

## **SECTION 8 - JUDGES**

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

- 8.1** Any National Association, Association, or Trainee Judge must maintain the judging standard required such standards to be determined by the Executive Committee.
- 8.2** All National Association, Association or Trainee Judges must be supplied with the current New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc. Rule Book and must comply with the rules and any amendments relating to them.
- 8.3** Any Judge having accepted the invitation to judge at the forthcoming National Championships, must declare to the Head Judge any conflict of interest including coaching a couple in that National Championship. Where it is not possible for the Head Judge to use said Judge in an armchair capacity for that section, they must cease coaching immediately or withdraw from judging. Judges must also advise the Head Judge of any close personal or immediate family relations that may be competing in that Championship
- 8.3 (a) All officiating Judges are to receive a copy of the scrutineers sheets after a National Championship.
- 8.4** A Judge, having accepted an invitation to judge at a forthcoming National Competition, must then attend a workshop before that National Competition with the exception of special circumstances agreed to by the Head Judge.
- 8.5** Any written complaints or non-compliance of the rules defined in Section 8 will be investigated by the Executive Committee. If the nature of the complaints is likely to lead to the dismissal of a Judge, a panel will be convened as soon as practicable to consider such allegations. The panel will consist of the Head Judge and four senior National Association Judges selected by their peers i.e. fellow Judges, but representing the three regions.
- 8.6** Following an investigation with the person or persons concerned the panel will make their recommendations to the Executive Committee within seven days. The Executive Committee will notify those concerned, in writing, of the outcome within a further seven days.
- 8.7** Any Judge failing to attend the compulsory 1 workshop per year or judge or armchair at least one Club or equivalent event/competition per year, with the exception of special circumstances agreed to by the Head Judge, will be required to seek re-nomination from their club and will need to attend a judges' workshop to be reinstated to the List. The Judge will then commence his/her judging criteria as per rule 8.10 again.

**8.8** A Judge finding that his/her name has been removed from the register of Judges, for other than disciplinary reasons, be given the right to have their name reinstated provided they meet the relevant criteria, this to be determined by the Executive Committee in conjunction with the Judges panel according to the status of the Judge concerned.

**8.9 TRAINING JUDGES CRITERIA**

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

- (a) Have attained the age of 18 years.
- (b) Complete and return to the Association Head Judge an introductory questionnaire attesting to their Rock'n'Roll experience and commitment, along with a nomination in writing from their club.
- (c) Have their application considered and accepted by the Executive Committee.

Upon being accepted onto the Trainee Judges List, they can then begin the criteria as per Rule 8.10 to qualify as an Association Judge.

All Trainee Judges must attend a minimum of one judging workshop or armchair or judge at least one club competition or equivalent event/competition per calendar year.

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

- (a) Armchair judge a minimum of six competitions, all using the NZARRA rules, judging guidelines, Association appointed Judges and using the points system.
- (b) Officially judge a minimum of four competitions all using the NZARRA rules, judging guidelines and Association appointed Judges.
- (c) Sit and pass an examination set by the Head Judge.

Addition to the official register of Association Judges will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

All Association Judges must attend a minimum of one judging workshop or armchair or judge at least one club competition or equivalent event/competition per calendar year.

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

- (a) To have qualified as an Association Judge.
- (b) Armchair judge a minimum of two National Championships, a Junior and Senior.
- (c) Addition to the official register of National Association Judges will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- (d) All National Association Judges must attend a minimum of one judging workshop per calendar year.

(e) Be available to judge a minimum of one Nationals Competition per calendar year.

All National Association Judges must attend a minimum of one judging workshop or armchair or judge at least one club competition or equivalent event/competition per calendar year.

Any National Association Judge failing to do this, with the exception of special circumstances agreed to by the Head Judge, will be removed to Association Judge Level.

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

**8.13** The Association will hold a one day combined judges' workshop biennially.

All National Association, Association & Trainee judges are invited to attend this workshop. All judges attending will be reimbursed for their travel expenses.

To be reimbursed receipts are to be submitted to the secretary no later than 1 month prior to the workshop date. Reimbursements shall be no more than the Air New Zealand smart saver or equivalent airfare excluding commission/insurance fees, or mileage at the current cents per km rate as listed in Book B, whichever is the lesser.

If a judge cannot attend a workshop any reimbursement must be refunded to the Association within 10 days unless otherwise agreed by the Head Judge.

\$1 from the annual membership levy per senior member, 50c per junior member and \$1 from the National ticket levy per Saturday and Sunday ticket will go towards funding this reimbursement.