



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



Newsletter May 2019

Dear Secretary,

Please let your Committee and club members know that this newsletter is also available on the Association website.

2019 AGM

The Executive Committee elected or confirmed at the 2019 Annual General Meeting is:

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The official Association address for correspondence is

PO Box PO Box 9007, Hamilton, 9180

Correspondence, entry forms, payment advice etc. can alternatively be emailed to

secretary@rocknroll.org.nz

The address for assessments advice and judging sheets is: headjudge@rocknroll.org.nz

Judging sheets etc. can be sent to 201 King Street, Cambridge, 3434

The Association Website is www.rocknroll.org.nz

Affiliation Fees

The Affiliation Fees for the 2019/20 year are due by 1st August 2019 and the amount due is \$300.00. Accounts will be emailed to clubs in due course. Please bring this to the attention of your Treasurer and Committee, and get the fee paid promptly to avoid the 10% penalty for late payment.

Clubs are encouraged to pay by Direct Credit, the Association Bank Account **03 1534 0002945 00**. Please ensure the club name is included as reference.

Alternatively, send your payment to The Treasurer, c/- PO Box

2020 AGM

The proposed date for the next Annual General Meeting is Saturday 16th May 2020. The date and venue is to be confirmed.

2019 Junior Nationals

For those who missed out on purchasing a Nationals badge, Invercargill has found more badges which can be ordered by e-mailing 2019juniornationals@gmail.com or calling Nicky 0272131592. Definitely first in first served.

2021 Nationals Host Clubs

Congratulations to the following host clubs for the 2021 National Competitions

Junior Nationals, 2nd – 4th April 2021 will be hosted by Kapi Mana Rock'n'Roll Club at the Te Rauparaha Arena in Porirua, Wellington

Senior Nationals, 22nd – 24th October 2021 will be hosted by River Rockers Whanganui at the War Memorial Hall in Whanganui

Information about these Nationals will be loaded on the Association website.

The number of clubs willing to host a Nationals illustrates the good heart of rock'n'roll in New Zealand

2019 AGM Report

Please refer to your delegate/s for a full report. The AGM Minutes and the 2019 Rulebooks are currently being completed and editing. All Rule Book changes are effective immediately. Once completed, the Rule Book can be downloaded from the Association website.

Main Rule changes that were passed at the AGM

- Intermediate Triples age criteria is now 5 – 17 years.
- There is a new section in the Junior Championship – Section 10, Junior Restricted, for ages 5 – 12 years with an assessment pass of 25%. Restricted is now Section 11, with the age criteria remaining at 5 – 17 years.
- The Senior Triples age limit is now 40 years and over
- The Closing Date for Junior Entries is now 6th February (Waitangi Day)
- In all Restricted Sections, a judge can deduct up to 2 points as well as giving an "X" when an illegal move is sighted.

Other Items of Note

- New Music – in future once a short list has been compiled of newly submitted songs, they will be sent to clubs for comments to be returned within a specified time frame.
- There was discussion about the make-up of teams, with the majority supporting the current Rules.
- The Novice section was discussed, with concern about very new dancers possibly competing against experienced dancers. The Novice section is for first time Nationals dancers and the abilities and ages can vary. It was agreed that the section is a valuable introduction to competition dancing.
- The Council expressed concern about the time it takes for trainee judges to progress through the system. Clubs organising competitions are urged to assist with arm chairing opportunities whenever possible.
- The protection of juniors and coaches was discussed and clubs need to have in place structures that protect their members during club activities and coaching sessions. Please contact the Executive for specific suggestions about how this can be done.

The Executive Committee thanks all delegates at the 2019 Annual General Meeting; New Zealand rock'n'roll is well served by these committed participants.

Upcoming National Competitions

Seniors 2019 – 25th – 27th October 2019 – Host Club Christchurch Rock'n'Roll Club

Venue: Lincoln Event Centre, Lincoln, Christchurch.

Junior Nationals, 10th – 12th April 2020 – Host Club Drifters Rock'n'Roll Club

Venue: Fraser High School Gymnasium, 72 Ellicott Street, Hamilton

Senior Nationals, 23rd – 25th October 2020 – Host Club Whakatane Rock'n'Roll Club

Venue: Whakatane District Memorial Hall and Sports Stadium, Rex Morpeth Park, 7 Short Street, Whakatane

Information regarding these Nationals is available on the Association website www.rocknroll.org.nz
Clubs are asked to confirm their accommodation and let host clubs know the contact person for their club for the appropriate Nationals.

Please direct your club members to the Association website, so they are up to date with any Host Club information.

Senior Nationals 2019 25th – 27th October at Lincoln Event Centre Christchurch

Entries

Fees for Senior Nationals entries are \$50 for Couples and \$75 for Triples and Teams.

The closing date for entries is Saturday 31st August.

Entry forms are available on the Association website, please download and complete as required.

Entries can be emailed to secretary@rocknroll.org.nz with confirmation of payment to the Association bank account: **03 1534 0002945 00**. Please ensure your club name is on all bank deposits.

If posted, please send to: The Secretary, PO Box 9007, Hamilton 3240

It is recommended that a tracked courier envelope is used as normal post can be a week or more in transit.

Trophy Return Senior Nationals

Please return all trophies won at Hutt Valley Senior Nationals, engraved and polished, to:

Nola Calvert, 94 Exmouth Street, Invercargill 9810 by Saturday 7th September 2019

Trophies are to be securely wrapped and packaged to prevent damage in transit and a "track and trace" courier used.

Team Managers

Once your team manager is selected, please send their name and email contact to the Secretary secretary@rocknroll.org.nz

Assessments

Please ensure that the Head Judge is advised prior to assessments for National competition taking place, and that the judging sheets, results sheets and Assessment cover sheets are sent to the Head judge within a week of the assessment.

Secretary

I would like to welcome Neva Zainey in her role as Secretary of the Association. Through this very last newsletter I will be involved in, I want to thank everyone in the Rock'n'Roll community for their support over my tenure on the Executive Committee. I am not going away entirely as I'm still a judge and club member, and possibly even a competitor, and I look forward to meeting with you all at future nationals.

Yours in Rock



Brenda Neill, Outgoing Secretary, NZARRA