



# New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



## MINUTES OF THE 2024 NZARRA Inc. 41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Strathmore Park Community Centre, Te Tuhunga Rau, Wellington  
SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

The Annual General Meeting opened at 9.55 am with a welcome from the New Zealand Association Vice President Theresa Cummack.

The New Zealand Executive Committee was introduced

Vice President	Theresa Cummack
Secretary	Neva Zainey
Treasurer	Malcolm Mazur
Head Judge	Dianne Halstead

### Apologies

Karen Birch President  
Hawkes Bay  
Sun City Rockers  
Rocking Robins  
Timaru  
Top of the South

*The Vice President Moved the Apologies to be accepted.*

*Seconded by City Of Sails  
Carried Unanimously*

The Vice President confirmed at roll call there were 16 clubs and 4 Executive present. The majority for voting is 11, and for the Constitutional Notice of Motions, the majority is 14. The voting procedure will be as follows:

- The voting to accept reports will be by show of hands.
- Voting for remits will be by show of hands.
- Election of Officers — Secret ballot, Secretary and Treasurer will act as scrutineers.

The Vice President went over housekeeping for this meeting and advised Jarred Rumbold from Hutt Valley was appointed as Fire Warden.

### Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

No matters arising.

*Vice President Moved that the Minutes of the 2023 AGM be accepted*

*Seconded by Christchurch  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

## **EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

### **President's Report**

The President's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Theresa advised, as the President is not here to speak to her report and it has been circulated prior, we would not be speaking to this report.

There were no matters arising.

*Vice President Moved that the Report be accepted*

*Seconded by Invercargill  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

### **Head Judge's Report**

The Head Judge's report was circulated at the meeting.

Dianne spoke to her report.

There were no matters arising.

*The Head Judge Moved the Report to be accepted.*

*Seconded by Drifters  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried unanimously*

### **Correspondence Inwards/Outwards**

The list of Inwards and Outwards Correspondence was circulated prior to the meeting.

No matters arising.

*The Secretary Moved the Correspondence Report be accepted*

*Seconded by COS  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Malcolm spoke to his report.

The 2023 accounts have been prepared and reviewed by Helen Reeves.

Our balance of funds as of 31 December 2023 was \$18,560.07.

The Association had a net loss for the financial year of -\$15,352.88, compared to a closing balance of \$33,912.94 and a net loss of -\$12,290.39 for the previous year.

The large decrease in funds is due to the losses from Junior and Senior nationals.

The Association Bank balance as of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 sits at \$15,343.37 less TES makes it \$9943.37.

There were no new assets purchased during the reporting period and all existing assets have no book value so there was no depreciation.

Our statement of financial position liabilities (\$2743) are payments made in the 2024 year for activity in the 2023 year. E.g. additional senior nationals related expenses.

Due to our current bank balance and status, we are looking at increasing both senior and junior membership levies and national ticket levies. With a declining bank balance, the Exec are working

and finding ways of trying to save money with all our events like the AGM, Judges workshops and combining our National events.

**Further Discussion:**

Wellington Treasurer	Any concern regarding the finances will be talked about later - correct? Yes
City of Sails Treasurer	Is the 1 <sup>st</sup> May not the 31 <sup>st</sup> May correct? Apologies - Yes, I meant the 1 <sup>st</sup> May

*The Treasurer Moved the Financial Report for 2024 to be accepted.*

*Seconded by Gold Coast  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

**SENIOR AND JUNIOR NATIONAL REPORTS**

**Senior Nationals 2023 Report - City of Sails**

Circulated prior to this meeting

Linda spoke on behalf of City of Sails, in summary:

The venue was very good, apart from some dance floor issues that were resolved and kept acceptable throughout the weekend. The sub-committee was made up of 6 club members and this was a good small number to get things done. During the weekend we had around 20 helpers on a roster to cover the logistics of running the event and looking after the venue.

The Auckland Netball Centre had plenty of space so we gave the casual public sales of morning and afternoon sessions, full access to the dance floor and seating with their club if they wanted. This worked well and we sold just over 300 public tickets over the whole weekend, providing \$6,160 in revenue. Tiered seating was well utilised across the weekend giving great views of the dance floor.

We would like to thank Duncan and Nigel for the music and Daniel Zainey for being MC. Of course the NZARRA Executive deserve a round of applause for their work in organising the weekend programme and the Officials who worked tirelessly to judge, administer, etc. without which, we could not have a competition. Thank you to everyone who worked in an official capacity.

The officials were provided a van loaned by a club member and driver, also a club member. We were lucky to have one of our committee look after the catering for the officials throughout the weekend and we were loaned a water cooler for the judges table area.

As with all previous hosting, we made a big effort in applying for grants. This was very important as we were never sure of the profitability of the event. One of our members put in a lot of effort securing grants worth over \$6,000 from three charities, namely; Pub Charity, Four Winds Foundation and the NZCT Community Trust. A bit of advice for the future, get your grant submissions in nice and early prior to paying the bulk expenses, as you do not normally get grants for costs that you have already paid. We were successful with costs towards first aid, equipment and venue hire.

The venue accepted motorhomes and this was very popular. We had 20 registered motorhomes and all had to have a current self-containment certificate and prepaid a \$25.00 registration fee.

The financials were provided and show a profit of \$23,759.66. This was despite a lower-than-expected attendance number. We had close to 300 prepaid actual attendees including competitors. We had early bird ticket pricing of \$90.00 for the full weekend and kept this price throughout due to our success with grants. Keeping costs to a minimum i.e. self-catering for officials, running raffles and successful grants, made the overall event more profitable for the club than budgeted.

**Further Discussion:**

Christchurch                      Public tickets with full access - \$20 a session ticket? Price on door entry  
the figures don't add up.

*Linda moved their report be accepted  
Seconded by Drifters  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

**Junior Nationals 2024 Report - Invercargill**

Circulated prior to this meeting.

Claire - Observer spoke on behalf of Invercargill, in summary:

We would firstly like to thank everyone who travelled to Invercargill and supported Junior Nationals 2024.

What a weekend! We set out to have fun-filled Nationals and wanted to create an atmosphere that was exciting for all - we hope that all competitors, supporters and officials had a great experience. Although competitor numbers were low we filled the room and hope that those clubs who did attend will spread the word about what a great national event RnR has every year and will hopefully encourage growth of our junior numbers across all clubs for the future.

To date we have made a profit of \$6566.00. Included in this we did have merchandise available for sale however this did not return much profit so we wouldn't advise doing this for future junior nationals. We have 8 non-competitor badges left that will be available at the AGM for \$10 each.

We sold 137 weekend floor passes, 20 Friday floor passes, 19 Saturday floor passes, 8 Sunday floor passes, and 186 grandstand tickets for the weekend.

8 DVDs and 8 flash drives were ordered.

Social media engagement with other clubs was limited until we approached each club individually and after that was very successful, perhaps contact each club earlier in the future for social media purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to host Junior Nationals 2024, we had so much fun working together on this and wish the Kapi Mana team all the best with Junior Nationals 2025.

**Further Discussion:**

Christchurch                      How many competitors  
Invercargill                      34 Competitors

*Karl moved their report be accepted  
Seconded by Wellington  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

**Senior Nationals 2024 Progress Report - Christchurch**

Circulated prior to this meeting.

Christchurch club is ready to welcome all clubs to the 2024 Senior Nationals.

We want to acknowledge that it is 40 years since the first Senior National Championship hosted by Coasters Rock'n'Roll Club in Gisborne. However, because of Covid19 interruptions, this in fact will be the 38<sup>th</sup> Senior Nationals.

We have hired Lincoln Event Centre, 15 Meijer Drive, Lincoln. This is a proven venue, just 15 -20 minutes from the city, with a really good dance floor and warm up area. There is ample car parking and a water refill station. Table seating will be limited, depending on numbers. Every club will have some table seating and there is plenty of wooden tiered seating. We do recommend bringing stadium cushions.

The centre is a council owned facility and therefore we are restricted in some areas, for example, we are unable to hang banners around the walls. We are making provision for the Association Banner, which will be as usual behind the stage. Clubs can bring pull up banners to display.

Accommodation in Lincoln & Rolleston is limited, we recommend any club still seeking accommodation to look at providers in Riccarton, Blenheim or Lincoln Roads, all have a number of motels, and are within 15 minutes easy drive of the venue.

While motorhome parking is not permitted in the stadium car park, we have arranged parking with the nearby Lincoln Primary school, just 5 minutes' walk away. Anyone wanting to use this parking can contact Karyn Thomson [kethomson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kethomson@xtra.co.nz). The school is not charging for this use, but we would appreciate users making a small donation which we can pass on to the school.

We are currently applying for an alcohol licence, and are hopeful this will be granted. This will be for the purchase of alcohol evenings only. There will be no BYO at all. As we will be providing the drink and bar staff, the cost will be competitive.

For venue tickets we will be using "ITicket". This is a reliable New Zealand company, and they have offered very generous terms as far as fees go, especially with bulk purchases, where the fee will be capped. We will have details soon with pricing and links to the provider. There will be an "early bird" price to encourage clubs to be prompt with their purchases. The ticket price is subject to the outcome of Remit 2.

The plan for Friday evening is to have local market stalls, and a casual meet and greet evening with DJ music. "Let's Jive" will be on site all weekend, as will our seamstress team for any running repairs.

Our DJ's are Duncan & Nigel, and we have Rotorockers video team for their last hurrah.

We are working on getting coffee carts and food options at the venue. Lincoln Township is well served with cafes, takeaways, pubs, restaurants and a very good supermarket.

Our theme is Legends of Rock'n'Roll, and while this of course is all those artists who created our music, fashion etc. it is also all our local dancing legends, the 3 times winners from over the years. We also note that in the 40 years since that first event, there have been just 12 presidents, 20 Vice Presidents, 11 Secretaries, 15 Treasurers and 12 Head Judges. Some of these people have been in more than one role within the organisation over that time. We regard all these people as our legends, and would love to acknowledge them, so please contact our President, Robin Sutton [president@christchurchrocknroll.org.nz](mailto:president@christchurchrocknroll.org.nz)

Brenda spoke on behalf of Christchurch, in summary:

Fortunate to have members actively looking for funding.

Increasing costs etc and \$90 tickets isn't going to work in the future.

Have Stalls and a Legend dinner with rocknroll themed food for everyone to purchase.

No further comments

*Brenda moved their report be accepted  
Seconded by City of Sails  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

### **Junior Nationals 2025 Progress Report - Kapi Mana**

Circulated prior to the meeting.

#### **DATES:**

Good Friday 18 April	Proposed event celebrating Kapi Mana's 40th Birthday.
Saturday 19 April	Opening ceremony, Junior competition.
Sunday 20 April	Junior competition, closing ceremony.

#### **VENUE:**

Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua

- Kapi Mana has pencilled in bookings for the main and small stadiums at Te Rauparaha Arena. A decision as to which stadium will be used is subject to the outcome of matters to be raised at the NZARRA AGM, the report on the 2024 Junior Nationals, and indications of likely support for/competitor numbers at the 2025 Juniors.
- Contract time is 3pm Friday 18 April to 12pm Sunday 20 April.
- Contract includes a stage, hire of meetings rooms, chairs, and 30 tables.
- Per the 2016 and 2021 Junior Nationals hosted by Kapi Mana at Te Rauparaha Arena, should the event be held in the main stadium then two thirds will be used for the dance floor/seating /stage with one third screened off for a warm-up/practice area.
- If the event is held in the small stadium arrangements are in hand to screen off a section for a warm-up/practice area.
- Kapi Mana has also explored the option of using an alternative venue in the event the anticipated number of competitors is lower than expected.

#### **TIMELINE:**

31 May 2024	Kapi Mana to confirm which stadium is needed with Te Rauparaha Arena.
July 2024	Info pack with accommodation options. First newsletter advertising ticket prices
28 February 2025	Proposed cut-off date for EarlyBird tickets

#### **Barry spoke on behalf of Kapi Mana, in summary:**

Thanked for the opportunity

Hall is subject to decisions made here today. Costs are different for each of the halls.

Costs for hosting these events are quite high.

Economics don't stack up and for further discussion.

Look at a third option - college - plan to move there depending on the outcome later.

*Barry moved their report be accepted  
Seconded by Christchurch  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

### **Senior Nationals 2025 Progress Report - Tauranga**

Circulated prior to the meeting.

I am Happy to announce that the 2025 Senior Rock n Roll nationals will be held not in Tauranga but in Rotorua's Energy Event Centre. This venue has been used twice in the past both for Junior nationals 1993 and Senior nationals 2003. Our Theme for the Weekend will be. Rock your Club and Roll your colours. We are excited to host in this Famous New Zealand location, known for its tourist activities and its beautiful surroundings. We have booked Duncan Jury and Nigel Fisher as our DJs for the weekend. We hope to see as many competitors as possible there to battle it out on the dance floor.

Kylee spoke on behalf of Tauranga, in summary:

No venue available in Tauranga and have booked in Rotorua. 1993 and 2003 held in this hall.

Nigel booked and when booking accommodation - please be aware of emergency housing so be vigilant where you book.

*Kylee moved their report be accepted*

*Seconded by Drifters*

*For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0*

## **ALLOCATION OF 2026 JUNIOR AND SENIOR NATIONAL**

The Vice President asked the council as we have a remit to discuss combining nationals, we would like to wait to allocate 2026 Nationals until after Remit 3. Will take a nonbinding pole to vote on this.

*Seconded by Huttvalley*

*All in favour - 20*

## **NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

### **Proposed Constitution Change 1 - Executive**

*Seconded by Drifters*

Amend Section 18 (a) to add 'or a Special General Meeting of the Association'....

#### **To read:**

"The Constitution may be altered only if a motion of the proposed alteration is sent in writing to the Secretary at the registered office of the Association at least 90 days prior to either the Annual General Meeting or **a Special General Meeting** of the Association, and has been put at that meeting and carried by two thirds majority of the total of Member Clubs and Executive Committee present and entitled to vote".

#### **Reasoning:**

The current Constitution states that any changes can only be made at an AGM. In order to ratify the new Constitution required by Incorporated Societies, allowing this to be done at a Special General Meeting would then allow changes to be presented prior to a yearly AGM.

### **The Vice President spoke to this Constitution change**

#### **Further Discussion:**

Christchurch

Special General Meetings are meant to be for a specific reason.

Amendment - 'of the Association called for that purpose'

*Seconded by Harbour City*

#### **Comments on the amendment only**

No further discussion

*Vote on the Amendment only*

*For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0*

#### **Comments on the Amended Remit**

No further discussion

*Voting on the Amended Constitution Change 1  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried unanimously*

**Proposed Constitution Change 2 - Harbour City**

*Seconded by L&P*

**Add new clause under current Constitution Rule 9b:**

“General Meetings will be held at one or more venues using any real-time audio, audio and visual, electronic or in-person communication that gives each member a reasonable opportunity to participate.”

**Reasoning:**

We propose this change so that all AGM's and SGM's are run on-line, or at the discretion of the Association, a combination of on-line and in person.

For a long time there has been relatively low attendance at the AGM, which is a key meeting for us as an incorporated society, and we have heard that the related costs, plus time required for travel, are barriers to clubs attending.

Meeting and conversing online is now a common and familiar activity for most, particularly post our COVID lockdown.

It is important that we encourage as many clubs as possible to take part in the business of an AGM, including understanding the financial position of the Association and electing its officers, and remove barriers to doing so. We feel it would encourage more people to attend if the time required to attend a meeting was shorter (did not incur travel time) and at no or low cost to attend.

Although we agree with comments previously made when this was suggested - that meeting in person is good, more social, and encourages more side-conversations, etc - that is secondary to an AGM's main purpose. This change also supports that preference, if there is continued appetite by some for a physical meeting.

**Harbour City spoke to their Constitution change reading out the reasoning above.**

16 clubs here today which is great but 10 clubs are missing. Clubs may be reluctant - due to the cost to attend or have to leave a day earlier - have to consider accommodation costs.

We had to have the AGM online during covid and we managed but was not the first choice but we do now have more ways to run AGM's. This would also help financially.

**Further Discussion:**

Kapi Mana	Clubs from the Wellington area - they should have to come because it is being held in this area with minimal cost. If they want to come via zoom - seems lazy.
City of Sails	For - Zoom or in person. Prefer not combined. Does this hall allow wifi can we zoom people in?
Drifters	Agree - prefer one or the other. Not combined to make the experience easier.
Christchurch	Give the choice by zoom, or combination or physical. Give as much flexibility to the Executive when the time comes.
Cambridge	Discussions are valuable - we prefer one or the other option.



Secretary	One or the other - not together, makes it harder to run the meeting having to worry about those online as well as those in the room.
Surf City	Zoom meetings - find it harder - don't feel comfortable on zoom. Prefer in person.
City of Sails	Do we need to put in an amendment?
Dunedin	Spend alot of time on zoom - consider every other year in person - get a much better meeting when face to face. Believe it's not worth the expense of what we will lose if we go totally online.
Harbour City Right of Reply	Discretion is up to the Executive about how they would host it. We might not have a meeting in wellington. Can be anywhere. We wouldn't expect wifi. Managing both would be interesting. Special General Meeting - are still in person No amendment required

*Voting on the Constitution Change 2  
For - 10 Against - 9 Abstentions -1  
Not passed*

### **Proposed Constitution Change 3 - Harbour City**

*Seconded by L&P Rockers*

**Amend first sentence of section 13 to remove "to be elected at the Annual General Meeting by the members, the"**

**Add a new second paragraph to Section 13.**

#### **To read:**

"The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are to be elected or appointed at the Annual General Meeting by the members present."

#### **Reasoning:**

Current wording and punctuation of the first sentence of section 13 is ambiguous - it can be read as saying that only four of the Executive Committee are elected at the AGM, with voting being done by "the members, Head Judge and Immediate Past President."

There is no change to the intent of this section. The intent of the content being removed from the first sentence is captured in the new second paragraph.

Separating out the two areas that sentence covers - who comprises the Executive Committee, and how some of them are elected - removes this ambiguity.

Including the words " or appointed" in the new second paragraph aligns to the previous changes made to Section 10, where under some circumstances a member of the Executive can be appointed rather than elected.

### **Harbour City spoke to their Constitution change**

Just making it clear and included 'appointing'.

No further discussion.

*Voting on the Constitution Change 3  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

## **PROPOSED RULE BOOK A CHANGES**

### **Remit 1 - Executive**

*Seconded by Drifters*

#### **Amend Rule 1.4 (c)**

**Replace \$3.25 with \$5 and \$1.60 with \$3**

**Add** 'one month prior to'

#### **To read:**

"The Member levy of **\$5** per club member aged 18 years and over and **\$3** per club member aged 5 - 17 years, is calculated **one month prior to** each club's balance date and payable to the Association....."

#### **Reasoning:**

Increased due to excessive costs for Senior and Junior nationals competitions, AGM and Judges workshops - which covers for all travel costs, accommodation and meal allowances.

#### **The Treasurer spoke to this Remit as above.**

If this passes - the Judges levies will require an amendment and increase needs to be included. Currently it is \$1 for seniors and .50c for juniors. So want to raise it to \$2 seniors and \$1 juniors

#### **Further Discussion to Rule 1.4**

Kapi Mana What is the financial impact?

Treasurer Will help but got a long way to go

Invercargill How much will we gain from it

Treasurer Not quite double.

Christchurch Think the cost should be across the board. Why split between juniors/Seniors?

Amendment put forward - \$5 per club member  
*Seconded by Dunedin*

#### **Discussion on the Amendment only**

Secretary Cost for Juniors at club level is less

COS We only charge \$5 for Juniors. We would be against it the amendment.

Christchurch Juniors do get the same benefits at nationals and at agm. Some places they get more benefits. Across the board no distinction.

Vote for the amendment to add \$5 for all members  
*For - 3 Against - 17 Abstentions - 0*  
*Did not passed*

City of Sails Amendment - to drop 'and one month prior'. Leave it the same as it is.  
*Seconded by Surf City*

#### **Discussion on the Amendment only**

Harbour City What's the reasoning?

City of Sails Easier at the end of the financial year, we have a rolling membership.

Harbour City Against - Making arrangements in advance.

Christchurch Says calculated not pay by

City of Sails Membership - balance date doesn't have to be done by then we do all our calculations at the end of the financial year. Seemed extra work to do that before hand when they would be doing it at their balance date.

Vote on amendment to drop 'and one month prior'  
*For - 3 Against - 17 Abstentions - 0*

Harbour City Amendment - Remove the word 'at'. Does not change the remit itself. Currently reads "is calculated at...."  
*Seconded by Christchurch*

Discussion on the Amendment only

Christchurch Grammatically correct now  
Vote on Amendment to remove the word 'at'  
*For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0*  
*Carried Unanimously*

Discussion on the original Remit:

Hutt Valley How did we get the amount of \$5 and \$3?

Cambridge For - Understand expenses have to go up - club mostly social and have some members who compete. Spirit of mana - is less than a cup of coffee. Pay it forward and help the Association. Happy with the change to increase to help. Also need to look at where we can cut costs.

Christchurch Agree it has to increase - might not be enough. Might not gain anything. Concern that the amount is not enough.

Treasurer Right of Reply Figures - we didn't want to look greedy and clubs are under pressure as well. Costs need to be looked at and not go crazy with the increase and see how it works out. Our junior numbers are poor that's why we don't want it to be straight across the board. Don't want to put pressure on the clubs. Looking at prices felt that was fair.

*Voting on Remit 2*  
*For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0*  
*Carried Unanimously*

As the remit passed:

Amendment to Rule 8.13 Judges levies

*"\$2 from the annual membership levy per senior member, \$1 per junior member...."*  
*Seconded by Tauranga*

Comments on the amended Rule 8.13

No further discussion

*Vote on the Amendment only*  
*For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0*

**Remit 2 - Executive**

*Seconded by Tauranga*

**Amend Rule 1.4 (e)**

Increase ticket levy charge from \$5.50 to \$12.00 for each Saturday and Sunday ticket sold, including door sales and spectator tickets.

**Replace** ‘\$5.50’ with ‘\$12.00’ and ‘excluding’ with ‘including’ and ‘obliged’ with ‘required’

**Add** ‘\$5 per spectator ticket’

**To read:**

“The host club of a National Championships is **required** to charge a levy of **\$12.00** for each Saturday ticket sold and **\$12.00** for each Sunday Ticket sold (**including** public door sales), **\$5 per spectator ticket** payable to the Association and forward such monies owing to the Association, no later than the 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.

**Reasoning:**

As the numbers of our Nationals over the years have dropped, the cost of running the Nationals has increased for the NZARRA. The increase in costs is not just limited to flights, accommodation, and fuel. By increasing the levy cost and including the door sales the hope is to recover some of the cost increases. Below are examples of previous National profit and losses.

Nationals Profit and Loss Table

	Income	Expense		Income	Expense	Association loss
Juniors 2016	\$7,499	\$13,203	Seniors 2016	\$10,035	\$17,244	<b>-\$12,913</b>
Juniors 2017	\$8,072	\$14,349	Seniors 2017	\$11,612	\$11,135	<b>-\$5,800</b>
Juniors 2018	\$8,771	\$10,775	Seniors 2018	\$12,955	\$11,365	<b>-\$414</b>
Juniors 2019	\$8,725	\$15,866	Seniors 2019	\$11,291	\$13,828	<b>-\$9,678</b>
Juniors 2020	\$0	\$1,701	Seniors 2020	\$0.00	\$0	<b>-\$1,701</b>
Juniors 2021	\$6,130	\$13,433	Seniors 2021	\$0	\$34	<b>-\$7,337</b>
Juniors 2022	\$0	\$68	Seniors 2022	\$6,404	\$14,498	<b>-\$8,162</b>
Juniors 2023	\$4,089	\$14,347	Seniors 2023	\$8,716	\$13,351	<b>-\$14,893</b>
						<b>-\$60,898</b>

The Treasurer spoke to this Remit as above.

**Further Discussion**

Christchurch

For - in theory but what do you mean public door sales? explain. That should be included and is wrong if clubs haven't been doing this, it is unfair. Should be in the levy. Question the amount. No way can run a nationals under a \$100.

Wellington

For - in a roundabout way - our treasurer recommended \$8. Felt \$12 is excessive. With the economic climate feel clubs may choose not to host. We are FOR the increases.

Harbour City

Public is not club members - wording needs to be clear. From public to come and have a look they are not including. Against the 'excluding with including'. We are FOR the amounts

Invercargill For - but think the amount should be \$8 - \$10 excluding spectators as they are only watching, not included in the dancing.

Kapi Mana For - Juniors have a different price to the Seniors.

Harbour City Move amendment - remove the 'excluding' with 'including' part of the remit.

*Seconded by Drifters*

Discussion on the Amendment

Kapi Mana Difference on the passes?

Treasurer Spectator means no access to the dance floor

Vice President Door sales are those who have access to the dance floor - we don't always get revenue from this. We only get from presales.

Kapi Mana Policing the issue.

Vice President Not being managed and put in Rule Book to make sure the intent is clear.

Dunedin For - flabbergasted not receiving funds from public door sales. All sales from the weekend should be included. Believe spectator is separate.

Vice President Does that include Friday door sales.

Dunedin Think it's Saturday and Sunday

City of Sails Take out the word 'public door sales' and 'but not including spectators'.

Harbour city Agree with Kapi it's a policing issue and should be sorted and included in the levi.

Cambridge Should say 'Competition days. Rather than which days.

*Vote on the amendment to remove 'excluding' with 'including'*

*For - 14 - Against - 4 Abstention - 2*

*Carried*

Discussion on the Amended Remit:

Kapi Mana Public suggests sitting up on the benches. For each competition day ticket sale which is different. Each competition day ticket sold is a ticket sold regardless.

Put a amendment forward 'For each competition day sold'

*Seconded by L&P*

Discussion for the amendment only

Invercargill For - each ticket sold regardless should have been paid

Christchurch For - clearly states what each ticket is for

*Voting for the Amendment*

*For - 19 Against - 0 Abstention - 1*

*Carried*

Invercargill Amendment from \$12 to \$8.

*Seconded by Wellington*

Discussion to Amendment only

Christchurch Can see where Invercargill is coming from but think \$10, it is bold enough and help for the next couple of years otherwise we will be back here again.

L&P FOR - Agree with Christchurch

Vice President FOR \$10

L&P \$10

Invercargill Happy with the \$10 amendment will be \$10.

*Seconded by Drifters*

*For - 20 - Against 0 Abstain - 0*

*Carried Unanimously*

Amended remit to now read:

*“The host club of a National Championship is required to charge a levy of \$10 for each competition day ticket sold, \$5 per spectator ticket payable to the Association.....”*

No further discussion.

*Voting on Amended Remit 2*

*For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0*

*Carried Unanimously*

**Executive called for a small 5 minute break - 11.45am**

**Back from break 11.50am**

**Remit 3 - Executive**

*Seconded by Tauranga*

**Rule 1.6a** currently reads

“The Association organises a Senior National Championship at Labour Weekend and a Junior National Championship at Easter, annually.”

**Add ‘will’ after** “The Association”

**Remove** “s” after organises to read “organise”

**Add “,” after** “Senior,”

**Remove** “National Championship at Labour weekend and”

**Remove** “National Championship at Easter,”

**Add** “, at the discretion of the Executive”

**To read:**

“The Association **will** organise a Senior, a Junior or combined National Championship annually, **at the discretion of the Executive**”

**Reasoning:**

As you must have seen, there has been a big drop in both competitor and spectator numbers at both Rock’n’Roll Nationals. The biggest drop being in our junior ranks with an 80% drop since 2019. (See numbers below).

We must ask the question if it is time to join the nationals and create a new, New Zealand Rock'n'roll Championship consisting of all our current sections over a weekend. We believe that time is here and now.

The reasons for combining our nationals are simply financial. As you can see in the charts below, a substantial drop in competitor and spectator's numbers has resulted in major financial losses to the NZARRA. These constant loses cannot be sustained and will result in the Association not being able to run both Junior and Senior New Zealand Rock'n'roll National competitions.

By combining nationals, the association would be able to save money by lowering expenses for accommodation, flights, travel, Exec meetings and meals twice a year to only once a year. However, the costs for some things will stay the same e.g. medals and certificates.

This event would be a full format from morning to night and if needed the competition could start on Friday night. The program will take some arranging however with numbers the way they are it would not be a lot different to what we saw in the high number days of the 90s. But an exciting weekend would be experienced by all. One of the benefits would be for juniors to watch the adults compete and like some of us, dream and inspire them to be just like that when they get older, and to keep them interested in competitive rocknroll.

Juniors	Seniors
2010 Timaru	2010
74	
2011 Wellington	2011 Wanganui
87	113
2012 Invercargill	2012 Napier
69	84
2013 Christchurch	2013 Auckland
76	82
2014 Wanganui	2014 Invercargill
81	71
2015 Christchurch	2015 Kapi Mana
68	90
2016 Kapi Mana	2016 Gisborne
63	71
2017 Whanganui	2017 Hutt Valley
75	74
2018 Auckland	2018 Wellington
82	86
2019 Invercargill	2019 Christchurch
93	81
2020 Cancelled	2020 Cancelled
120	
2021 Kapi Mana	2021 Cancelled
57	
2022 Cancelled	2022 Whanganui
35	67
2023 Drifters	2023 Auckland

27	64
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**\*These numbers don't include Teams or Novelty.**

	Income	Expense		Income	Expense	Association loss
<b>Juniors 2016</b>	\$7,499	\$13,203	<b>Seniors 2016</b>	\$10,035	\$17,244	<b>-\$12,913</b>
<b>Juniors 2017</b>	\$8,072	\$14,349	<b>Seniors 2017</b>	\$11,612	\$11,135	<b>-\$5,800</b>
<b>Juniors 2018</b>	\$8,771	\$10,775	<b>Seniors 2018</b>	\$12,955	\$11,365	<b>-\$414</b>
<b>Juniors 2019</b>	\$8,725	\$15,866	<b>Seniors 2019</b>	\$11,291	\$13,828	<b>-\$9,678</b>
<b>Juniors 2020</b>	\$0	\$1,701	<b>Seniors 2020</b>	\$0.00	\$0	<b>-\$1,701</b>
<b>Juniors 2021</b>	\$6,130	\$13,433	<b>Seniors 2021</b>	\$0	\$34	<b>-\$7,337</b>
<b>Juniors 2022</b>	\$0	\$68	<b>Seniors 2022</b>	\$6,404	\$14,498	<b>-\$8,162</b>
<b>Juniors 2023</b>	\$4,089	\$14,347	<b>Seniors 2023</b>	\$8,716	\$13,351	<b>-\$14,893</b>
						<b>-\$60,898</b>

The major Association costs come from the medals, certificates and official's flights, accommodation and meals. We also need to consider; the Association did not receive any income from Affiliation fees and national events for two years over covid.

If this remit passes - clubs will need to decide prior to attending the AGM which weekend this new combined Nationals Rock n Roll Championship will take place, Easter or labour weekend?

**The Treasurer spoke to this Remit.**

Sustain the losses over so many years from nationals

Small forecast next 2025 currently be able to hold 2 nationals.

Seniors will need sponsorship, clubs help etc or we will not be able to hold 2025 seniors.

**Further Discussion**

Wellington

For - understand the logistics. Juniors will put a big strain to do it at the same time however our club is up for the challenge and will adapt. For Easter. Christmas lead up. If it goes through it needs to be held at Labour weekend and start Friday. Go home Monday.

Christchurch

Sort of For it - like that it gives Exec discretion. Should be last resort however. Levies have gone up. Apply for funding. Sports and charity fundings. Host clubs should cover more of the things. Why don't the the host club provide breakfast and dinner etc to save on official costs. Consider these things before we get to the stage of merging nationals. Also need to make it easier to get to nationals. Understand the financial - this should be deferred for 12 months with cost cutting with increased fees.

Kapi Mana

For - broadly - does it include the recent update. The forecast?

Treasurer

No it does not.

Drifters

Against - Think needs to go to a Special General Meeting for more clubs to talk about it and give the focus it deserves. Dancers are often the coaches as well (particularly for juniors) and having to play both roles over the day will be challenging. Juniors may end up with less coaches. Have we exhausted all options financially? Could we move Junior nationals to a cheaper weekend?



- L&P For - look at what's happening - combine now and can change it back. We are just deferring the inevitable. Suggests when and where. Costs put it in the levy and give bit more secure financially and consolidate the nationals.
- Harbour City Against - defer to Special General Meeting lots of discussion around finances. Proposed amendment, what dates etc. Easter and Labour weekend isn't in the reasoning but in the rule. Competitors need certainty. If numbers increase before the date what happens then? If combine could you change the makeup of judging panels. Expensive locations and the costs have increased, option for Friday for competition which needs to be included. Regards to finances - We didn't have the costs of nationals in the years over covid.
- Invercargill For - Agree with Christchurch needs to be the last resort. - Easter weekend because you go to four days. As coaches and parents will find it quite a juggle and huge job for the Exec. Combining can work but needs to be a last resort. Funding - there is ones out there that Executive can apply for.
- City of Sails Against - like some of the reasoning. We are an older club and don't have juniors. Seniors would not attend combined, if juniors are involved. You may lose club members coming along cause your combining. Agree to deferring. Would like to see a budget for seniors and juniors and what the costs are. Be good to just see where the clubs can help. COS gave people a house when we hosted.
- Cambridge For - in essence. Hearing the discussion, understand and agree with deferring with all the clubs as there are alot of things to consider. We do need to pivot. Combined - how would the programme look like? Juniors /Seniors intergrated or not. Cutting costs and get creative to get sponsors. Getting back to basics. Billoting - reduce the cost of hotels/motels. Using a school hall is fine - we used to do that. Help the Governing body. Can the host club participate to help the Association. We expect likes and dislikes but still need to get on with it.
- Wellington Appreciate what everyone is saying. Should be last resort but if we going to vote 2026 nationals in, we will come away without clarity. Need to come away with clarity. Delegates have come with a decision. A Special General Meeting is a waste of time. Clubs should be bending over backwards to make sure we build our clubs.
- Christchurch Too many things to consider - needs a wider discussion. Need a specific budget. What about competitor entries? They haven't gone up for a longtime. Could increase there and reduce costs elsewhere - don't stay in certain hotels. Let the host club - help to cut costs. Not giving time to build up after covid. Can do things before we increase costs. Too soon.
- Kapi Mana Believe the remit is to give an option to do this. Not reinforcing but a tool. Give the Exec the option of whatever happens in the future.

- Harbour City It's changing it so drastically as it gives the Exec no directive. Needs to have more sense with what the actual remit say at the moment.
- Vice President Remits went out to all clubs - if they felt it should have gone to special general meeting they would have said.
- Treasurer Other options - have a large database - however we know they aren't guaranteed - some clubs have not had them. Clubs definately can help out. Option to holding central - is worth a look however Auckland was the most expensive place to stay so not sure if that would work. Tauranga can show you can go outside of your town. Budget - last two seniors cost us the same roughly. Numbers are going down. Club level needs to get numbers up particularly juniors. Could not run juniors for a couple of years. However - Against that as will lose them if we don't do seniors we will lose seniors. New constitution is still not in play - which states unable to commit to nationals that we aren't financially able to cover. Would be nicer to have more clubs here. Want to take 5 minutes and discuss with the Executive.

**Break for 5 minutes - Back at 12.15pm**

**Back at 12.20 pm**

The Treasurer requested a non binding vote on whether clubs want to vote for combining today.

*Voting For - 15 Against 4 - Abstain - 1  
Passed*

Any further Comments:

- Harbour City The change makes it far to open and what weekend - where the change would take place and need another meeting for.
- Treasurer Idea was to choose which weekend today and talked with Kapi Mana on what weekend suited.
- Harbour City Put which weekends we will be holding combined. In order to make it clear.
- Cambridge New Constitution - if they haven't got the certainty there will be no nationals to go ahead. Give the Exec the option to combine.
- Harbour City Not in place yet.
- Vice President April 2026.
- Cambridge That's the law
- Wellington Kapi will still be holding? If we go to 2026 voting for allocation for combining - is that the plan?
- Treasurer Without financial help we would need to start from 2025.
- Wellington What would be your option? Kapi Mana or Tauranga

Treasurer	If it passes - Kapi Mana has the first choice. If clubs voted for Labour weekend - Kapi still has it. Tauranga has pencilled in other dates.
Harbour City	Voting for Easter weekend or Labour - it's not in the remit
Treasurer	Can add a remit to do it now.
Harbour City	It's in reasoning but not in the Rule book.
Cambridge	Says the Executive annually - doesn't that mean we want to give Exec discretion.
Treasurer	Know what Harbour City means
Kapi Mana	Can put in the dates.
Drifters	Decision - aspect on when its happening
Secretary	Amend the original Rule to include combining
Christchurch	Can we defer to after General Business
Harbour City	Go with what you have currently - Amendment to add 'at Labour and/or Easter weekend' to read as below:

"The Association will organise a Senior, a Junior or Combined National Championship annually at Labour and/or Easter weekend, at the discretion of the Executive."

No further discussion.

*Voting on the amendment  
Seconded by Cambridge  
For - 20 - Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

Further Discussion on the Amended Remit:

Kapi Mana	The word 'will' means we don't have flexiabilty.
Cambridge	Constitution overrides the Rule book
Vice President	Constiuttion not in place for another couple of years, we are still working on the current one.
Invercargill	Amendment to replace 'will' with 'may'

No further comments to the amendment.

*Voting on the Amendment  
Seconded by Kapi Mana  
For - 17 - Against 3 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

No further comments to the now amended rule that now reads:

"The Association may organise a Senior, a Junior or Combined National Championship annually at Labour and/or Easter weekend, at the discretion of the Executive."

*Voting on Amended Remit 3  
For - 13 Against - 6 Abstentions - 1  
Carried*

**Lunch - 12.35 - 1.05pm**

The Vice President advised that as time is going fast we will be bringing forward the discussion on allocation of nationals and the voting for Vice President.

**Discussion around which weekend for Combining**

**Easter or Labour weekend**

Treasurer took a non binding vote on which weekend - to give Executive an idea on which weekend clubs would prefer.

Easter - 7 For

Labour - 13 For

**Any Further Comments:**

Invercargill	Prefer Easter - it is a four day weekend. If held at Labour - our Senior/Juniors kids will have exams - so could lose some of them if held at Labour weekend.
Wellington	For Labour - Easter we lose weekends for training
Kapi Mana	Consider Kings birthday weekend?
Treasurer	Should have been discussed prior to this. Not an option at this time.
Drifters	Easter is preferred weekend
Head Judge	Prefer Easter - School holidays and Easter holidays
Secretary	Prefer Easter - a longer weekend - Labour only has Monday as a holiday. Parents will have to take more time off at Labour weekend to get there especially if we start on Friday for competition.
Christchurch	Labour weekend cost will be less as not a public holiday - Easter - two days shops are closed.
Harbour City	We can't start on Friday without changing some rules.

**2026 Allocation of Nationals**

Junior Nationals 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>h</sup> April 2026

Senior Nationals 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Combined Nationals - weekend to be confirmed.

**Discussion on Allocation of Nationals:**

Treasurer Can't run Nationals at a loss.

- Wellington Scenario - Wellington could possibly do combined. If we keep 2025 Juniors and 2025 Seniors and then 2026 is considered for a combined nationals. Wellington are willing to host either Junior/Senior/Combined and potentially host both a Junior and Senior if required. If it looks like going into 2025 there are no funds - would the clubs be open to donating \$500 each to make sure 2025 stays the same - help the Association financially. This all then gives you clarity. Donate and help make it happen. Prefer to see 2025 be separate nationals as members have already made accommodation for juniors and seniors. That's an option to throw it out.
- Vice President Wellington, are you happy to host all or one?
- Wellington Outcome - Wellington committed to hosting whichever way it goes. Seniors or Juniors, combined. Happy to be whatever - flexible.
- Dunedin Support Wellington suggestion - we would pay \$500 to the association for nationals to stay the same. Other things to look at on how else we should reduce costs. Medals sponsorship and putting levies up. Interim measure yes we would donate.
- Kapi Mana Suprised that we need to decide now on whether its combined or not.
- Tauranga We are happy to pay the \$500 to leave next year as it is. Then look at 2026.
- Christchurch Yes we agree also. We can also assist with the judges expenses from our club. Shouldn't be on Executive.
- Vice President Feel from the room that 2025 Juniors and Seniors be kept as is. Then we will look at 2026 and consider the financial side and what we want to do in regards combining and the allocation for 2026.
- Kapi Mana Too soon to decide, should look at other options first.
- Cambridge We have already given Executive permission to do what they like in the previous remit.
- Wellington This is giving clarity for everyone.
- Kapi Mana Believe that the indicated when discussing this was the timeline likely for combined was 18 months away. Which is 2026.
- Wellington Whether we have combined or separate. As long as the Executive have got the money to afford to run through to 2026 as per normal. Clarity from this meeting is that potentially the first combined will be held in 2026. Wellington is happy to do both nationals or combine. Sticking 2025 same as usual.

Vice President 2026 allocation - weekend to be confirmed

*Vote for Wellington to host nationals in 2026*

*Seconded by Drifters*

*For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0*

*Carried Unanimously*

**The Vice President congratulated Wellington on their successful bid for 2026 Nationals.**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **Nomination for Vice President**

Chloe Lowe

*Nominated by Drifters*

*Seconded by Christchurch*

Chloe spoke to her nomination.

Wendy Cossgrove

*Nominated by Surf City*

*Seconded by Gold Coast NZ*

Wendy spoke to her nomination.

*The Vice President moved that the nomination papers are destroyed immediately after the voting has taken place.*

*Seconded by the City of Sails*

*For 20 - Against 0 - Abstention 0 -*

*All in favour*

**Voting papers were destroyed.**

The Vice President announced the successful candidate for the Vice President was Chloe Lowe.

### **Remit 4 - Kapi Mana**

*Seconded by Wellington*

**Amending Rule 1.7** currently reads

“The National Championships are held over 3 consecutive days, Friday/Saturday/Sunday. National Championship Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 & 17 on the Saturday and Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15 & 16 on the Sunday. Refer to rule 5.1.”

**Add** ‘In consultation with the NZARNRA Executive and subject to a minimum number of Junior competitors,

**Replace** “3” with “2”

**Remove** “/Sunday”

**To read**

**In consultation with the NZARNRA Executive and subject to a minimum number of Junior competitors,** the Junior National Championships are held over **2** consecutive days, (Friday/Saturday).

**Reasoning:**

To make provision for a possible reduction in the number of consecutive days the Junior National Championships are held over from three days to two days (Friday/Saturday). Enacting this provision to

be done in consultation with the Nzarra Executive and subject to a minimum number of Junior competitors.

- Following a large drop in Junior competitors, the competition events can now be held in one day (Saturday).
- Holding the event over two days will substantially reduce the costs for all stakeholders (competitors, parents, supporters, competing clubs, NZARRA, host club).
- Suggested options could include holding the Same Sex or Top Team Sections on the first evening of the event.
- By making it a two day event consideration could also be given as to whether Easter is the best time to hold the Junior Nationals, or whether it might be better moved to King's Birthday Weekend or a normal non-holiday weekend.

### **Kapi Mana spoke to their Remit**

Another tool in the tool box juniors held over Friday and Saturday only.

### **Further Discussion**

Whangarei	Consider - Saturday and half Sunday. Kids who do mutiple sections they will be dancing all day Saturday and bring it over to the next day.
Christchurch	Too specific. Could be held over consecutive days - why state the days. Leave for the Executive to decide. Too specific as it stands.
Kapi Mana	Amendment?
Wellington	How does this work for if we combine - Friday night start?
Kapi Mana	Juniors only -doesn't affect combine
Drifters	People will end up traveling on a Thursday so they aren't traveling on a competing day. Not much of an actual saving. Lots of other rules will need to be changed.
Harbour City	Amendment to Rule 1.7 - Senior nationals championship only and have the above remit as a new Rule?

To read ' The Senior National Championships are held over 3 consecutive days.....

*Secoded by Kapi Mana  
For - 16 Against - 2 Abstention - 2  
Carried*

### **Amended Remit Discussion**

Invercargill	Against - alot of parts to play. Levies and bums on seats will affect the cost. Have to cram in alot in two days. Juniors will be stuffed and you will be taking out the fun part of nationals. Friday is the social night and general dancing. Kids like all the fun bits in between.
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*Voting on Amended Remit 4  
For - 5 Against - 13 Abstentions - 0  
Lost*

**Remit 5 - Executive**

*Seconded by Christchurch*

**Add New Rule to 1.8 (b) Senior Championship Sections**

**18 Diamond Same Sex**

**Reasoning:**

It is becoming increasingly difficult for older members to compete on an equal footing with more agile younger members and this could offer them the opportunity to continue to compete.

This encourages older members to continue to dance and compete in their later years.

If this passes below Rules also require amendments.

**Rule 1.7 - Add 18** to the last paragraph as below.

**To read**

“.....and Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15, 16 & 18 on the Sunday. Refer rule 5.1”

**Rule 4.12 (b) Add 18** to the paragraph as below.

**To read**

“A Same Sex couple can only dance in one of sections 13, 16 or 18 in the National Championships”.

**Rule 4.12 (e) Add 18** to the paragraph as below.

**To read**

“.....15,16 or 18 (Top Club, Novelty, Triples, Same Sex sections, Cheerleaders & Senior Team)”.

**Rule 4.12 (g) Add 18** to the paragraph as below.

**To read**

“.....1,2,3,4,12 & 18 in the National Championships”.

**Rule 5.1 (b) Add 18** to the first paragraph after 17.

**To read**

“.....16,17 & 18 exceeds 4 couples.....”

**Rule 5.4 (a) Add 18** to the first paragraph as below

**To read**

“ 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17 & 18 are required to dance to 1 slow....”

**Rule 5.5 (a) Add 18** to the first paragraph as below.

**To read**

“5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 16 & 18”

**Vice President spoke to this Remit**

**Further Discussion**

Drifters

Against - we believe this will add extra costs to the association and they are already struggling - recognise the intent and maybe adjust the age category instead.

Kapi Mana

Against - Declining competitor dancers and sections are being added. Suggest getting rid of same sex sections and allowing them to dance in the Saturday sections.



City of Sails	For - however question - how financially responsible is it to add extra sections?
Head Judge	For - may increase our dancers on the floor. Get some of those older ones back on the floor - wouldn't like to see the same sex going into Platinum total disadvantage.
Harbour City	Against - splitting numbers further. Ages aren't always the reason.
Cambridge	Against - adequate sections.

*Voting on Remit 5  
For - 8 Against - 11 Abstentions - 1  
Lost*

**Remit 6 - Executive**

*Seconded by Christchurch*

**Add New Rule to 1.8 (b) Senior Championship Sections**

**19 Diamond Triples**

**Reasoning:**

Same as Diamond Same Sex reasoning.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for older members to compete on an equal footing with more agile younger members and this could offer them the opportunity to continue to compete.

This encourages older members to continue to dance and compete in their later years.

If this passes below Rules also require amendments.

**Rule 1.7 - Add 19** to the last paragraph as below.

**To read**

".....and Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15, 16, 18 & 19 on the Sunday. Refer rule 5.1"

**Rule 4.12 (c) Add 19**

**To read**

"An entrant or competitor can only dance in one of sections 7, 8 or 19 in the National Championships".

**Rule 4.12 (e) Add 19** to the paragraph as below.

**To read**

".....15,16, 18 or 19 (Top Club, Novelty, Triples, Same Sex sections, Cheerleaders & Senior Team)".

**Rule 4.12 (f) Add 19 to the paragraph as below.**

**To read**

".....one of sections 10, 11, 17, 19 in the National Championships".

**Rule 5.1 (b) Add 19** to the first paragraph.

**To read**

".....16,17, 18 & 19 exceeds 4 couples....."

**Rule 5.4 (b) Add 19** to the second paragraph.

**To read**

“Competitors in Sections 7, 8 and 19 (Triples) will dance .....

**Rule 5.5 (a) Add 19** to the first paragraph as below.

**To read**

“ 5, 7 , 8, 13, 15, 16, 18 & 19”

**The Secretary spoke to this Remit.**

**Further Discussion:**

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| Kapi Mana    | Against - Shift age gap. Six heats in sections back in the day. Want to encourage, to get people on the floor. Trying to be too PC so they can get in a final. They need to earn it. Diluting it too much. 40 - 45 over instead? |
| Drifters     | Against - same as Remit 5 - consider changing the age  |
| Christchurch | For - 35 and over. Challenge 60 year old to compete.   |

*Voting on Amended Remit 6  
For - 7 Against - 13 Abstentions - 0  
Lost*

**Remit 7 - Executive**

*Seconded by Invercagill*

**Amend 2.4 (b)** last sentence “Any other items deliberately removed between marshalling and competing, or while competing, may result in disqualification”

**Add** “or replaced” **after** “removed”

**Replace** “may” **with** “will, on that replacement or removal being identified,”

**Add to the end of the sentence** “unless it had been previously-advised by the competitor’s Team Manager to, and agreed with, the Floor Manager(s)”

**To read**

Any other items deliberately removed or replaced between marshalling and competing, or while competing, will, on that replacement or removal being identified, result in disqualification unless it had been previously advised by the competitor’s Team Manager to, and agreed with, the Floor Manager(s)

**Reasoning**

This was initially added to the rule book to prevent competitors from leaving a best-dressed parade and removing much of what they had worn. The current wording allows for discretion but gives no guidance on why that discretion might be needed. Suggested that we remove discretion from this, and provide clearer guidance on the application of this rule. Making it clear that any removal or change to clothing or footwear needs to be advised and agreed with the Floor Managers, or will result in disqualification if noticed.

**The Vice President spoke to this Remit.**

Experienced this in marshalling and then changed when going out on the floor. Defining that we will.

**Further Discussion:**

City of Sails For - gives clarity now. What would an example of this.

Secretary Clarified - Team Manager comes to see us and advises dancers shoes straps are broken and need to change. Looking at reasonable reasons why they need to change something. Not about changing shoes cause the floor is slippery.

*Voting on Remit 7  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

### **Remit 8 - Christchurch**

*Seconded by Harbour City*

#### **Amend Rule 2.5 b**

**Add** “does not” and “at Senior Championships.”

#### **To read:**

“This restriction **does not apply** to the Sunday Best Dressed Female parade **at Senior Championships**”.

#### **Reasoning:**

This restricts entrants from fully dressing to the era. They are simply walking around, not dancing, so there is no reason for this restriction. For Juniors, high heels don't need to be encouraged, therefore the suggestion is removing the restriction for Senior Nationals only.

#### **Christchurch spoke to their Remit**

Feel it gives more options for best dressed and more in the era. Juniors are not encouraged, that's why it is specified for seniors only.

#### **Further Discussion:**

Kapi Against - restricted by the venue

City of Sails Against - would not be consistent from year to year and therefore hard to know as a competitor if you can wear them. Keep it the same.

*Voting on Remit 8  
For - 1 Against - 19 Abstentions - 0  
Lost*

### **Remit 9 - Executive**

*Seconded by Drifters*

#### **Amend Rule 4.10**

**Replace** “There are two” **with** “Should the”

**Remove** “if both of these criteria”

**Add** “continue to run the competition,” **and** “/s”

#### **To read:**

“**Should the** criteria governing the minimum numbers required for sanctioning a competition in any section are not met, then the Executive Committee may **continue to run the competition**, postpone or cancel the competition in the section/**s** concerned”.

#### **Reasoning:**

Making it clear that we have the flexibility to either run, postpone or cancel the competition in the sections concerned based on the criteria.

The same as the next 2 remits, we need the flexibility to run the competition with less entries than is required.

**The Secretary spoke to this Remit as above.**

**Further Discussion**

Kapi Mana                                      Should 'not be' included - Amendment

Amendment to add 'not be' after any section.

To read "...in any section not be met, then the.....

*Vote on Amendment only  
Seconded by Christchurch  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried Unanimously*

**Discussion on Amended Remit:**

Harbour City                                      Not sure for or against doesn't it already allow.

Cambridge                                        Clarification - if there are 2 teams and they are there. In other sport the team wins by default.

Vice President                                    We have been questioned about it and have had calls advising that the rule book actually says.....

Harbour City                                      It's the discretion of the Executive.

Vice President                                    Allows us to run the competition with two. Clubs question so it's not clear. We will only choose to postpone or cancel. Flexibility with the understanding of our intent.

Harbour City                                      It already clearly says that

Vice President                                    No, it's not clear

Harbour City                                      Say's you 'may' alternative is 'you are' running.

Vice President                                    Clubs do not understand that there was an alternative. Put in black and white stops questioning on the decision.

Cambridge                                        Scenario - what happen on the day something happens to the one section - would they win by default. Something to think about.

Vice President                                    No they would not win on the day - Understand what Cambridge is saying.

Kapi Mana                                        Following on Cambridge - had 2 couples - currently

Secretary                                         At this time, it is the rule that we are looking to amend.

Kapi Mana                                        Feel stink if we didn't get to dance after training and getting to nationals.

*Vote on Amended Remit 9  
For - 18 Against - 2 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

**Remit 10 - Executive**

*Seconded by the Vice President*

**Amend 4.10 (i)**

**To read:**

“acceptance of entries from affiliated clubs”.

**Reasoning:**

To make clear that we do not require three separate clubs per each section. Currently the rule says we must have this but it is not realistic with the current climate, requiring flexibility.

**The Secretary spoke to this Remit as above.**

**Further Discussion**

Harbour City	Against - could just delete the section
Secretary	Agree with Harbour City
Harbour City	Not clear on what we trying to change.
Christchurch	Is this information anywhere else in the rule book?
Harbour City	Rule 4.4.2
Christchurch	Clubs must be affiliated
Drifters	1.6b covers what Christchurch is saying
City of Sails	Leave how it is.

*Voting on Remit 10  
For - 19 Against - 1 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

**Remit 11 - Executive**

*Seconded by Hutt Valley*

**Amend Rule 4.10 (ii)**

**To read:**

“The following minimum number of dancers as listed in the following tables, **or at the Executive discretion. Refer to 4.10”.**

**Reasoning:**

We have been running sections with only two in the section to allow for it to go ahead. This rule change is to make clear that we will accept the minimum number where possible but if required we may run the section with less than the minimum e.g. two entries per section.

**The Secretary spoke to this Remit as above.**

**Further Discussion**

Harbour City	Not necessary
Secretary	Just making it very clear that if want to run the section with 2 clubs and not the minimum of 3 - we can.
Vice President	Tidying things up and leaves it black and white
City of Sails	Is it not the same as Rule 4.10. Already there

Head Judge Clarifies the intention

*Voting on Remit 11  
For - 18 Against - 2 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

**Remit 12 - Executive**

*Seconded by Drifters*

**Amend Rule 4.11** currently reads

“The maximum number of entries for each club in Section 5 (Top Club) is 1 team; 6 (Novelty) is 1 entry; 9 (Cheerleaders) is 1 team; 15 (Senior Team) is 1 team.”

**Replace** “1 team” **with** “2 teams” **after** “Section 5 (Top Club) is”

**Replace** “1 team” **with** “ 2 teams” **after** “15 (Senior Team) is”

**To read**

“The maximum number of entries for each club in Section 5 (Top Club) is 2 teams; 6 (Novelty) is 1 entry; 9 (Cheerleaders) is 1 team; 15 (Senior Team) is 2 teams.”

**Reasoning**

By removing Section 5 and section 15 from this rule it allows clubs that may be able to floor more teams to do so. The intent of this change is to remove roadblocks stopping people from taking the floor.

**The Treasurer spoke to this Remit as above.**

Remove the roadblock

**Further Discussion:**

City of Sails

For - good luck if you can get more teams

Treasurer

Example, if Australia has members that want to dance but cant because they are dancing under Wellington and Wellington already has a team. Gives options for them.

Harbour City

Against - it's no longer Top Club and putting your best dancers forward

Hutt Vallley

Same comments as Harbour City - should be the top dancers. If Australia have people - they need to add them into the top club already made.

Wellington

For - liven up the competition but not extend too much.

*Voting on Remit 12  
For - 14 Against - 6 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

**Remit 13 - Executive**

*Seconded by Christchurch*

**Amend Rule 5.4 (a)**

**Remove the word** “instrumental”

**Replace** “1” **with** “one”.

**To read:**

“.....are required to dance to **one** slow and then **one** fast song in each stage of the competition.....”

**Reasoning:**

Grammar correction and as we have no instrumental songs listed the word instrumental needs to be removed.

**The Treasurer spoke to this Remit as above.**

**Further Discussion:**

Harbour City	Clarification - is the intent that we are not putting them back. Are we changing just cause we don't have any. Leave in to have discretion.
City of Sails	Leaving it in so not closing off
Christchurch	Didn't come from the music group.
Treasurer	Current song list has no instrumentals

*Voting on Remit 13  
For - 9 Against 9 - Abstentions - 2  
Lost*

**Remit 14 - Executive**

**Rule 5.4 (b) and Rule 6.5.1 - Dance off**

*Executive have removed this Remit*

**Remove** “instrumental.”

**To read:**

“5.4 (b) The songs are to be the original recording and artist.....”

“6.5.1 A dance-off will consist of one song being medium....”

**Reasoning:**

There are no instrumental songs on the National playlist now.

**Remit 15 - Executive**

**Amend Rule 5.4 (c)**

*Seconded by Tauranga*

**Replace** ‘1964’ with ‘1966’.

**To read:**

“.....between the years of 1951 and **1966** inclusive”.

**Reasoning:**

To allow for new music to be added to the current playlist that meets the rule book criteria of BMP and length of song. New music will add more variety, challenges, and excitement into the current playlist.

**The Vice President spoke to this Remit**

We have listened to songs in this era and think there are alot that could work.

**Further Discussion**

Christchurch For - plenty of songs we could add. Good idea

Kapi Mana Why is there any limit at all?

Vice President Not part of this remit, however, opening it up to give a wider selection.

*Voting on Remit 15  
For - 18 Against - 2 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

**Remit 16 - Executive**

*Executive have removed this Remit*

**Add new Rule 5.4 (d)**

**Renumber current Rule 5.4 (d) to Rule 5.4 (e)**

**To read:**

Covers of original songs may be added to the NZARRA National Songlist if the song meets the current national requirements for the beats per minute (BPM), length of the song and year range. The final selection is at the discretion of the Executive.

**Reasoning:**

To allow covers of original songs that meet the Associations requirements to be included on the National playlist. This allows for more modern versions of the original song to be added to the National playlist which will add more variety, challenges, excitement, and enjoyment into the current playlist and hopefully entice more dancers on the floor both at club and national level.

**Remit 17 - Executive**

*Seconded by City of Sails*

**Add new rule 5.7 (b)**

**To read:**

“If for any reason only one Novelty is entered on the day of Competition this event will be either cancelled, or if the Club agrees will be performed as a demo only. A certificate will be presented as acknowledgment of their participation in the event”.

**Reasoning:**

This has now occurred on two consecutive Senior Nationals with no precedent to follow.

If this remit passes the current wording for 5.7 will now be numbered (a).

**The Head Judge spoke to this Remit as above.**

Want to add an amendment - to include Top Team, Cheerleaders and Novelty.

To read “If for any reason only one of section 5, 6, 9, 15 is entered on the day of Competition this event will be cancelled,.....”

*Seconded by the Vice President*

No further discussion.

*Vote on the Amendment  
For - 19 Against - 1 Abstentions - 0*

**Discussion on the Amended Remit**

Cambridge What is the day of competition

Head Judge If there is only one - the section will be canceled and invited to do demonstration.



Cambridge	What if it is done the day before?
Vice President	Certificate comes into place and invited to perform a demonstration.
Invercargill	Clarify reasoning - our juniors got a certificate which was nice. Would have been good to get the trophy.
City of Sails	Against - Aware of only 1 team - they receive a certificate. If cancelled on day they should still get to compete for the trophy
Christchurch	Agree same as City of Sails.
Harbour City	Support them receiving a certificate and no competition.
Cambridge	Support dancing, practicing and they get into a demo. We won't get dancers back.
Kapi Mana	Maybe an amendment - up until that time - 1 demo - if got 3 teams and 1 of the team
Secretary	There is no competition if there is only one team.
Vice President	Clarifying only the sections involved.
Kapi Mana	Amendment - decision to be made at entry closing date. <i>Secunder by City of Sails</i>
Harbour City	Intent is not in this amendment, can't put this amendment forward
Cambridge	Slightly disagree - we just talked about a minimum of 2 entries.
City of Sails	Last Seniors there was only one entry, we put in a team they did their best. Took out best dressed so happy. Executive do their best for the dancers.
Vice President	Goes back to club level.
Kapi Mana	Competition still going ahead - still have medals and trophies.
Harbour City	If that's your feeling - vote against the remit
Vice President	Needs to be a separate remit.
Kapi Mana	Withdrawn their amendment

*Voting on Remit 17  
For - 7 Against - 11 Abstentions - 2  
Lost*

**Remit 18 - Executive**

**Amend rule 5.12**

**Remove the words "and scrutineer sheets" in third paragraph**

*Seconded by Dunedin*

**Add after the first sentence** “Copies of the Scrutineer sheets will be made available to download from the association website within two weeks after the competition.”

**To read:**

“The Scrutineer sheets will not be on view at the completion of the competition. Copies of the Scrutineer sheets will be made available to download from the association website within two weeks after the competition. The Judges’ decisions are final and no correspondence shall be entered into. Copies of the judging sheets will be made available for purchase from the Association Secretary”.

**Reasoning:**

Scrutineer sheets do not cost

**The Head Judge spoke to this Remit as above.**

No further discussion.

*Voting on Remit 18  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

**Remit 19 - Kapi Mana**

*Seconded by River Rockers*

**Amend Rule 6.3 Points System**

In the first sentence, include the finals as being judged by points rather than placings.

**To read:**

“The heats, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals are all judged on a points system...”

**Reasoning:**

When judging a final a judge may find it impossible to separate two sets of competitors, but under the existing rule they are compelled to pick one as 1st and one as 2nd. If a judge genuinely believes the competitors are equal and can't separate them, the points system allows both to be given the same marks.

If the argument is that there would be too many dance-offs if two couples/triples etc can't be separated across the entire judging panel, then they are clearly very close. However, based on the minimal number of dance-offs we currently have (including from heats, semis etc which are judged using the points system), this argument may not be as a big concern as thought, and wouldn't the points system be a fairer way to assess the competitors, rather than asking a Judge to actually change what they feel at the time.

From a competitor's perspective 4th place makes a massive difference to the placings. If the finals were assessed using the points system points it could be only that there were only 2 or 3 points difference between 1st and 4<sup>th</sup>, giving competitors a fairer reflection of how close the competition actually was.

Getting a 4th tells the competitors nothing, whereas the points system is more transparent. Under the points system if the competitors (from 1st to 4th) have been given 10, 9.5, 9.5 and 9, this indicates to those who placed 4<sup>th</sup> how close the competition was. By the same token if the competitors (from 1st to 4th) were marked 10, 9.5, 9 and 5.5, it shows the 4<sup>th</sup> placed couple were comfortably fourth which is more useful and meaningful for the dancers.

If need be, mark the finals by overall points rather than timing, harmony, and variety, with each judge simply marking each couple overall out of 10. This would follow the 1st to 4th system but put a numerical score out of 10 rather than a placing.

If this remit passes we would need to consider the below:

The removal of 6.4 (b) *“Points are not awarded, each Judge places the competitors from first to last place. Thus the placings are determined by the Scrutineers and if tied a dance off would result.”*

Per Point 6 (see below), potentially changing the wording of 6.4 (c) *“The three categories (Timing, Harmony and Variety) are judged together and not separately as in the heats, quarter and semi-finals.”*

Per Point 6 (see below), potentially changing the wording of 6.4 (a) *“The finals are judged by 7 Judges.”*

If this Remit is adopted it needs to be determined whether 7 Judges would still be required in a final or 6 as per the heats etc.

**Kapi Mana spoke to this Remit as above.**

**Further Discussion:**

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| Christchurch             | Against. No problem with. If Judges can't make up their mind in final, we shouldn't be there. Can see in heats and semis. In the scrutineer sheets you can see how close you scored.   |
| Drifters                 | 4th place can be significantly affected. In a finals, if it is very close and judges are on points then we are looking at dance offs. Then dancing to mediums which they haven't trained to.   |
| Head Judge               | Have sent an email to all judges so they can have a say about this remit. 26 judges respond - resounding no. Feedback, judges more than capable of making decision on placings and not many dance offs. Variety need 7 - 9 judges in a final. Judges doing timing, variety and harmony that will take them some time to put points across. Will become a nightmare and we need uneven numbers in a final. Judges would require more time to put pen to paper. Robust judges system to get to majority system.<br>Ask yolanda to talk about the scrutineering side of it. |
| Harbour City             | No reason we can't do points. Reaching a majority of judges to reach a decision which competitor gets first. Making a majority decision have to agree on the individual competitor's result. If one judge gave 3 that one judge would change the whole placing. Points about placing needs to get a majority of judges. Rule 11 is specific to help avoid a tie.   |
| Cambridge                | Does give an opportunity of our system and how that impacts our dancers. On the day we run the semi we get our points. It's a different dynamic outcome. Still measure how dancers have done in the final as it is.  |
| Head Judge               | This is why judges disagree  |
| Kapi Mana Right of Reply | Semi and a final is not the same - could have danced different so not relevant. Judges should not take offense. If i'm given a 4th place or 8/10 still gives me a chance.  |

*Voting on Remit 19  
For - 4 Against - 15 Abstentions - 1  
Lost*

**Remit 20 - Executive**

*Seconded by Drifters*

**POINTS SYSTEM**

**Amend Rule 6.3.2 (a)**

**Add the words “and” and “will deduct” to the first paragraph**

**To read:**

“In Section 10, 11 and 17 (Restricted) if a judge sights an illegal move as per 11.5.1 then that judge will give the couple an “X” **and** in addition **will deduct** 2 points for that song regardless of which categories they are judging (timing, Harmony and / or Variety). If two or more judges sights an illegal move in a song that couple will be awarded no points for that song”.

**Reasoning:**

Removing “up to” 2 points and making it a total of 2 points for an illegal move seen - there are no guidelines to explain if an illegal move is only worth a half or one point being deducted – is it an illegal move or if it isn’t.

**The Head Judge spoke to this Remit as above.**

**Further Discussion:**

Harbour City	Against - timing and doesn't affect why should they be penalised for what you see is a legal move. Need 2 X to be disqualified and you only get 1 - aren't actually impacted. up to 2 points for judges.
Treasurer	I lose 5 points for putting my partner over my head. It's the same. So it's just making it clear cut.
Harbour City	Is that in the rules - 5 points?
Treasurer	Yes it is.
Kapi Mana	Two or more judges sight an X - need to remove the 's'
Vice President	Will tidy it up

*Voting on Remit 20  
For - 18 Against - 1 Abstentions - 1  
Carried*

**Remit 21- Executive**

*Seconded by Head Judge*

**Amend Rule 6.3.2 (a)**

**Replace “In Section 10” with “ In any stage of the competition preceding a final in Section 10”**

**Add a new final sentence** as follows: “If only one judge sights an illegal move in a song that judge’s points will be included in the total points awarded to that couple”

**Delete** the apostrophe in ‘point’s

**To read:**

"In any stage of the competition preceding a final in Section 10 , 11 and 17 (Restricted) if a Judge sights an illegal move as per 11.5.1 then that Judge will give the couple an "X" in addition to points of which a maximum of 2 points can be deducted for that song regardless of which categories they are judging (Timing, Harmony and/or Variety). If two or more judges sight an illegal move in a song that couple will be awarded no points for that song. If only one judge sights an illegal move in a song that judge's points will be included in the total points awarded to that couple".

**Reasoning:**

This rule only applies to Restricted heats, not finals, and is currently silent on what should happen if only one judge gives an 'X', which is that during scrutineering, the points also awarded by that judge are included when determining that couple's total – this was the intent of a judge recording both.

**Yolanda van Dorrestein spoke to this Remit**

Rules already implied - being more transparent - not changing any rules or impact to dancing. More guidance for scrutineers. Being clear.

Huttvalley Sarah has left the meeting 3pm - no change to voting strength,

**Further Discussion:**

City of Sails

As long as this rule incorporates what we have already discussed.

*Voting on Remit 21  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

**Remit 22- Executive**

*Seconded by Drifters*

**Add New Rule 6.3.3**

Restricted Section Final: Where a couple receives two or more "X"s, the scrutineering for that final will be done as though that couple had been placed last by all judges i.e the placings awarded by each judge that did not mark an "X" will be amended by the scrutineers so that the couple is placed last and other couples' placings are adjusted as required. Judges' sheets will show the original placings given and the "X"s.

**Reasoning:**

The intention of rule 6.3.2 (b) is that in a Restricted final, if a couple receives two or more 'X's they will be placed last for that song. The rule currently gives scrutineers clear guidance on how to manage that couple, but doesn't take into account how to handle the marks awarded by other judges (who are unaware of the two 'X's).

This new rule makes it clear that during scrutineering the marks awarded by non-Xing judges should be amended to reflect that the couple is last for each judge, to ensure that the placings given to other competitors are not influenced by this couple.

**Yolanda van Dorrestein spoke to this Remit**

This is not as clear cut - hasn't been talked about before.

Got clear guidance for the couple who has 2 X's we don't have clear guidance. Just making it clear.

**Further Discussion:**

L&P

Disqualified so out

*Voting on Remit 22  
For - 19 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1  
Carried*



## Amend Rule 6.6 JUDGES

**Remove “six” and replace with “seven”**

**Add** “including the Association Head Judge”

**Remove** “section e.g. Platinum, Top Club, etc. Depending on the number of judges that may be available, a judge may be appointed by the executive committee to one or more or all championship sections.”

**Add new paragraph**

“The Association Head judge may invite armchair judges to participate in judging at the National Championship as per the Association training process, however their sheets must be of another color to that used for the competition judges. The Armchair sheets will remain separate to the other judges and remain confidential to the Head Judge and the armchair judge concerned.”

**To read:**

“A Minimum of 7 Judges **including the Association Head Judge** are appointed by the Executive Committee to judge each National Championship.

**The Association Head judge may invite armchair judges to participate in judging at the National Championship as per the Association training process, however their sheets must be of another color to that used for the competition judges. The Armchair sheets will remain separate to the other judges and remain confidential to the Head Judge and the armchair judge concerned”.**

**Reasoning:**

We need to have 2 judges each for Timing, Harmony and Variety.

We need to have seven for rotation purposes

We require an uneven number of judges in a final.

**The Head Judge spoke to this Remit:**

Want to remove eg. Platinum, Top Club, etc” - we are judging everything we don't need that in there.

Remove the word in the remit “ including the association head judge”

*Seconded by Harbour City*

**Discussion on the Amendment**

City of Sails	Against the amendment. Needs to be 7 including the headjudge. This amendment is different to what was presented to the judges.
Vice President	By putting it in - the Head Judge has to judge every competitor. If she was sick or couldn't make it - no leeway. Another ruling would have to change if we had that rule in there.
City of Sails	Idea is that the Head Judge would/should be doing it. You would make a plan to replace the Head Judge. Intention of the Association Head Judge. So against the amendment.
Harbour City	Covered in Rule 1.14.
City of Sails	So we should vote no if we want 7 judges
Harbour City	No

Head Judge We wouldn't be able to run a nationals.

*Voting on the amendment  
For - 18 Against - 2 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

**Discussion on amended remit**

Harbour City Remit amendment - keep "section eg. Platinum, Top Club, etc" and remove the rest of the sentence. Needs to be there as it allows you to have rotation. They will have to judge all of it. So that wording needs to stay.

Amendment to read "section e.g. Platinum, Top Club, etc.

*Seconded by Christchurch  
Vote for Amendment  
For 19 - Carried. Abstentions - 1*

**Further Discussion on Amended remit that now reads:**

"A Minimum of 7 Judges are appointed by the Executive Committee to judge each National Championship section e.g Platinum, Top Club, etc.

The Association Head judge may invite armchair judges to participate in judging at the National Championship as per the Association training process, however their sheets must be of another color to that used for the competition judges. The Armchair sheets will remain separate to the other judges and remain confidential to the Head Judge and the armchair judge concerned"

No further discussion.

*Voting on Amended Remit 25  
For - 19 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1  
Carried*

**Remit 26 - Executive/Judges**

*Seconded by Drifters*

**Remove Rule 6.6.1**

**Reasoning:**

Remove the whole rule as armchair judges join the floor with all other judges.

**The Head Judge spoke to this Remit:**

Harbour City Needs to stay - can remove the first part. Doesn't need to make a decision

*Voting on Remit 26  
For - 17 Against - 2 Abstentions - 1  
Carried*

**Remit 27 - Executive/Judges**

*Seconded by Drifters*

**Amend Rule 8.3 (a)**

**To read:**

"The Association Head Judge will provide a copy of the scrutineers' sheets to all officiating judges within two weeks of the competition concluding"



**Reasoning:**

Making it clear when judges receive a set of scrutineer sheets and by who.

**The Head Judge spoke to this Remit:**

No further discussion.

*Voting on Remit 27  
For - 19 Against - 0 Abstentions - 1  
Carried*

**Remit 28 - Executive/Judges**

*Seconded by Tauranga*

**Add New Rule 8.12.5**

The Association will hold one day workshops annually.

**Reasoning:**

At present there is no definition of when regional workshops will be held, this clarifies when they will be held.

**The Head Judge spoke to this Remit:**

**Further Discussion:**

Harbour City

Needs to be a different number as the 8.12.5 that's not where it should go. National criteria which it is not.

Head Judge

Amendment to change rule number to Rule 8.13.1

*Seconded by Wellington  
Vote on that amendment  
For - 20 Against - 0 Abstentions - 0  
Carried*

**Discussion on the Amended Remit:**

City of Sails

For - would like to make an amendment instead of annually once or twice each calendar year in each region. Intention to combine workshop every year. Are you looking to have one regional?

Head Judge

One regional per year. When we hold regionals we would not hold a combined regional. Combined workshop there will be no regionals

Kapi Mana

Our Judges preference to be annually and happy to pay their own way.

Head Judge

All judges came to workshops agreed with 1 regional per year and 1 combined per every second year

Harbour City

Reason how we manage the finances. Got to define regionals. Support it not being in the rulebook but support the workshops.

Christchurch

Every 2 years we won't have a regional workshop. Your saying workshop annually you have to have both. One day workshop annually - the combined you wont hold regionals. Rules not necessary.

Head Judge

Withdrawal this remit



## **CONFIRMATION OF HEAD JUDGE**

Dianne Halstead was reconfirmed as Head Judge. Elected by postal vote prior to the AGM. The Vice President congratulated Dianne on her position and advised that Neva Zainey and Malcolm Mazur were reconfirmed as Association Secretary and Association Treasurer respectively. Theresa Cummack was appointed as Association President prior to the AGM.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **Item 1 - Drifters - withdrawn**

#### **Guidelines for National Team Song Selection**

There are no clear guidelines on how this process is completed and precedent has been set on what not to do; e.g. to not use songs used prior.

Believe there should be clear guidelines that clubs all agree on.  
Consider it for Book B.

#### **The Secretary spoke to this item**

No discussion

### **Item 2 - City of Sails**

#### **Sponsoring of medals - Book B - Section 12 - Point 6**

Would like the ability to allow individuals not just Clubs to sponsor the section medals and be acknowledged at presentations.

We had an individual offer to pay medals for a section but were unable to because of the rule currently in place in Section 12 of Book B.

#### **Linda spoke to this item**

Recently asked for sponsorship for medals for being danced. I wanted to donate but can't as im not a club. City of Sails did it instead. Individuals should be able to.

#### **Discussion:**

Head Judge	Agree - the person associated club
Kapi Mana	Can't you have a local business sponsor?
City of Sails	Alot of trophies donated are no longer around.
Vice President	We can look at Book B for wording to allow the above.

### **Item 3 - Executive**

#### **Sunday Best Dressed Medals**

Best Dressed Sunday morning - Unlike other sections there are no entry fees charged, entries for this section can be made on the day.

However, the medals for these sections do cost and would like to hear ideas on how we can help recover those costs. eg; Gold coin donation per competitor.

#### **The Vice President spoke to this item**

#### **Discussion:**

Christchurch	Use your sponsors
Harbour City	Nothing in the rule book says we don't give medals. Consider only giving certificates.
Secretary	Juniors would want medals
Whangarei	Have it on the entry - certain amount on the entry form.
Dunedin	Should charge them for best dressed. Still a privilege to enter and agree with sponsorship.
Treasurer	Did volunteer to use a bucket
Drifters	Disagree with money in a bucket as will make white gloves dirty.
Wellington	Don't charge as be a bit degrading and look at sponsorship.
City of Sails	Did agree to Item 2.
Christchurch	Host clubs should go out and get people to help. Get host clubs to gather up sponsorships.
L&P	Aren't you limited to local
Christchurch	No
Vice President	Did try to sponsorship for accommodation and refused us

#### **Item 4 - Executive**

##### **Amending and clarifying the reimbursement rule**

##### **3.5 Reimbursements**

Travel – Officials will, upon production of receipts, be reimbursed travel expenses no more than the Air New Zealand “Seat + Bag” \* or equivalent airfare including reasonable insurance fees excluding booking/commission fees, or petrol/vehicle costs at .50cents per kilometre. **Flying costs compared to driving costs i.e kilometres will be compared at the time of confirmation by officials, and whichever is the lesser dollar amount will be paid.**

##### **The Treasurer spoke to this item**

##### **Discussion:**

L&P	Cheaper of the two right?
Treasurer	Yes

#### **Item 5 - Harbour city - withdrawn**

**TES** - If Harbour City's first notice of motion passes and TES is not raises as part of that discussion, we propose that with permission from the meeting:

- reference to TES is removed from Rule Book A section 1.5, or
- the dollar figure 1.5 (c) is amended to reflect a free per in-person and a lesser or no fee online attendee

#### **Item 6 - Kapi Mana**

##### **11.1 NATIONALS CHECK LIST**

(b) The dance floor shall be approximately 17m x 17m, with a clear perimeter around the entire floor excluding the seating area. The floor should be square rather than rectangle.

Amending 11.1(b) to allow more flexibility in the floor size. Enacting this provision to be done in consultation with the NZARNRA Executive.

##### **Reasoning:**

- Many potential National Championship venues feature a single basketball court with a standard sized zone around the perimeter. These venues measure approximately 22 metres wide by 38 metres long, leaving very little room to place tables, seating, and/or a stage between the 17m x 17m dance floor and the walls.
- The 17m x 17m dance floor requirement was added when up to 6 couples were allowed on the floor in heats. The maximum number of couples now allowed on the floor in any section is five.
- If adopted the proposed change may only apply to the Junior Nationals as the participants are generally smaller than Senior competitors and therefore require less dance floor space.
- If adopted the proposed change may allow a wider range of clubs to host National events.

### **Barry spoke to this item**

Head Judge	Hear what your saying - becomes difficult for judges to see the whole floor. A lot of judges like to go to the corners to see everything. Changing the shape not going to be able to see it
Drifters	Agree - can be squarish within reason.
Harbour City	Do you want to reduce the floor area?
Kapi Mana	17x17 'squarish'
Head Judge	Not too 'oblongish'

### **Item 7 - Invercargill**

National hosts criteria - purchasing a DVD recording of the event - Is there a need anymore?

### **Karl spoke to this item**

Videographer we have to supply to the Executive and host club. Do we have to have it or not? Cost. Huge cost that's not necessary.

### **Discussion:**

City of Sails have	Rather paying for a fancy one - set up and film the event. Doesn't to be set in a fancy video.
Kapi Mana	Raised idea of using tablet and phones to film. Appreciate that Association needs to have one copy.
Treasurer	Need to find a happy medium.
Invercargill	Does this need to change in rulebook
Surf City	Look at it as a fundraiser.
Christchurch	Rotorockers - they are cheap - hiring a professional will cost a lot more. Does need revising. Drifters have a youtube has a good thing that gets watched all the time.
Drifters	Greg has had a few challenges with the music. Live stream get cut off right and used phones. Recording needs to be high quality. Phones are not. They can cut out.
Vice President	History is important to have. Personally like a quality recording

### **Item 8 - Kapi Mana - withdrawn**

*"The Host Club is to be required by the NZARRA to make a DVD of all competition sections and presentations, including all the dancing in all the heats, quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals, to be available for purchase at a reasonable cost to clubs and/or their members and sent in a timely manner."*

Kapi Mana fully appreciates the NZARRA wants to have a recording of the event, but in light of the rapid changes in technology (mobile phones/tablets) and the means by which it can be filmed and distributed, consideration needs to be given as to how this can be done in the future.

This has been made more urgent by:

- Rotorockers filming their last event (2024 Senior Nationals).
- The rapid decline in the number of DVD/USB sold

### **Item 9 - Christchurch**

Entry fees - ask Exec to look at the competitor entry fees \$50 and \$75 has been the same for a long time. Raising money could be one way to do it. Going up to \$60 and \$100 for teams. Executive set the fees

Secretary	Worth looking into.
Treasurer	Have considered it.

### **Item 10 - Christchurch**

\$5 spectator tickets wasn't considered.

Spectators only there for a couple of hours e.g. grandparents to watch their kids. Spectator should not be included in the levies.

Invercargill	We had to charge \$25 - had to pay \$3 per ticket back to the stadium.
Christchurch	Define what a spectator is and then we can set out ticket prices around that.

### **Item 11 - Christchurch**

Showcase section - Allowing couples to put on a showcase and they put on their own music and to put on a show at nationals.

### **Comments:**

Head Judge	How would that be judged?
Christchurch	Yes, 2 mins e.g. and put on a show. Just putting it out there.
Wellington	So like top team
Christchurch	They would put this on
Kapi Mana	Could be a lot of entries
City of Sails	Put their showcase in the Novelty?
Christchurch	Could replace Novelty.
River Rockers	Isn't that adding another section?

### **Item 12 - Reduce Cost - Christchurch**

Reduce cost by reducing medals.

If we combined best dressed

Wellington	Was discussed last year
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### **Item 13 - Book B - Harbour City**

Require shortened song list has been sent in.

Harbour City                                      Could go into Book B shows we are 'trying' to do it.

### **Item 14 - Invercargill**

Promo group

Treasurer                                      Yes, we are getting back into it after the agm.

### **Music group**

Reiterate to get the music out to clubs and get through to drop box. Taken away from the individual is with the drop box. Clubs can download it.

Top club songs / condensed list we put. Strongly suggest this.

Look at an annual cost.

Send any new music to consider now that we have extended the date range.

We listen, dance and provide to Executive a short list and then provide for clubs to have an opinion.

Recommendations from the Rule book

Head Judge                                      Some of those songs are very country rock song. Need rocknroll.

### **END OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Vice President thanked all delegates for their valuable input and participation.

**Vice President thanked Kapi Mana for the food and Goldcoast for tablecloths**

### **2025 AGM**

Confirm the date and discuss the type of AGM - Physical/Online.

### **Discussion**

The Vice President took a non binding poll to see if clubs want the next AGM to be a physical meeting.

*For - 20 Against - 0*

*Vote was FOR a physical meeting.*

Decision to have a physical AGM next 24 May 2025.

The Executive will notify all clubs of the confirmed venue via your Club Secretaries, Facebook and on the Association website.

Advised clubs that the price at Brentwood was \$750 just for the venue we had to commit to the full lunch, which we didn't want to. This hall cost \$250 for the whole day and Kapi accepted to do the lunch as a fundraiser including morning tea. Probably be at this venue as the first option next year.

### **Closing of Meeting**

The Vice President thanked Karen for her years of service and time on the Executive as Vice President and as President.

Christchurch - Thank the Executive's utterly appreciate the work you do.

Chloe and Theresa were presented with their badges.

**The Meeting closed at 4.22 pm**