senior Nationals 2008

Top Club Song

The Top Club Song for Senior Nationals 2008 is:

**“My Boy Flat Top” by Boyd Bennett
166 bpm 2 min 27 sec long**

The Trial Senior Teams section song is:

**“Red Sails in the Sunset” by Emile Ford
133 bpm 1 min 58 sec long**

Please contact the Secretary for a training copy of either song; this is now part of the entry fee. A copy of the song will be supplied to the DJ to play at the Competition (Book B 2008)

New Section – Senior Same Sex

This new section was passed at the recent AGM. Please, pass this information on to any club members who may fit the criteria.

- The section will have trophies and medals for both the best dressed parade and the dancing.
- A separate entry form is required and is attached to the newsletter.
- The section will be danced on Sunday after the Best Dressed Male & Female parades.
- This is an open age section – competitors 18 years and over.
- Competitors in the Same Sex section may also dance in any other section except Novice.
- The National Dress Code applies to this section i.e. females to the female dress code, males to the male dress code. Refer to Section 2 of the Rule Book.

Trial Senior Team Section - Conditions of Entry:

- 3 couples (male/female) all aged 40 years and over, dancing to the song chosen for them by the Executive Committee (see above).
- The section will dance on Sunday.
- An optional best dressed parade will precede the competition.
- Keepsake gifts will be presented in lieu of medals and trophies.

Novice Section

- The placing of the Novice section in the programme will depend on entries. Clubs will be advised once the draw is completed in September.
- A Senior Novice couple is defined as one male and one female dancer both 18 & over, both of whom have never competed at any National competition, excluding Novelty or Cheerleaders.
- An entrant or competitor in section 14 (Novice) cannot compete in any other section except 5 or 6 (Top Team, Trial Senior Team or Novelty).
- Assessment is not required for section 14 (Novice).

Entry Forms

Attached are the entry forms for Senior Nationals, photocopy as many as you need before you start to fill them out. There are separate forms provided for Section 14 (Novice) and Section 13 (Same Sex).

Entries must be in the hands of the Association Secretary by 1st September 2008

The entry fees for 2008 Senior Nationals are:

All Couples	\$50.00
Teams & Triples	\$75.00

Club Secretaries are responsible for ensuring that the entries are submitted, together with the appropriate fees, by the due date, Monday 1st September 2008. With split club entries, please communicate with the other club/s and decide who is going to take responsibility and how the entry fee is to be paid.

It is important that entries are printed or typed clearly. The Executive Committee cannot take responsibility for errors that may occur in the Nationals programme and certificates, caused by illegible entry forms.

Signing of Entry Forms

Club Secretaries; please ensure that the disclaimer at the bottom of the entry forms is read and that entry forms for all couples, triples, Top Club and the Trial Senior Team section are signed by the entrants. The entry forms for Novelty are to be signed by the Club Secretary, who must ensure that club members taking part are aware of the disclaimer.

Assessments

All assessments are to be advised to the Association Head Judge by letter, email, fax or phone prior to them taking place, and all judging and scrutineering sheets sent to the Association Head Judge within one week of the assessment taking place. The contact details for the Assoc. Head Judge, Jan Morgan, are 135A Horotiu Road, RD 8, Hamilton 3288, Phone 07 829 9008, Fax 07 829 9046 or 07 838 0642, Email admin@familylawcentre.co.nz.

During August, the Head Judge will be away, however, the emails and phone messages will be cleared regularly. If in doubt, please contact either the Association President, Warren Jeffrey, Ph 07 544 4676, email warrencolleen@ihug.co.nz or the Association Secretary, Brenda Neill, Ph 03 359 2657, email brendaneill@xtra.co.nz

Trophy Return

All trophies are to be returned by Friday 19th September to:

**Colleen Jeffrey
C/- Supreme Lock & Hardware
120 Birch Avenue
Tauranga**

Please use a courier and keep the tracking number until you have ensured that the trophy has arrived safely. All trophies must be returned clean, polished and engraved.

Song List

The timing of the following song has been corrected. Please change your song lists accordingly. A new Song List booklet will be sent to clubs with the Rule Books later in July.

“I’m Gonna Sit Right Down & Write Myself A Letter” by Bill Haley

159 bpm 2 min 37 sec long

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Host Club

The host club for the 2008 Senior Nationals, City of Sails, has advised that transport will not be provided during the competition. A discount has been negotiated with a car rental firm – refer to the City of Sails newsletters sent to clubs, or find details on the NZARRA website.

2009 Junior Nationals

Wanganui Rock'n'Roll Club, hosts of the 2009 Junior Nationals to be held over Easter weekend, 10th – 12th April 2009, advises clubs to confirm accommodation promptly. This lovely riverside town gets very busy during the holiday season, with accommodation at a premium. Please note that transport will not be provided.

Rule Books

Updates to Rule Book A and Book B are at the drafting and checking stage and will be released to clubs as soon as possible. As altered and new rules took effect immediately after the AGM, any questions should be directed initially to your club secretary, and then to the Association Secretary.

Affiliation Fees

Clubs should have received an invoice for the affiliation fees, due for payment by 1st August 2008. If you haven't received it or have mislaid it, please contact the Association Treasurer Yolanda van Dorrestein, Ph 04 385 7283 or email yolanda.vandorrestein@equinox.co.nz The amount due is \$300.00. Please note that a 10% penalty applies to all late payments.

Club List

The latest club list is enclosed. Every effort is made to keep this list as up to date as possible, however, it is the responsibility of clubs to advise the Executive Committee of any changes to the club address, executives, contact phone numbers and email addresses immediately after their AGM.

Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events lists Association events, payments and closing dates, and executive meeting dates for the coming year. Ensure your committee is familiar with this document, especially club treasurers. Please keep a copy handy for reference throughout the year.

Assessment Scrutineering Sheet

The Assessment Scrutineering Sheets has been updated as a result of changes to the National Qualifying Levels, passed at the AGM. Please destroy all previous copies of assessment scrutineering sheets and use this one only, which is dated May 2008.

Website

The Entry Forms, Assessments Scrutineering Sheet, Calendar of Events and this newsletter are all available on the website www.rocknroll.org.nz . By adding this website address to your club newsletters, all members can have access to the information contained herein.

Yours in Rock



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