

2024 REVISED RULES FOR GOVERNING THE SOCIETY'S DANCE

SECTIONS OF THE COMPETITION

Competitors are asked to study the following rules carefully as they will be strictly enforced. This applies particularly to the submission of entry forms which will be rejected if they do not comply.

ALL ENTRY FORMS WILL BE COMPLETED ON THE **STARDOM PLATFORM VIA OUR WEBSITE: <https://lismoreisteddfod.com.au>**

NOTE: AGE as at 31 May 2024

1. In these rules and conditions the word "Committee" shall mean "The Management Committee of the Lismore Musical Festival". The decision of the Committee in all questions arising, shall be final. All entries are deemed to be made subject to these conditions.
2. The Committee reserves the right to determine the Status of any competitor and the application and interpretation of these rules.
3. In the event of insufficient or large number of entries, the Committee reserves the right to combine or divide sections accordingly. In any section where insufficient entries are received the Committee may exercise its discretion with regard to the retention or the alteration of any section for that year.
4. The Committee reserves the right to amend the program at any time by varying the order of the competitors or sections at any session.
5. All competitions are intended for amateurs; teachers may not compete.
6. All competitors perform entirely at their own risk.
7. No cameras or video will be permitted at any venue.
8. **AGE:** Deemed to be the age of the competitor:
 - In all **solo/duo** sections, the competitor's age as at **31 May 2024;**
 - **Troupe Sections**, the competitor's age as at **1 January 2024.**
9. The Committee reserves the right in age competitions to call upon any competitor to produce at his/her own expense, **PROOF OF AGE** and to withhold any prize/money until such proof shall have been furnished.
10. The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry, and, in particular, those from competitors who have been pupils of an adjudicator, within a period of 12 months prior to the closing of entries. These competitors are not eligible to compete in any section judged by that adjudicator.
11. Entries in all sections must be lodged on or before the **30 June 2024 through the Stardom platform via the website: lismoreisteddfod.com.au**. **NO** entry will be accepted without **full** entry fee.
12. In all sections where two or more combine to compete eg, duos, duets, trios, the **name of each competitor must be given at the time of entry.**
13. Competitors in Solo/Duo/Trio may compete **only once** in that section. No competitor shall be allowed to repeat any item already performed **EXCEPT** for the **DISTRICT NOVICE DANCE SECTIONS.**
No Qualifier may repeat their same routine in a **CHAMPIONSHIP.**
14. Competitors **MUST** perform in **OWN** age sections and not outside their own age group, unless specifically indicated in the schedule as open to all ages (unrestricted).
15. **Time Limits** apply. All solo dances, not more than three (3) minutes; duo/trio not more than three half (3.5) minutes, troupes not more than four (4) minutes.

16. The WorkCover Authority requires all electrical equipment eg hairdryers, heated rollers and cassette players etc, be inspected by an authorised electrician and be tagged as required. It is the competitors' responsibility to comply with the WorkCover Authority Rules. The Lismore Musical Festival Society is not responsible and requests these requirements be observed as penalties are severe.
17. **District dancing (Novice)** entries are restricted to Competitors who live within a **50 km radius and learn from Studios with a 50 km radius of Lismore**, at the time of the current Lismore Eisteddfod. Competitors may repeat the same dance in both District and Unrestricted

Sections. NOVICE District sections are for competitors who have not **WON a FIRST PRIZE** in **ANY** Classical Ballet, Novice Ballet section; in any Tap Dance section or Novice Tap section; in any Jazz Dance, or Novice Jazz section at **ANY** Festival or Eisteddfod at the time of the Lismore Eisteddfod (with the exception of Under (5) years of age group).

18. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** Competitors must enter and perform in their corresponding AGE, or acceptable qualifying section/s as indicated in the schedule before the Championship is held (Novice District or Restricted sections **not** accepted).
 19. **NO COMPETITOR IN THE DANCE SECTION WILL BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM WITHOUT MUSIC.**
 20. The Adjudicator's decision shall be final and he/she has the power to withhold or divide prizes according to merit. He/she shall also be entitled to recommend the awarding of a second place if he/she thinks the rendition has not sufficient merit to carry a first prize, but he/she shall intimate his/her decision when making the adjudication.
 21. In many cases part of a dance may be heard by the Adjudicator and the bell does not necessarily signify disapproval or rejection. The Adjudicator's objective will be to hear all items at the session in which they are set down.
 22. If through unforeseen circumstance an Adjudicator is unable to perform his/her duty, the Committee reserves the right to appoint a substitute.
 23. Competitors must assemble in the space provided by the committee and must be ready to render their items in the order in which their names appear in the program. Any delay on their part causing disruption of the business of the session will render them liable to disqualification.
 24. No teacher will be allowed on stage with a competitor unless as an accompanist FOR THAT ITEM. Prompting from the audience or side of stage is strictly forbidden and is liable to result in disqualification of that competitor.
 25. PROPS for Ballet etc, must be portable and capable of being easily handled by two people. No nailing of stands etc, to stage will be allowed. All props must be removed from precincts of stage at the conclusion of each session. All props are to come in by front Door.
 26. A SOUND SYSTEM is provided by the Society and Competitors must use the standard equipment. A sound operator will be provided (No additional charge for this service). The Committee and/or Sound Operator will not be held responsible for CDs incorrectly marked.
- 27. USB/CD RULES:**
- a) Clearly label each USB/CD with Section Number, competitor number, start on or off stage.
 - b) Only one piece of music is to be recorded on each USB/CD.
 - c) If using a USB, it is recommended to have a CD back up recording.
 - d) MP3 and WAV files are allowed.
 - e) Under no circumstance is a sticker to be put on the actual CD. Leave CD in its case.
28. Usage of venues or equipment PRIOR to the Eisteddfod is not the responsibility of the Lismore Musical Festival Society. All rehearsals should be privately arranged by and paid for by the competitor with the appropriate authority.
 29. No use of the stage for practice is permitted at any venue during the competitions.
 30. During the actual competitions all enquiries of, or representations to the Adjudicator must be made in writing either through the Secretary or a Committee member. UNAUTHORISED communication with

the Adjudicator during the competition is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. Failure to comply will mean immediate disqualification.

31. PROTESTS: If any, shall be lodged with the Secretary in writing, within one hour after completion of section in respect of which the protest is entered and must be accompanied by \$50.00 which shall be forfeited if the protest is deemed to be frivolous or unfounded.
32. Competitors must change in dressing rooms. Public areas are **not** to be used as change areas.
33. The use of glitter spray and hair spray (makeup or hair products) may be a health hazard for some competitors. These must be used with great care in a well-ventilated area, preferably in the open air.

34. No dangerous moves may be made that could possibly cause injury to the contestant.

35. Competitors will be regarded as being CONVERSANT WITH THE RULES of the competitions of the Society affecting their positions as competitors. The PLEA OF LACK OF KNOWLEDGE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS A BONA FIDE REASON FOR THE INFRINGEMENT OF THE RULE. In the event of a protest being lodged the competitors; so infringing shall be liable to disqualification or may otherwise be dealt with by the Committee.