

8. JUDGES

Any National Association, Association, or Trainee Judge must be a current financial member of an Affiliated Club and must act in a professional manner and have a responsibility to the Association. Their conduct should always be beyond reproach when representing the Association.

- 8.1 Any National Association, Association, or Trainee Judge must maintain the judging standard required, such standards to be determined by the Executive Committee.
- 8.2 All National Association, Association or Trainee Judges must be supplied with the current New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc. Rule Book and must comply with the rules and any amendments relating to them.
- 8.3 Any Judge having accepted the invitation to judge at the forthcoming National Championships, must declare to the Head Judge any conflict of interest including coaching a couple in that National Championship. Where it is not possible for the Head Judge to use said Judge in an armchair capacity for that section, they must cease coaching immediately or withdraw from judging. Judges must also advise the Head Judge of any close personal or immediate family relations that may be competing in that Championship
- 8.3 (a) All officiating Judges are to receive a copy of the scrutineers sheets after a National Championship.
- 8.4 A Judge having accepted an invitation to judge at a forthcoming Nationals must attend a judging workshop immediately prior to that Nationals, i.e. February/March in the case of Juniors and August/September in the case of Seniors, with the exception of special circumstances agreed to by the Head Judge.
- 8.5 Any written complaints or non-compliance of these rules will be investigated by the Executive Committee. If the nature of the complaints is likely to lead to the dismissal of a Judge, a panel will be convened as soon as practicable to consider such allegations. The panel will consist of the Head Judge and four senior National Association Judges selected by their peers i.e. fellow Judges, but representing the three regions.
- 8.6 Following an investigation with the person or persons concerned the panel will make their recommendations to the Executive Committee within seven days. The Executive Committee will notify those concerned, in writing, of the outcome within a further seven days.
- 8.7 Any Judge failing to attend the compulsory 1 workshop per year, with the exception of special circumstances agreed to by the Head Judge, will be required to seek re-nomination from their club and will need to attend a judges' workshop to be re-instated to the List. The Judge will then commence his/her judging criteria as per rule 8.10 again.
- 8.8 A Judge finding that his/her name has been removed from the register of Judges, for other than disciplinary reasons, be given the right to have their name reinstated provided they meet the relevant criteria, this to be determined by the Executive Committee in conjunction with the Judges panel according to the status of the Judge concerned.

8.9 TRAINING JUDGES CRITERIA

Before being accepted onto the Trainee Judges List, an applicant must:

- a) Have attained the age of 18 years.
- b) Be nominated by their club, in writing, to the Head Judge of the NZARRA.
- c) Complete and return to the Head Judge an introductory questionnaire attesting to their Rock'n'Roll experience and commitment.
- d) Have their application considered and accepted by the Executive Committee.
- f) Upon being accepted onto the Trainee Judges List, they can then begin the criteria as per Rule 8.10 to qualify as an Association Judge.
- g) All Trainee Judges must attend a minimum of one judging workshop per calendar year thereafter.

8.10 The criteria to qualify as an Association Judge is as follows and must be completed in the following order.

- 1) Armchair judge a minimum of six competitions, all using the NZARRA rules, judging guidelines, Association appointed Judges and using the points system.
- 2) Officially judge a minimum of four competitions all using the NZARRA rules, judging guidelines and Association appointed Judges.
- 3) Sit and pass an examination set by the Head Judge.
- 4) Addition to the official register of Association Judges will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 5) All Association Judges must attend a minimum of one judging workshop per calendar year.

8.11 The criteria to qualify and remain as a National Association Judge is as follows:

- 1) To have qualified as an Association Judge.
- 2) Armchair judge a minimum of two National Championships, a Junior and Senior.
- 3) Addition to the official register of National Association Judges will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 4) All National Association Judges must attend a minimum of one judging workshop per calendar year
- 5) Be available to judge a minimum of one Nationals Competition per calendar year.
- 6) All National Association Judges must judge or armchair at least one club competition or equivalent event/competition each year. Any National Association Judge failing to do this, with the exception of special circumstances agreed to by the Head Judge, will be removed to Association Judge Level.

8.12 To assist with the evaluation of Judges, copies of **all** judges and scrutineers sheets and a competition programme are to be sent to the Head Judge within one week of the said competition whether assessments have taken place or not.