

## **SECTION 7 - CONDUCT AND OBLIGATIONS**

Please take note of Rules 1.9, 1.12 and 1.13

- 7.1 During the competition weekend, there will be zero tolerance of anyone considered to be verbally or physically abusing anyone attending the event. The NZ Executive reserves the right, should they deem it necessary, to enforce the removal of anyone in breach of this rule from the venue for a period at the discretion of the Executive.
- 7.2 **JUDGES & SCRUTINEERS - OFF LIMITS TO COMPETITORS**  
No competitor, his or her club, his or her parent, or other interested party shall communicate with the Judges or Scrutineers on the subject of the competitor immediately prior to or during the competition.
- 7.2 **COMPETITORS - OFF LIMITS TO JUDGES**  
No Judge shall communicate with competitors on any subject immediately prior to or during the competition.
- 7.3 During the competition process the stage area and equipment is out of bounds to all except the MC, DJ(s) and Floor Manager(s) or person(s) approved by the Floor Manager(s).
- 7.4 It is illegal for any competitor to receive audible or visual coaching from the side lines whilst on the competition floor. Such conduct could result in competitors being disqualified and/or the coach/s being removed from the venue.
- 7.5 Any club or parent in charge of any competitor(s) shall be responsible for the general good conduct and decorum of such competitors and shall observe the instructions of the Floor Manager, an Executive Committee member, or other official acting under the Floor Manager's direction. Refer Rule 5.7 - Section 6 (Novelty) competitors' requirement that such entries are of a standard suitable for family viewing.
- 7.6 By entering Section 6 (Novelty), a club automatically accepts full financial liability for any cost associated with damage caused by their entry.
- 7.7 In the case of a team, or other entry involving a group of two or more competitors, where they have appointed a representative to be in charge of the group, that person shall be deemed to have accepted these rules and instructions on behalf of such group.
- 7.8 **COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**  
Any complaints must be submitted in writing to the Executive Committee by a club and will be tabled at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- 7.9 **PROPERTIES**  
No properties of any description will be permitted in any event except Section 6 (Novelty). Substances such as powder, liquids, or anything which may affect the surface of the competition floor to the detriment of other competitors shall not be used as properties. At Junior Nationals, any participation in or related to the Novelty section can only be done by Juniors and at Senior Nationals, any participation in or related to the Novelty section can only be done by Seniors.
- 7.9.1 Section 9 (Cheerleaders) are permitted to use only pom-poms as properties.
- 7.10 The Floor Manager(s) shall ensure that the music or recording for all events is present prior to the commencement of the competition, but it shall be the responsibility of the competitors to ensure that if their own recording is used for Sections 6 (Novelty) and 9 (Cheerleaders), it is set up correctly ready to commence.