

## **SECTION 1 – GENERAL**

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- 1.1 Membership to this Association is open to bona fide New Zealand based amateur Rock 'n' Roll Clubs only.
- 1.2 A club must have been established and affiliated to the Association within the financial year to qualify for the National Championships. Refer rule 10.1.
- 1.3 Alteration of Rule Book A must be implemented by a remit at an Annual General Meeting or by a motion at a Special General Meeting.

- (a) The date for receipt of Remits is 60 days prior to the meeting. Remits must be in writing addressed to the Secretary of the Association. The final date for acceptance is to be advised by the Association newsletter sent to each club. Remits taken from the floor will be at the discretion of the meeting.
- (b) Motions resulting from discussions at a Special General Meeting may be voted on at that meeting for immediate inclusion in Rule Book A.

### **1.4 Fees, Levies and AGM**

- (a) Clubs wishing to affiliate to the Association must pay an initial application fee of \$25, an annual membership fee and annual member levies.
- (b) The membership fee is \$300 per member club per year, payable by 1st August. Of this fee \$75 is to be allocated as registration of one delegate for the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Member levy of \$3.25 per club member aged 18 years and over and \$1.60 per club member aged 5 – 17 years, is calculated at each club's balance date and payable to the Association within 30 days of that date.
- (d) The Entry Fee for a National Championship is determined by the Executive Committee each year. Entry Fees are not refundable after the closing date for entries except at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- (e) The host club of a National Championships is obliged to charge a levy of \$5.50 for each Saturday ticket sold and \$5.50 for each Sunday ticket sold (excluding public door sales), payable to the Association and forward such monies owing to the Association, no later than one month after the championship.

Note: All monies due to the Association shall incur a ten percent penalty (10%) if not paid by the due date.

### **1.5 AGM and Travel Equalisation Scheme**

- (a) Each Club currently financial and affiliated to the Association can register up to 2 delegates to attend the Association AGM. The fee to register a second AGM delegate is \$75.
- (b) A Club must pay and participate in the Travel Equalisation Scheme (TES) if they wish to attend the AGM. The payment is to be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> April in the year of the AGM.
- (c) The TES cost per delegate is \$225.00
- (d) Observers may attend the AGM if their club has delegate/s registered. The AGM Fee of \$75 is payable to register an observer. Observers are not part of the TES scheme.

- (e) Clubs can send receipts for the air fares/travel expenses in relation to the Association AGM with a cheque for the balance to equal the TES contribution (or request a refund if the costs exceed the contribution). There will be no refund for Clubs who cancel within 30 days of the AGM except at the discretion of the Executive committee.
- (f) Reimbursements shall be no more than the Air New Zealand or equivalent airfare excluding commission/insurance fees, or mileage at the current cents per km rate as listed in Book B, whichever is the lesser. Any surplus will be divided equally among attending delegates and returned to their clubs.
- (g) All travel claims must be in the hands of the Association Secretary no later than seven days prior to the AGM. Any claims submitted after the seven days will not be reimbursed.

#### 1.6 **National Championships**

- (a) The Association organises a Senior National Championship at Labour Weekend and a Junior National Championship at Easter, annually.
- (b) Only members of clubs currently financially and affiliated to the Association can compete in the competitions.
- (c) The National Championships are voluntarily hosted by member clubs. The selection of the host club is made at the Association AGM.
- (d) If eight weeks before the start of a National Championship there are conditions in New Zealand that the Executive Committee and host club consider would negatively impact that Championship proceeding on its planned date, the Championship will be cancelled.
- (e) The Host Club must liaise with the Executive Committee on all aspects of hosting the National Competition including the Nationals checklist. See Book B.

1.7 The National Championships are held over 3 consecutive days, Friday/Saturday/Sunday. National Championship Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 14 on the Saturday and Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15 & 16 on the Sunday. Refer rule 5.1.

1.8 The dividing point between the age limits for the Junior Championship and the Senior Championship is 18 years of age.

#### The age limits are:

Junior Championship - 5 years and under 18 years as at Good Friday of the year of the competition.

Senior Championship - 18 years and over as at 31<sup>st</sup> October of the year of the competition.

#### (a) **Junior Championship Sections**

1	Junior	5 years to 10 years
2	Intermediate	11 years to 13 years
3	Seniors	14 years to 17 years
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5	Top Club	5 years to 17 years
6	Novelty	5 years to 17 years
7	Triples Junior	5 years to 13 years
8	Triples Intermediate	5 years to 17 years
9	Cheerleaders	5 years to 17 years
10	Junior Restricted	5 years to 12 years
11	Restricted	5 years to 17 years

13	Same Sex	5 years to 17 years
14	Novice	5 years to 17 years
16	Junior Same Sex	5 years to 12 years

(b) **Senior Championship Sections**

1	Open	18 years and over
2	Platinum	30 years and over
3	Golden	40 years and over
4	Masters	50 years and over
5	Top Club	18 years and over
6	Novelty	18 years and over
7	Open Triples	18 years and over
8	Senior Triples	40 years and over
9	-----	
10	Open Restricted	18 years and over
11	Senior Restricted	40 years and over
12	Diamond	60 years and over
13	Open Same Sex	18 years and over
14	Novice	18 years and over
15	Senior Team	40 years and over
16	Senior Same Sex	40 years and over

(c) Dancing in a Higher Section – Junior Championship only.

One partner of a couple in the Junior or Intermediate sections is entitled to dance up a section if, and only if, by adding two years to that person's age the competitor then fulfils the age requirements for the other partner's higher section. Likewise one or two members of a Junior Triples team can dance up a section if the third member is of Intermediate Triples age.

Note that:

- (i) The reverse cannot happen, i.e. a competitor cannot dance down a section.
- (ii) A Senior section entrant for the Junior Championship cannot thereby qualify for entry to the Senior Championship.
- (iii) A dancer who is 17 years of age whose birthday falls between 31<sup>st</sup> October and Good Friday will be able to dance at Senior Nationals prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. A birth certificate must be provided. Once having danced at a Senior Nationals, a competitor cannot again dance at a Junior Nationals.

- 1.9 A person can only represent one Association club per National Championship.
- 1.10 Club/s hosting National Championships are required by the Association to make a DVD of all competition categories and presentations, including all the dancing in all the heats, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals of the event to be available for purchase at a reasonable cost to associated clubs.
- 1.11 All reasonable accommodation/travel expenses pertaining to National Championships expended by official judges and scrutineers on behalf of the Association will be reimbursed by the Association.
- 1.12 Breach of any of these rules and/or instructions may render an entry invalid and/or subject to whatever ruling that the Executive Committee deem necessary in order to protect the integrity and status of the National Championship.

- 1.13 The Executive Committee reserves to itself the right of determining the status of all competitors and Judges, and of applying the rules appearing herein and the decision of the Committee shall be final.
- 1.14 The Executive Committee will officiate at all National Competitions with a minimum of three people per day excluding the Immediate Past President. No officiating Executive will participate in the competition on the day/s that they are officiating. The Association Head Judge will not participate in the competition as a competitor, coach or supporter.

If the Association Head Judge is unavailable for the competition then a National Association Judge will be appointed by the Executive Committee to officiate as Head Judge for a National Championship.