

## The 42<sup>nd</sup> Armidale Eisteddfod

# Syllabus

***Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 2026***



ARMIDALE  
EISTEDDFOD  
SOCIETY

## Celebrating young talent

*Patron*  
*Mrs JoAnn Griffiths*

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

# Timetable 2026

Section	Dates	Venue
Music Composition Presentation & Workshop	Wednesday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Piano	Friday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday, May 16 <sup>th</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Stage 6 (HSC) Performances	Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Speech & Drama	Sunday, May 17 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, May 19 <sup>th</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Choirs & Choir Night	Wednesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lazenby Hall</b>
Choirs	Thursday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Lazenby Hall</b>
Choral Workshop	Thursday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Small Country Schools	Thursday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Lazenby Hall</b>
<b>New England Championship</b>	<b>Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>ATC Auditorium</b>
Mature Performers	Sunday, May 24 <sup>th</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Vocal	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	ATC Auditorium
Strings	Wednesday, May 27 <sup>th</sup> - Saturday, May 30 <sup>th</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Chamber Music	Thursday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	ATC Auditorium
String Ensembles	Wednesday, May 27 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday, May 28 <sup>th</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Woodwind, Brass, Recorder	Sunday, May 31 <sup>st</sup> - Monday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Ensembles - Years 7-12	Monday, June 1 <sup>st</sup> - Tuesday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Band Night and Ensembles	Tuesday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Mixed Instruments	Monday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	ATC Auditorium
Primary Ensembles	Wednesday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	ATC Auditorium
<b>Gala Concert</b>	<b>Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2pm</b>	<b>ATC Auditorium</b>

ATC - Old Teachers' College, located at the corner of Mossman & Faulkner Streets, Armidale  
**Lazenby Hall (UNE)** - located at the University of New England, Armidale

## Organisers and Contacts

The Armidale Eisteddfod is a non-profit organisation run entirely by volunteers. Please show Committee members and other volunteers consideration for their time and effort.

The best way to get in touch with someone in relation to the Eisteddfod is by emailing  
[armidaleeisteddfodpresident@gmail.com](mailto:armidaleeisteddfodpresident@gmail.com)

**Please allow a few days for your enquiry to be answered.**

For urgent issues, you may contact the Eisteddfod President and Program Coordinator on 0403 170934 or **Secretary on 0403 170935**

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

# Table of Contents

Timetable 2026 .....	2
Organisers and Contacts .....	2
Rules of Competition .....	3
Entering the 2026 Armidale Eisteddfod .....	8
Choirs .....	9
Ensembles .....	10
Keyboard.....	Error! Bookmark not defined.
Mature Performers .....	15
Stage 6 (HSC) Music.....	16
Mixed Instruments .....	17
The New England Championship .....	17
Music Composition.....	18
Speech and Drama .....	19
Strings & String Ensembles .....	23
Vocal .....	26
Woodwind, Brass & Recorder .....	30
Copyright Laws .....	33

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

# Rules of Competition

## Entries

- All entries must be made online.
- Late entries will not be accepted; however, in exceptional circumstances the Committee MAY accept late entries up to and including one week after entries close. A late fee of \$20 per entry will apply.

## 1. Definitions

- 1.1 For the purposes of the Eisteddfod, a competitor's age shall mean their age on the advertised opening date of the Eisteddfod. Competitors in age-limited events must be prepared to submit proof of age by Birth Certificate or other means if required to do so.
- 1.2 **Open** means the event is open to all competitors of any age **unless otherwise stated**.
- 1.3 **Restricted** events are open only to competitors who have not won a solo event for that category of instrument **(including voice)** or speech and drama in a previous eisteddfod at Armidale or elsewhere.
- 1.4 **Novice** events are open only to competitors who have been learning that category of instrument **(including voice)** for 18 months or less prior to close of entries.
- 1.5 **Small country school** events are open only to school groups from schools outside Armidale having a school population of fewer than 100 pupils.
- 1.6 **School groups** must consist only of members of that school.

## 2. Before an Event

- 2.1 Music or scripts for the Adjudicator must be handed to the Music/Script Coordinator at least 15 minutes before the start of the event. Competitors who fail to do so may be disqualified.
- 2.2 Competitors must fill out the Copyright Declaration form ONCE for the whole Eisteddfod. The form is available through the main menu of the Eisteddfod website. The completed form must be handed in prior to a competitor's first event.
- 2.3 The TITLE, COMPOSER/AUTHOR and the COMPETITOR'S NAME, EVENT NUMBER and COMPETITOR'S NUMBER must be clearly visible on the music or script.

## 3. Conditions of entry

- 3.1 A competitor may enter a particular solo event twice provided a different instrument is played for each performance (e.g. trumpet, trombone).
- 3.2 Unless stated otherwise the competitor shall select pieces to be performed.
- 3.3 A competitor shall not perform the same item in more than one event during the Eisteddfod. **The exceptions are KB45 and KB46 - Collaborative Pianist.**
- 3.4 A competitor must not repeat any item performed in a previous Armidale Eisteddfod until three years have passed.
- 3.5 Where events refer to an AMEB Grade (or equivalent) it is presumed that the competitor is currently playing at that standard. It is not intended that a competitor play a piece at a lower level than their current standard. Notwithstanding the above, a competitor MAY play a piece at a higher level than their current standard.

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

- 3.6 The Committee reserves the right to cancel or combine any event where insufficient entries are received. If, for any reason, an event is cancelled competitors may seek a refund of the entry fee.
- 3.7 All special requests must be made at the time of entry.
- 3.8 The order of events may be changed **only** at the discretion of the Committee or Coordinator.
- 3.9 The order of competitors within an event may be changed **only** at the discretion of the Committee or Coordinator.
- 3.10 Competitors not answering their names when it is their turn to perform in an event may be disqualified.
- 3.11 Under special circumstances, the Coordinator may allow a competitor to perform out of the event. He or she will receive adjudication but no placing.
- 3.12 It is the responsibility of the competitor to make arrangements with an accompanist **at least three weeks** prior to the performance, and to negotiate fees with the accompanist.
- 3.13 For the New England Championship event MX16 there must be at least 4 entries, of whom at least 3 must perform for the event to run. If only 1 or 2 of the entrants turn up they may perform but will only receive adjudication, with no prize money or placing.  
Any other event, **including Section Championships**, will require at least 3 contestants to perform for prize money to be awarded.
- 3.14 Prize money is payable by EFT. Winners are requested to supply their bank details no later than one month after winning a cash prize. Cash prizes need to be finalised no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026 or may be forfeited. It is the applicant and entrant's responsibility to ensure that all banking information provided is accurate. AES will not accept responsibility for any effect arising from incorrect or mistaken bank details.

#### **4. Duet and Trio Events**

- 4.1 In duet or trio items the names of the individual partners must be stated **at the time of entry**. In the event of one partner being unable to perform due to a genuine change in circumstance, the Committee may allow a substitute provided that notice is given to the Entry Coordinator before the start of the session.
- 4.2 An individual may enter a duet or trio event with different partners and/or different instruments. The maximum number of times an individual can enter the same duet or trio event is two.

#### **5. Time Limits**

- 5.1 Where there is no stated time limit, the Adjudicator reserves the right to terminate a competitor's performance at any stage. This does not mean disqualification or disapproval.
- 5.2 Time limits in all events must be strictly observed. A warning bell may be rung when the time limit is reached. A further bell may be rung 15 seconds after the finishing time. At this point the competitor must leave the stage.

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

## 6. Choirs and Speech & Drama Specific Rules

- 6.1 **In High School and Open events** conductors must not sing or speak when conducting choral speech, choral singing or instrumental groups.
- 6.2 In speech and drama events teachers are not to prompt, direct or coach behind the stage.
- 6.3 All props for Speech and Drama events are to be provided by competitors. There will be no specialist lighting and lighting is limited to on and blackout.
- 6.4 A competitor is permitted to use another person (other than his/her teacher) as prompt, if necessary, in the following Speech and Drama events:
  - Solo character sketch
  - Dramatic extract or short play
  - Verse speaking
  - Prose recital
  - Humorous prose or verse

Prompts must have their own copies of the scripts and be seated inconspicuously to the left or right of the performing space. Prompting will result in lower marks.

## 7. Music Events

- 7.1 Unless performing from memory, all competitors must perform from the original copy.
- 7.2 If performing from memory, the original music must be handed to the Music Coordinator to be passed on to the Adjudicator.
- 7.3 If a photocopy is required for the Adjudicator or accompanist, the original music must still be shown to the Music Coordinator. The Copyright Declaration Form must be completed.
- 7.4 **The use of backing tracks is not allowed except in rare circumstances where the original music is not available to purchase.**

## 8. Judging and Disputes

- 8.1 The Adjudicator's decision is final.
- 8.2 If a satisfactory standard is not achieved, the award of first or any place will be left to the discretion of the Adjudicator.
- 8.3 Where equal places are awarded any prizes for that place are to be shared between award winners.
- 8.4 The Adjudicator has the authority of the Committee to terminate a performance if it is considered offensive in any way.
- 8.5 Any person who is related to or has been taught or coached privately by an appointed Adjudicator during the 12 months preceding the opening date of the Eisteddfod will not be in contention for a prize or placing and will be eligible for 'comments only'.
- 8.6 Communication with the Adjudicator by competitors, teachers or other interested parties is strictly forbidden. All enquiries must be made to the Eisteddfod Coordinator. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

- 8.7 All protests must be in writing and lodged with the Eisteddfod Coordinator within one hour of the conclusion of the session containing the item to which the protest relates.
- 8.8 The Committee shall be the sole judge of disputes and its decision shall be final.

## **9. Recording of Performances and Publicity**

- 9.1 The use of cameras or recording devices at our venues and events is prohibited. However, parents may take **STILL** images **only** of their own children performing in Solo sections without the use of flash and providing it does not **affect the performance or the audience**.
- 9.2 All electronic devices should either be turned off or on Silent mode.
- 9.3 AES may publicise the name, profile and photograph of an entrant in Eisteddfod publications and results, via electronic, social and printed media at its discretion.

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

- 

# Entering the 2026 Armidale Eisteddfod

**By your entering the 2026 Armidale Eisteddfod it is assumed that you have read and understood the Terms and Conditions of Entry.**

**Acccompanists need to be organised well in advance.**

Your entry MUST be lodged by 5:00 pm, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

All entries to the Armidale Eisteddfod are to be done online. The process allows you to complete all components of your entry, including payment.

The online system was set up to encourage Eisteddfod participants and/or their families to make entries on their own behalf for individual and small group events. This will mean contestants will need to communicate with their teachers and other performers very clearly before submitting their entries.

School groups will be entered, also online, by the schools themselves.

To make your entry please go to:

<http://armidale-eisteddfod.org.au/>

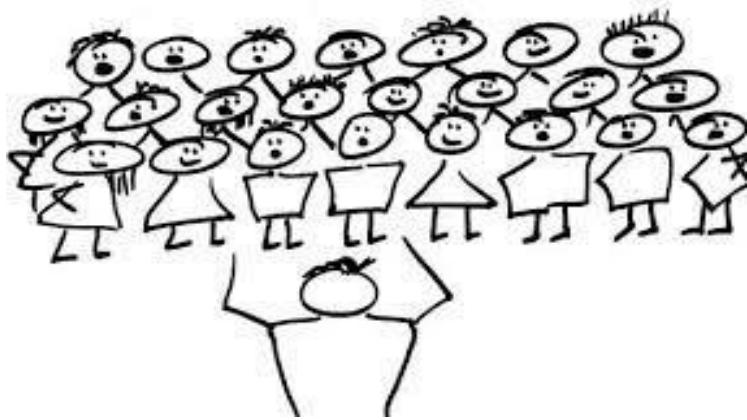
and follow the directions on the website.

Fees for 2026 are set at:

- All Championship events (except Speech & Drama) - \$23.45 per competitor
- Music events (choirs & other groups) - \$35.70 per group
- Music events (solo competitors) - \$12.00 per competitor
- Music events (duos & trios) - \$11.75 per competitor
- Composition – Years K-6 \$23.50 per entry
- Composition – Years 7-8 \$23.50 per entry
- Composition – Years 9-10 \$23.50 per entry
- 
- Composition – Years 11-12 \$28.90 per entry
- Composition – Open \$34.70 per entry
- 
- Speech & Drama events (solos/duos/trios/quads) - \$11.75 per competitor
- Speech & Drama events (groups) - \$35.70 per group
- HSC Stage 6 - \$12.00 per performer

There will be no administration fee or charge for the Program. All competitors will have full access to the online program prior to the beginning of the Eisteddfod.

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**



# Choirs

Instrumental accompaniment allowed in all events

<b>CH01 - Choir, non-competitive</b> One or two contrasting pieces.	<b>Years K-2</b>	<b>CH06 - Vocal Ensemble</b> Maximum of 20 singers. Two contrasting pieces. <i>The Armidale Ex-Services Club Perpetual Shield</i>	<b>Years K-6</b>
<b>CH02 - Choir, non-competitive</b> One or two contrasting pieces. (Infants (K-2) should enter CH01).	<b>Years K-6</b>	<b>CH07 - Choir</b> One own choice piece. Time limit of 6 minutes. <i>The PLC Armidale Perpetual Shield</i>	<b>Years 10 &amp; under</b>
<b>CH03 - Choir, small country schools</b> Two contrasting pieces. <i>First prize - \$100</i>	<b>Years K-6</b>	<b>CH08 - Choir</b> One own choice piece. Time limit of 6 minutes. <i>The Paul Lamb Memorial Shield</i>	<b>19 years &amp; under</b>
<i>The National Party Perpetual Shield</i> is awarded to the small country school with the <b>highest total score across events</b> <b>CH03, SD46 and EN02.</b> All 3 events are held in the same session. Only competitors entering all three events are eligible for this shield		<b>CH09 - Vocal Ensemble</b> Maximum of 20 singers. Two contrasting pieces. Time limit of 6 minutes. <i>First prize - \$100 and The Armidale Locksmiths Perpetual Shield</i>	<b>19 years &amp; under</b>
<b>CH04 - Choir, unison</b> Two contrasting pieces. One set piece plus one own choice. <b>The set piece must be selected from a number of specified pieces.</b> Details available from the NECOM office or by emailing <a href="mailto:iroobol@as.edu.au">iroobol@as.edu.au</a> <i>The Armidale Dumaresq Council Perpetual Shield</i>	<b>Years K-6</b>	<b>CH10 - New England Choral Championship</b> Two contrasting pieces with a minimum of 3 parts. Time limit of 10 minutes. <i>First prize - \$200 and The Cecil Hill Memorial Shield.</i>	<b>Open</b>
<b>CH05 - Choir, two part</b> One own choice piece. Must have a minimum of two parts. <i>First prize - \$100 and The Paul Lamb Memorial Shield.</i>	<b>Years K-6</b>	<b>CH11 - Choir, non-competitive</b> One or two contrasting pieces. Community & school groups. Time limit of 6 minutes.	<b>Open</b>

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**



# Ensembles

## Class ensembles (EN01 to EN08)

- ★ All students must be in the same roll or elective class.
- ★ Teacher accompaniment allowed for Years K-6 only.
- ★ For Years 7-12, any accompaniment must be provided by a student member of the ensemble.
- ★ Recorded accompaniment not allowed.
- ★ Any combination of singing and instruments allowed, unless otherwise stated.
- ★ Time limit of 3 minutes, unless otherwise stated.
- ★ Age restrictions will be strictly enforced for all events.

### String Ensembles

See String Section

### Recorder Ensembles

See Wind Section

### Veteran Ensembles

See Mixed Instrument Section

#### EN01 - Class ensemble, Non-competitive

Any instrumental group or class ensemble.

Years K-6

#### EN02 - Class ensemble, small country schools

May be from different roll classes.

Years K-6

First prize - \$100

***The National Party Perpetual Shield*** is awarded to the small country school with the **highest total score across events SD46, CH03 and EN02**. All 3 events are held in the same session. Only competitors entering all three events are eligible for this shield

#### EN03 - Class ensemble

Time limit of 3 minutes.

Years 3-4

*Monty Family Perpetual Shield*

#### EN04 - Class ensemble

Years 5-6

Time limit of 3 minutes.

*Armidale Lion's Club Perpetual Shield*

#### EN05 - Class ensemble

Years 7-8

Time limit of 3 minutes.

*Rologas Family Perpetual Shield*

#### EN06 - Class ensemble

Years 9-10

Time limit of 5 minutes.

*Armidale Building Society Perpetual Shield*

#### EN07 - Class ensemble

Years 11-12

Time limit of 5 minutes.

*Armidale Ex-Services Club Perpetual Shield*

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

<b>EN08 - Class recorder group</b> Time limit of 3 minutes. <i>Robyn Parker Perpetual Shield</i>	<b>Years K-6</b>	<b>EN16 – Any Instrumental Group, non-competitive</b> One or two pieces. Any combination of instruments. No vocalist allowed. Time limit of 10 minutes.	<b>Open</b>
<b>EN09 - Chamber ensemble</b> 3-8 players. Any combination of instruments with one instrument per part. Piano may be included as part, but no accompaniment allowed. Time limit of 5 minutes. <b>NO CONDUCTING ALLOWED</b>	<b>Years K-6</b>	<b>EN17 - Any instrumental Group</b> One or two pieces. Any combination of instruments. No vocalist allowed. Time limit of 10 minutes.	<b>Open</b>
<b>EN10 – Chamber Ensemble</b> 3-8 players. Any combination of instruments with one instrument per part. Piano may be included as part, but no accompaniment allowed. Time limit of 5 minutes. <b>NO CONDUCTING ALLOWED</b>	<b>Years 8 &amp; Under</b>	<i>First prize - \$200 and the New England Music Teachers Association Perpetual Shield</i>	
<b>EN11 – Chamber Ensemble</b> 3-8 players. Any combination of instruments, with one instrument per part. Piano may be included as part but no accompaniment allowed. Time limit of 8 minutes. <b>NO CONDUCTING ALLOWED</b>	<b>Years 12 &amp; Under</b>	<b>EN18 - Large instrumental group with contrasting instrumental families</b> 9 or more players. One or two pieces. No vocalist allowed. Time limit of 15 minutes.	
		<i>First prize - \$200 and the JoAnn &amp; Bill Griffiths Perpetual Shield</i>	
<b>EN13 – Percussion ensemble</b> Two contrasting pieces. Time limit of 8 minutes.	<b>Years K-6</b>	<b>EN19 – Band – concert, stage or brass</b> 9 or more players. One or two pieces. No vocalist allowed. Time limit of 15 minutes.	<b>Years 12 &amp; Under</b>
<b>EN14 – Percussion ensemble</b> Two contrasting pieces. Time limit of 8 minutes.	<b>Years 7-12</b>	<i>First prize - \$200 and The Armidale School Perpetual Shield</i>	
<b>EN15 – Large instrumental group with contrasting instrumental families</b> 9 or more players. One or two pieces. No vocalist. Time limit of 10 minutes.  <i>First prize - \$100 and the Graham Ellis Perpetual Shield</i>	<b>Years K-6</b>	<b>EN20 – Folk or Popular Ensemble</b> 3-8 players with up to 3 vocalists allowed. Any combination of instruments. Time limit of 5 minutes.	<b>Years 8 &amp; Under</b>
		<b>EN21 – Folk or Popular Ensemble</b> 3-8 players with up to 3 vocalists allowed. Any combination of instruments. Time limit of 5 minutes.	<b>Years 12 &amp; Under</b>
		<b>EN22 – Jazz Ensemble</b> Up to 8 players with no vocalist allowed. Any combination of instruments. Time limit of 8 minutes.  <i>Armidale Jazz Club Perpetual Shield</i>	<b>Years 12 &amp; Under</b>

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**



# Piano

## Adjudicator Awards

The following awards are recommended by the Adjudicator and announced at the Gala Concert:

★ Award for Piano, Years K-6 (\$100)

★ Award for Piano, Years 7-12 (\$100)

KB01 - Piano solo	7 years & under	KB10 - Piano solo, novice	Years 5-6
KB02 - Piano solo	8 years & under	KB11 - Piano solo, novice	Years 7-12
KB03 - Piano solo	Preliminary level & under	KB12 - Piano solo, restricted	Preliminary & under
KB04 - Piano solo	Grades 1 & 2 level	KB13 - Piano solo, restricted	Grades 1 & 2 level
KB05 - Piano solo	Grades 3 & 4 level	KB14 - Piano solo, restricted	Grades 3 & 4 level
KB06 - Piano solo	Grades 5 & 6 level	KB15 - Piano solo, restricted	Grades 5 & 6 level
KB07 - Piano solo	Grades 7 & 8 level	KB16 - Piano solo, restricted	Grades 7 & 8 level
KB08 - Piano duet/trio 23 Years & Under	Open (Own Choice)	KB17 - Piano solo, Non-Competitive	Primary School
KB09 - Piano solo, novice	Years K-4	KB18 - Piano solo, Non-Competitive	Secondary School

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

KB19 - Piano solo, Post 1950 NOT INFLUENCED BY POPULAR OR JAZZ STYLE.	Grades 2 & under	KB37 - Piano solo, French <b>23 Years &amp; Under</b>
KB20 - Piano solo, Post 1950 NOT INFLUENCED BY POPULAR OR JAZZ STYLE.	Grades 3 & 4 level	KB38 - Piano duet/trio Four or six hands. <b>8 years &amp; under</b>
KB21 - Piano solo, Post 1950 NOT INFLUENCED BY POPULAR OR JAZZ STYLE.	Grades 5 & 6 level	KB39 - Piano duet/trio Four or six hands. <b>9 years &amp; under</b>
KB22 - Piano solo, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Grades 3-4	KB40 - Piano duet/trio Four or six hands. <b>11 years &amp; under</b>
KB23 - Piano solo, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Grades 5-6	KB41 - Piano duet/trio Four or six hands. <b>13 years &amp; under</b>
KB24 - Piano solo, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Grades 7 & Above	KB42 - Piano duet/trio Four or six hands. <b>15 years &amp; under</b>
KB25 - Piano solo, Baroque	Grade 2 & under	KB43 - Piano duet/trio Four or six hands. <b>17 years &amp; under</b>
KB26 - Piano solo, Baroque	Grades 3 & 4 level	KB44 - Piano duet/trio Four or six hands. <b>23 Years &amp; Under</b>
KB27 - Piano solo, Baroque	Grades 5 & 6	<b>Collaborative Piano:</b> Duo for any orchestral instrument or voice and piano (not including piano duets). Both parts must be of equal importance (eg a sonata movement). Sensitive collaboration will be strongly considered. Instrumentalist and/or singers can repeat a piece that they entered in another section of the Eisteddfod. The prize will be awarded to both pianist and soloist.
KB28 - Piano solo, Baroque	Grades 7 & 8 level	
KB29 - Piano solo, Baroque	<b>23 Years &amp; Under</b>	
KB30 - Piano solo, Romantic	Grades 5 & 6 level	KB45 – Collaborative Piano <b>15 years &amp; under</b>
KB31 - Piano solo, Romantic	<b>23 Years &amp; Under</b>	KB46 – Collaborative Piano <b>18 years &amp; under</b>
KB32 - Piano solo, Popular or Jazz	Preliminary level & under	
KB33 - Piano solo, Popular or Jazz	Grades 1 & 2 level	
KB34 - Piano solo, Popular or Jazz	Grades 3 & 4 level	
KB35 - Piano solo, Popular or Jazz	Grades 5 & 6 level	
KB36 - Piano solo, Popular or Jazz	Grade 7 & 8 level	

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

KB47 - New England Piano

## Championship

One movement (not a slow movement) from a Classical or Romantic sonata or sonatina. To be played from memory. To qualify, competitor needs to have performed in two other piano events.

**First prize - \$50**

**KB48 - New England Piano**      **Grades 5 & 6 level**

## Championship

One movement (not a slow movement) from a Classical or Romantic sonata or sonatina played from memory. To qualify, competitor needs to have performed in two other piano events.

**First prize - \$75 and the Robyn & Bill Driscoll Perpetual Shield.**

KB49 - New England Piano

## Championship

One movement (not a slow movement) from a Classical or Romantic sonata or sonatina played from memory. To qualify, competitor needs to have performed in two other piano events.

**First prize - \$100**

KB50 - New England Piano

## Championship (23 Years and under)

One movement (not a slow movement) from a Classical or Romantic sonata or sonatina played from memory. To qualify, competitor needs to have performed in two other piano events.

**First prize - \$100 and the John Hadfield (Armidale & NE Piano Tuning) Perpetual Shield.**

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

# Mature Performers

In addition to the rules listed under *Rules of Competition* and *Copyright Laws* in the Syllabus the following additional rules shall apply.

1. The Mature Performers section is age restricted: all entrants must be **at least 30 years of age**.
2. All sections are non-competitive. Each entrant will receive a written report from the Adjudicator.
3. Each item must consist of one piece only.

At the end of the evening's performance the Adjudicator may select the most entertaining performance of the evening for inclusion in the Gala Concert.

---

## **MP1 - To tell a tall story, solo**

Time limit 5 minutes

## **MP2 - Poetry, solo**

Own composition or selection from a published work. Time limit 5 minutes

## **MP3 - A spoken piece, solo**

Time limit 5 minutes

## **MP4 – Vocal, solo**

Time limit 5 minutes

## **MP5 - Vocal duo, trio or quartet**

Time limit 5 minutes

## **MP6 - Instrumental, solo**

Any instrument including piano. Time limit 5 minutes

## **MP7 - Instrumental ensemble**

2 – 4 players of any combination. Time limit 5 minutes

## **MP8 - Mature novice, solo**

Learning less than five years. Time limit 5 minutes.

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

# Stage 6 (HSC) Music

**THIS SESSION IS FOR STUDENTS, THEIR PARENTS AND THEIR TEACHERS ONLY.  
VIDEOING FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES BY THE STUDENT'S TEACHER ONLY**

This section will be run in a dedicated workshop session on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am at NECOM. Stage 6 teachers are welcome to attend. The section is non-competitive and each item shall consist of a single work and may include pieces that have been performed in this year's Eisteddfod.

A timekeeper will be appointed to ensure performers keep to the appropriate time limit.

Time will be allowed at the end of each performance for a brief interactive discussion amongst the performer, adjudicator and audience members.

Each entrant will receive written feedback from the adjudicator.

## **PRELIMINARY MUSIC SOLO**

Any style of work from the competitor's Preliminary program on any instrument (including Piano and Voice)

### **HSC01 – Music 1, Preliminary Course**

Time limit 5 minutes

### **HSC02 – Music 2, Preliminary Course**

Time limit 5 minutes

## **HSC MUSIC SOLO**

Any style of work from the competitor's HSC program on any instrument (including Piano and Voice)

### **HSC03 – Music 1, HSC Course**

Time limit 5 minutes

### **HSC04 – Music 2 (Core), HSC Course**

Time limit 5 minutes

### **HSC05 – Music 2 (Elective), HSC Course**

Time limit 7 minutes

### **HSC06 – Music Extension, HSC Course**

Time limit 8 minutes

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**



# Mixed Instruments

## And The New England Championship

<b>MX01 - Popular or jazz solo</b>	<b>11 years &amp; under</b>	
Any instrument except piano or organ.		
<b>MX02 - Popular or jazz solo</b>	<b>13 years &amp; under</b>	
Any instrument except piano or organ.		
<b>MX03 - Popular or jazz, solo</b>	<b>15 years &amp; under</b>	
Any instrument except piano or organ.		
		<i>Armidale Eisteddfod Society Perpetual Shield.</i>
<b>MX04 - Popular or jazz solo</b>	<b>23 Years &amp; Under</b>	
Any instrument except piano or organ.		
<b>MX05 - Instrumental solo, Australian composition</b>	<b>12 years &amp; under</b>	
Any instrument except voice.		
<b>MX06 - Instrumental solo, Australian composition</b>	<b>15 years &amp; under</b>	
Any instrument except voice.		
<b>MX07 - Instrumental solo, Australian composition</b>	<b>23 Years &amp; Under</b>	
Any instrument except voice.		
<b>MX08 - Duet on contrasting instruments</b>	<b>Years K-6</b>	
Not including voice. No string duets.		
<b>MX09 - Duet on contrasting instruments</b>	<b>Years 7-12</b>	
Not including voice. No string duets.		
<b>MX11 - Percussion solo, non-competitive</b>	<b>Years K-6</b>	
Any piece for snare drum, mallets, timpani, drum kit or multi-percussion. Accompaniment allowed.		
<b>MX12 - Percussion solo, non-competitive</b>		<b>Years 7-12</b>
Any piece for snare drum, mallets, timpani, drum kit or multi-percussion. Accompaniment allowed.		
<b>MX13 - Endangered instruments, Non-competitive</b>		<b>Open</b>
Any piece for French horn, bassoon, harp, oboe or bagpipes. Other instruments at the discretion of the committee.		
<b>MX14 - Peter Allen and others</b>		<b>23 Years &amp; Under</b>
Composition by Peter Allen or any Australian Composer composed since 1965. Any instrument or combination, including voice.		
<b>MX15 - Non-Western instruments, 23 Years &amp; Under</b>		
<b>Non-competitive</b>		
Any piece for non-western instruments		
<b>MX16 - New England Championship (23 years &amp; under and 30 years &amp; under for Voice)</b>		
Time limit of 15 minutes. Music competitors must perform two contrasting pieces. At least one piece must be performed from memory. Speech and Drama competitors must perform a dramatic extract AND either a prose or verse recital.		
<i>First prize: \$500 and the Harris Smith Chartered Accountants Perpetual Shield</i>		
<i>Second prize: \$250</i>		
<i>Third prize: \$100</i>		

**N.B. Please note Rule 3.13 for special entry limits**

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**



# Music Composition

1. Competitors must enter these events by the normal entry process.
2. **Closing date for submission of compositions is Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00pm.** Completed scores and recordings (with accompanying declaration) must be submitted to:  
Eisteddfod Composition Secretary  
New England Conservatorium of Music  
Cnr Faulkner & Mossman Streets, PO Box 1313,  
ARMIDALE NSW 2350
3. Works are to be composed by the individual competitor (except students in Years K-6 who may submit either individual or group entries).
4. Each composition must consist of a written score and a recording of the composition. The score must be legible and may be either hand-written or printed. The recording should be an .mp3 file and submitted via USB or email [Andrew French-Northam at NECOM \(andrew@necom.org.au\)](mailto:Andrew.French-Northam@NECOM.org.au). The recording should give a good indication of the intended sound of the work but the quality of the recorded performance is not a major factor in the adjudicator's decision.
5. **Performance time limits are:** Years K-10 - 2 minutes, Years 11-12 - 3 minutes, and Open - 6 minutes.
6. Compositions may be for any medium.
7. A brief written declaration stating that the composition is the competitor's own work must accompany each entry. It must be signed by the competitor and a teacher or a parent.
8. Short-listed composers for each event will be informed. They will be requested to attend the Composition Awards Night and make arrangements for performing their piece. Only compositions which are performed live will be considered for a place. A Highly Commended award may be presented to compositions presented electronically only, i.e. not performed. Competitors should take this rule into consideration when composing their piece.
9. At the conclusion of the Workshop, the Elena Kats-Chernin Prize (framed music) for best overall composition will be announced. The winner is selected by the adjudicator from all First Prize winners across events MC01 to MC08.
10. If a competitor withdraws before submission of the composition a refund may be sought.

<b>MC01 - Music composition</b> <i>First prize - Mike Irik framed music</i>	<b>Years K-6</b>	<b>MC06 - Music composition</b> <i>First prize - Graham Kohne framed music</i>	<b>Year 11 (Course 2)</b>
<b>MC02 - Music composition</b> <i>First prize - Ann Ghadar framed music</i>	<b>Years 7-8</b>	<b>MC07 - Music composition</b> <i>First prize - Dan Walker framed music</i>	<b>Year 12 (Course 1)</b>
<b>MC03 - Music composition</b> <i>First prize - Colin Brumby framed music</i>	<b>Year 9</b>	<b>MC08 - Music composition</b> <i>First prize - Matthew Hindson framed music</i>	<b>Year 12 (Course 2)</b>
<b>MC04 - Music composition</b> <i>First prize - Larry Sitsky framed music</i>	<b>Year 10</b>	<b>MC09 - Music composition</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>MC05 - Music composition</b> <i>First prize - Luke Byrne framed music</i>	<b>Year 11 (Course 1)</b>		

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**



# Speech and Drama

## Adjudicator Awards

The following awards are recommended by the Adjudicator and announced at the Gala Concert:

- ★ Award for Speech & Drama Years K-6 (\$100)
- ★ Award for Speech & Drama Years 7-12 (\$100)

## Championship Events

The championship events (**Junior SD77** and **Senior SD78**) are cumulative events. The championship in each division is awarded to the competitor with the **highest combined marks** in three specified age events. These events are:

- ★ Character sketch – solo (SD01-12)
- ★ Verse speaking – solo (SD13-21)
- ★ Public speaking: prepared speech (SD36-41)

<b>SD01 - Character sketch, solo</b> <b>Non-Shakespeare</b> Costume and props optional with a limit of 2 characters in a scene. Time limit of 2 minutes.	<b>9 &amp; 10 Years</b>	<b>SD04 - Character sketch, solo</b> <b>Non-Shakespeare</b> Costume and props optional with a limit of 3 characters in a scene. Time limit of 2 minutes.	<b>14 &amp; 15 years</b>
<b>SD02 - Character sketch, solo</b> <b>Non-Shakespeare</b> Costume and props optional with a limit of 2 characters in a scene. Time limit of 2 minutes.	<b>11 years</b>	<b>SD05 - Character sketch, solo</b> <b>Non-Shakespeare</b> Costume and props optional with a limit of 3 characters in a scene. Time limit of 2 minutes.	<b>16-23 Years</b>
<b>SD03 - Character sketch, solo</b> <b>Non-Shakespeare</b> Costume and props optional with a limit of 2 characters in a scene. Time limit of 2 minutes.	<b>12 &amp; 13 Yrs</b>	<b>SD06 - Period character sketch, solo</b> <b>Non-Shakespeare</b> Time limit of 3 minutes.	<b>Years 7-9</b>

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

SD07 - Period character sketch, solo <b>Non-Shakespeare</b> Time limit of 3 minutes.	Years 10-12	SD21 - Impromptu prose reading, solo Competitors will be given 2 minutes to prepare a short prose passage provided by the adjudicator.	12-13 years
SD08 - Period character sketch, solo <b>Shakespeare</b> Time limit of 3 minutes.	Years 7-9	SD22 - Impromptu prose reading, solo Competitors will be given 2 minutes to prepare a short prose passage provided by the adjudicator.	14-15 years
SD09 - Period character sketch, solo <b>Shakespeare</b> Time limit of 3 minutes.	Years 10-12	SD23 - Impromptu prose reading, solo Competitors will be given 2 minutes to prepare a short prose passage provided by the adjudicator.	16 to 23 years
SD10 - Verse speaking, solo Time limit of 2 minutes.	8 & 9 years	SD24 - Mime, solo Costumes/props not permitted. A title card is to be displayed before starting. Time limit of 2 minutes.	Years K-6
SD11 - Verse speaking, solo Time limit of 2 minutes.	10 years	SD25 - Mime, solo Costumes/props not permitted. A title card is to be displayed before starting. Time limit of 2 minutes.	Years 7-12
SD12 - Verse speaking, solo Time limit of 2 minutes.	11 years & over, Primary	SD26 - Public speaking, prepared speech Time limit of 2 minutes.	11 years & under
SD13 - Verse speaking, solo Time limit of 2 minutes.	12 & 13 years	SD27 - Public speaking, prepared speech Time limit of 3 minutes.	12 to 13 years
SD14 - Verse speaking, solo Time limit of 3 minutes.	14 & 15 years	SD28 - Public speaking, prepared speech Time limit of 3-5 minutes.	14 to 15 years
SD15 - Verse speaking, solo Time limit of 3 minutes.	16 to 23 years	SD29 - Public speaking, prepared speech Time limit of 5-7 minutes.	16 to 23 years
SD16 - Prose recital, solo Any extract from English literature. Time limit of 2 minutes.	10 years & under	SD30 - Impromptu speech Preparation time of 2 minutes. Time limit of 2 minutes.	Years 7-9
SD17 - Prose recital, solo Any extract from English literature. Time limit of 2 minutes.	11 years	SD31 - Impromptu speech Preparation time of 2 minutes. Time limit of 2 minutes.	Years 10-12
SD18 - Prose recital, solo Any extract from English literature. Time limit of 2 minutes.	12 & 13 years		
SD19 - Prose recital, solo Any extract from English literature. Time limit of 3 minutes.	14 & 15 years		
SD20 - Prose recital, solo Any extract from English literature. Time limit of 3 minutes.	16 to 23 years		

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

SD32 - Humorous prose or verse, solo Costumes/props not permitted. Time limit of 2 minutes.	Years 7-12	SD43 - Verse performance, group 2-10 persons. Performed from memory without conductor. <i>Hanna's of Armidale Perpetual Shield</i>	Years 7-12
SD33 - 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> century, duologue Time limit of 3 minutes.	Years 7-9	SD44 - Choral speaking, group Minimum of 8 voices. Time limit of 3 minutes.	Years K-3
SD34 - 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> century, duologue Time limit of 3 minutes.	Years 10-12	SD45 - Choral speaking, group Minimum of 8 voices. Time limit of 3 minutes. <i>The Nevin Family Perpetual Shield</i>	Years 4-6
SD35 - Dramatic extract/short play, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century, group 3-10 persons. Costumes and props optional. Time limit of 2-5 minutes.	Years K-6	SD46 – Choral speaking group, Small country schools Years K-6 Time limit of 3 minutes.	
SD36 - Dramatic extract/short play, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century, group 3-10 persons. Costumes and props optional. Time limit of 2-5 minutes.	Years 7-8	<i>The National Party Perpetual Shield</i> is awarded to the small country school with the <b>highest total score</b> across events <b>SD46, CH03 and EN02.</b> All 3 events are held in the same session. Only competitors entering all three events are eligible for this shield	
SD37 - Dramatic extract/short play, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century, group 3-10 persons. Costumes and props optional. Time limit of 3-5 minutes.	Years 9-10	SD47 – Improvisation duo Competitors will be given a simple scene and 2 minutes preparation. Time limit of 2 minutes.	Years 5-7
SD38 - Dramatic extract/short play, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century, group 3-10 persons. Costumes and props optional. Time limit of 3-5 minutes.	Years 11-12	SD48 - Improvisation duo Competitors will be given a simple scene and 2 minutes preparation. Time limit of 2 minutes.	Years 8-9
SD39 - Period plays, non-Shakespeare, group 2-10 persons. Costumes and props optional. Time limit of 3-5 minutes.	Years 7-8	SD49 - Improvisation duo Competitors will be given a simple scene and 2 minutes preparation. Time limit of 2 minutes.	Years 10-12
SD40 - Period plays, non-Shakespeare, group 2-10 persons. Costumes and props optional. Time limit of 3-7 minutes.	Years 9-12	SD50 - Improvisation, space jump 4 persons. Teams must generate a scene spontaneously from the frozen position every 30 seconds. Each person may only compete in one space jump event. Time limit of 4 minutes.	Years 7-8
SD41 - Period plays, Shakespeare, group 2-10 persons. Costumes and props optional. Time limit of 3-5 minutes.	Years 7-8	SD51 - Improvisation, space jump 4 persons. Teams must generate a scene spontaneously from the frozen position every 30 seconds. Each person may only compete in one space jump event. Time limit of 4 minutes. <i>Alice Coventry Memorial Shield</i>	Years 9-12
SD42 - Period plays, Shakespeare, group 2-10 persons. Costumes and props optional. Time limit of 3-7 minutes.	Years 9-12	SD52 - Prepared storytelling Time limit of 3 minutes.	15-23 years

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

**SD53 - Improvised storytelling                    12-15 years**

Competitors will be given 1 minute of preparation time. Time limit of 3 minutes.

**Championship Events** are awarded to the competitors with the highest combined marks in three specified events: Character sketch – solo (SD01-09), Verse speaking – solo (SD10-15), and Public speaking: prepared speech (SD26-29)

**SD54 - New England Speech &                    15-23 years**

**Drama Senior Championship**

*First prize: \$200 and the Armidale Building Society Perpetual Shield*

**SD55 - New England Speech &                    12-14 years**

**Drama Junior Championship                    Secondary**

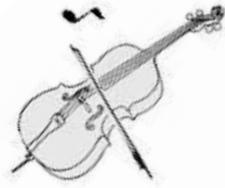
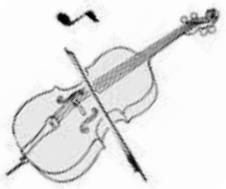
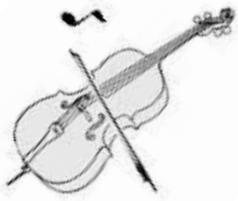
*First prize: \$150*

**SD56 - New England Speech &                    12 years & under**

**Drama Junior Championship                    Primary**

*First prize: \$80*

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**



# Strings & String Ensembles

## Adjudicator Awards

The following awards are recommended by the Adjudicator and announced at the Gala Concert:

Award for Violin or Viola

- ★ Years K-6 (\$100)
- ★ Years 7-12 (\$100)

Award for Cello or Double Bass

- ★ Years K-6 (\$100)
- ★ Years 7-12 (\$100)

ST01 – String solo,  
Non-competitive

Years K-6

ST02 – String solo,  
Non-competitive

Year 7 & above

ST03 – String solo, novice

Years K-6

ST04 – String solo, novice

Years 7-12

ST05 – String solo, restricted

Years K-6

ST06 – String solo, restricted

Years 7 & above

ST07 – Violin or viola solo

AMEB Grade 2 & under  
or equivalent

ST08 – Violin or viola solo

AMEB Grade 3-4 or  
equivalent

ST09 – Violin or viola solo

AMEB Grade 5-6 or  
equivalent

ST10 – Violin or viola solo

AMEB Grade 7-8 or  
equivalent

ST11 – Violin or viola solo

Open

Championship (23 Years and under)

ST12 - Cello or double bass solo

AMEB Grade 2 &  
under or equivalent

ST13 – Cello or double bass solo

AMEB Grade 3-4  
or equivalent

ST14 – Cello or double bass solo

AMEB Grade 5-6  
or equivalent

ST15 - Cello or double bass solo

AMEB Grade 7-8  
or equivalent

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

ST16 – Cello or double bass solo	23 Yrs & Under	ST32 – Duet on any stringed Instruments	Non-competitive
ST17 - String solo, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century	AMEB Grade 2 & under or equivalent	Accompaniment allowed.	
ST18 - String solo, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century	AMEB Grade 3-4 or equivalent	ST33 – Duet on any stringed Instruments	Years K-6
ST19 - String solo, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century	AMEB Grade 5-6 or equivalent	No accompaniment allowed.	
ST20 - String solo, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century	AMEB Grade 7-8 or equivalent	ST34 – Duet on any stringed Instruments	Years 7-12
ST21 - String solo, 20 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Century <b>(23 Years and under)</b>	Open	No accompaniment allowed.	
ST22 - String solo, Baroque or Classical	AMEB Grade 2 & under or equivalent	ST35 – Duet on any stringed Instruments	Years 7-12
ST23 - String solo, Baroque or Classical	AMEB Grade 3-4 or equivalent	Accompaniment allowed.	
ST24 - String solo, Baroque or Classical	AMEB Grade 5-6 or equivalent	ST36 – New England String Championship	AMEB Grade 4 or equivalent
ST25 - String solo, Baroque or Classical	AMEB Grade 7-8 or equivalent	One piece played from memory. <b>To qualify, competitor needs to have performed in two other string events.</b>	
ST26 - String solo, Baroque or Classical <b>(23 Years and under)</b>	Open	<i>First Prize - \$25</i>	
ST27 - String solo, Romantic	AMEB Grade 2 & under or equivalent	ST37 – New England String Championship	AMEB Grade 5-6 or equivalent
	Any piece written between 1825 and 1900.	One piece played from memory. <b>To qualify, competitor needs to have performed in two other string events.</b>	
ST28 - String solo, Romantic	AMEB Grade 3-4 or equivalent	<i>First Prize - \$30</i>	
	Any piece written between 1825 and 1900.	ST38 – New England String Championship	AMEB Grade 7-8 or equivalent
ST29 - String solo, Romantic	AMEB Grade 5-6 or equivalent	One piece played from memory. <b>To qualify, competitor needs to have performed in two other string events.</b>	
	Any piece written between 1825 and 1900.	<i>First Prize - \$50</i>	
ST30 - String solo, Romantic	AMEB Grade 7-8 or equivalent	ST39 – New England String Championship <b>(23 Years and under)</b>	Open
	Any piece written between 1825 and 1900.	One piece played from memory. <b>To qualify, competitor needs to have performed in two other string events.</b>	
ST31 - String solo, Romantic	Open	<i>First prize - \$100 and the Perpetual Shield in Memory of Errol Russell</i>	
	Any piece written between 1825 and 1900. <b>(23 Years and under)</b>		

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

**ST40 - Ensemble on any  
stringed instruments**  
Non-Competitive  
Accompaniment allowed. Two contrasting pieces.

**ST41 - Ensemble on any  
stringed instruments**  
Years K-6  
Accompaniment allowed. Two contrasting pieces.

**ST42 - Ensemble on any  
stringed instruments**  
Years 7-12  
Accompaniment allowed. Two contrasting pieces.  
*Armidale Building Society Perpetual Shield*

**ST43 - Ensemble on any  
stringed instruments**  
**23 Years & Under**  
No accompaniment allowed. Two contrasting  
pieces

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**



# Vocal

- ★ **Backing tracks** are only allowed in the Pop Song events (**VC 30-32**). In all other events, accompaniment, if used, must be *live*.
- ★ Please ensure you choose the **required genre of song** for the events you are entering. If you are unsure whether your song choice is suitable, please contact the Vocal Co-ordinator, Inge Southcott, for advice.
- ★ Please ensure you have read and understood the definition of "**Restricted**".

## Adjudicator Awards

The following awards are recommended by the Adjudicator and announced at the Gala Concert:

- ★ Award for Voice Years K-6 (\$100)
- ★ Award for Voice Years 7-12 (\$100)

---

**VC01 - Vocal solo, Non-competitive**      **Open**  
Classical repertoire from any period or Musical Theatre is required. Pop and Jazz pieces not allowed. **(30 Years and under)**

**VC02 - Vocal solo, Non-competitive**      **10 yrs & under**  
Classical repertoire from any period or Musical Theatre is required. Pop and Jazz pieces not allowed.

**VC03 - Vocal solo, Restricted**      **10 years & under**  
Classical repertoire from any period or Musical Theatre is required. Pop and Jazz pieces not allowed.

**VC04 - Vocal solo, Restricted**      **13 years & under**  
Classical repertoire from any period or Musical Theatre is required. Pop and Jazz pieces not allowed.

**VC05 - Vocal solo, Restricted**      **16 years & under**  
Classical repertoire from any period or Musical Theatre is required. Pop and Jazz pieces not allowed.

**VC06 - Vocal solo, Restricted**      **Open**  
Classical repertoire from any period or Musical Theatre is required. Pop and Jazz pieces not allowed. **(30 Years and under)**

**VC07 - Vocal solo**      **11 years & under**  
Classical repertoire from any period or Musical Theatre is required. Pop and Jazz pieces not allowed.

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

VC08 - Vocal solo	<b>13 years &amp; under</b>	VC18 - Vocal solo, Sacred	<b>11 years &amp; under</b>
Classical repertoire from any period or Musical Theatre is required. Pop and Jazz pieces not allowed.			A work from a religious setting, not restricted to classical style.
VC09 - Vocal solo	<b>16 years &amp; under</b>	VC19 - Vocal solo, Sacred	<b>13 years &amp; under</b>
Classical repertoire from any period or Musical Theatre is required. Pop and Jazz pieces not allowed.			A work from a religious setting, not restricted to classical style.
VC10 - Vocal solo	<b>Open</b>	VC20 - Vocal solo, Sacred	<b>16 years &amp; under</b>
Classical repertoire from any period or Musical Theatre is required. Pop and Jazz pieces not allowed. <b>(30 Years and under)</b>			A work from a religious setting, not restricted to classical style.
VC11 - Vocal solo, Folk Song or Ballad	<b>11 years &amp; under</b>	VC21 - Vocal solo, Sacred	<b>18 years &amp; under</b>
			A work from a religious setting, not restricted to classical style.
VC12 - Vocal solo, Folk Song or Ballad	<b>13 years &amp; under</b>	VC22 - Vocal duet/trio/quartet	<b>10 years &amp; under</b>
			Any genre including canons (time limit 2.5 minutes)
VC13 - Vocal solo, Folk Song or Ballad	<b>16 years &amp; under</b>	VC23 - Vocal duet/trio/quartet	<b>13 years &amp; under</b>
			Any genre (time limit 3 minutes)
VC14 - Vocal solo, Folk Song or Ballad. <b>(30 Years and under)</b>	<b>Open</b>	VC24 - Vocal duet/trio/quartet	<b>16 years &amp; under</b>
			Any genre (time limit 3 minutes)
VC15 - Vocal solo, Australian composition	<b>11 years &amp; under</b>	VC25 - Lieder	<b>15 years &amp; under</b>
Art songs only allowed. Pop, Jazz , and Musical Theatre pieces are not allowed.			Must be sung in German.
VC16 - Vocal solo, Australian composition	<b>13 years &amp; under</b>	VC26 - Lieder	<b>30 Years &amp; Under</b>
Art songs only allowed. Pop, Jazz , and Musical Theatre pieces are not allowed.			Must be sung in German.
VC17 - Vocal solo, Australian composition	<b>16 years &amp; under</b>	VC27 - Vocal solo, Musical Theatre	<b>10 yrs &amp; under</b>
Art songs only allowed. Pop, Jazz , and Musical Theatre pieces are not allowed.			Disney film, Television. Costume & props recommended but optional.
VC28 - Vocal solo, Musical Theatre	<b>13 yrs &amp; under</b>	VC29 - Vocal solo, Musical Theatre	<b>16 yrs &amp; under</b>
Disney film, Television. Costume & props recommended but optional.			Disney film, Television. Costume & props recommended but optional.

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

<b>VC30 - Vocal solo, Musical Theatre</b>	<b>30 Yrs &amp; Under</b>	<b>13 years &amp; under</b>
<b>Disney film, Television.</b>		<b>accompaniment</b>
Costume & props recommended but optional.		Both singer and accompanist will be judged. Both must be amateurs and comply with age restrictions.
<b>VC31 - Vocal solo, Popular song</b>	<b>13 yrs &amp; under</b>	<b>16 years &amp; under</b>
Song choice needs to be suited to age level. Accompaniment may be live or a licenced backing track but with no vocal backing. <b>Microphone must be used.</b>		Both singer and accompanist will be judged. Both must be amateurs and comply with age restrictions
<b>VC32 - Vocal solo, Popular song</b>	<b>16 yrs &amp; under</b>	<b>12 years &amp; under</b>
Song choice needs to be suited to age level. Accompaniment may be live or a licenced backing track but with no vocal backing. <b>Microphone must be used.</b>		Two contrasting pieces from memory. Art songs, folk song arrangements, arias, lieder and foreign language songs are encouraged. One piece may be a song from Musical Theatre. Pop, Jazz and Disney items not allowed. To qualify, competitor needs to have sung in two other vocal sections.
<b>VC33 - Vocal solo, Popular song</b>	<b>Open</b>	<i>First prize - \$30 and the Huddleston Family Perpetual Shield.</i>
Song choice needs to be suited to age level. Accompaniment may be live or a licenced backing track but with no vocal backing. <b>Microphone must be used. (30 Years and under)</b>		
<b>VC34 - Vocal solo, Jazz song</b>	<b>13 years &amp; under</b>	<b>13 – 15 years</b>
Live accompaniment only. Some improvisation must be included. Up to two instruments in addition to piano allowed. <b>Microphone must be used.</b>		Two contrasting pieces from memory. Art songs, folk song arrangements, arias, lieder and foreign language songs are encouraged. One piece may be a song from Musical Theatre. Pop, Jazz and Disney items not allowed. To qualify, competitor needs to have sung in two other vocal sections.
<b>VC35 - Vocal solo, Jazz song</b>	<b>16 years &amp; under</b>	<i>First prize - \$50 and the Armidale Drama and Musical Society Perpetual Shield.</i>
Live accompaniment only. Some improvisation must be included. Up to two instruments in addition to piano allowed. <b>Microphone must be used.</b>		
<b>VC36 - Vocal solo, Jazz song</b>	<b>Open</b>	
Live accompaniment only. Some improvisation must be included. Up to two instruments in addition to piano allowed. <b>Microphone must be used. (30 Years and under)</b>		

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

**VC41 - New England Vocal Age Championship**

**16 – 18 years**

Two contrasting pieces from memory. Art songs, folk song arrangements, arias, lieder and foreign language songs are encouraged. One piece may be a song from Musical Theatre. Pop, Jazz and Disney items not allowed. To qualify, competitor needs to have sung in two other vocal sections.

*First prize - \$75 and the Fiori Musicali Chamber Choir Perpetual Shield.*

**VC42 - New England Vocal Championship**

**(30 Years and under)**

Two contrasting pieces from memory. Art songs, folk song arrangements, arias, lieder and foreign language songs are encouraged. One piece may be a song from Musical Theatre. Pop, Jazz and Disney items not allowed. To qualify, competitor needs to have sung in two other vocal sections.

*First prize - \$50 and the Tony & Margaret Bashford Perpetual Shield.*

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**



# Woodwind, Brass & Recorder

## Adjudicator Awards

The following awards are recommended by the Adjudicator and announced at the Gala Concert:

- ★ Award for Recorder Years K-6 (\$100)
- ★ Award for Recorder Years 7-12 (\$100)

- ★ Award for Brass Years K-6 (\$100)
- ★ Award for Brass Years 7-12 (\$100)
- ★ Award for Woodwind Years K-6 (\$100)
- ★ Award for Woodwind Years 7-12 (\$100)

WB01 - Woodwind solo, Non-competitive	Years K-6	WB12 – Woodwind solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 8 or Diploma or equivalent
WB02 - Woodwind solo, Non-competitive	<b>23 Years &amp; Under</b>	WB13 – Woodwind solo, Post 1900 AMEB Preliminary – Grade 1 or equivalent
WB03 - Woodwind solo, Novice	Years K-2	WB14 – Woodwind solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 2-3 or equivalent
WB04 - Woodwind solo, Novice	Years 3-6	WB15 – Woodwind solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 4-5 or equivalent
WB05 - Woodwind solo, Novice	Years 7-12	WB16 – Woodwind solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 6-7 or equivalent
WB06 - Woodwind solo, Restricted	<b>13 Years &amp; Under</b>	WB17 – Woodwind, solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 8 or Diploma or equivalent
WB07 - Woodwind solo, Restricted	<b>14 – 18 years</b>	WB18 - Brass solo, Non-competitive      Years K-6
WB08 – Woodwind solo, Pre 1900 AMEB Preliminary – Grade 1 or equivalent		WB19 - Brass solo, Non-competitive <b>23 Yrs &amp; Under</b>
WB09 – Woodwind solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 2-3 or equivalent		WB20 - Brass solo, Novice      Years K-6
WB10 – Woodwind solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 4-5 or equivalent		WB21 - Brass solo, Novice      Years 7-12
WB11 – Woodwind solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 6-7 or equivalent		WB22 - Brass solo, Restricted <b>13 Years &amp; Under</b>

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

WB23 - Brass solo, Restricted	14-18 Years	WB40 – Recorder solo, Pre 1900 AMEB Preliminary – Grade 1 or equivalent
WB24 – Brass solo, Pre 1900 AMEB Preliminary – Grade 1 or equivalent		WB41 – Recorder solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 2-3 or equivalent
WB25 – Brass solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 2-3 or equivalent		WB42 – Recorder solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 4-5 or equivalent
WB26 – Brass solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 4-5 or equivalent		WB43 – Recorder solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 6-7 or equivalent
WB27 – Brass solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 6-7 or equivalent		WB44 – Recorder solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 8 or Diploma or equivalent
WB28 – Brass solo, Pre 1900 AMEB – Grade 8 or Diploma or equivalent		WB45 – Recorder solo, Post 1900 AMEB Preliminary – Grade 1 or equivalent
WB29 – Brass solo, Post 1900 AMEB Preliminary – Grade 1 or equivalent		WB46 – Recorder solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 2-3 or equivalent
WB30 – Brass solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 2-3 or equivalent		WB47 – Recorder solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 4-5 or equivalent
WB31 – Brass solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 4-5 or equivalent		WB48 – Recorder solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 6-7 or equivalent
WB32 – Brass solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 6-7 or equivalent		WB49 – Recorder solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 8 or Diploma or equivalent
WB33 – Brass solo, Post 1900 AMEB – Grade 8 or Diploma or equivalent		WB50 - Recorder ensemble, Small country schools (Formerly WB32) One piece played from memory. <i>First prize - \$100</i>
WB34 – Recorder solo, Non-competitive	Years K-6	
WB35 - Recorder solo, Non-competitive <i>(23 Years and under)</i>	Open	
WB36 - Recorder solo, Novice	Years K-6	
WB37 - Recorder solo, Novice	Years 7-12	
WB38 - Recorder solo, Restricted Under	13 Years &	
WB39 - Recorder solo, Restricted	14-18 Years	

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

WB51 – Woodwind / Brass / Recorder Duet	Years K-2
WB52 – Woodwind / Brass / Recorder Duet	Years 3-6
WB53 – Woodwind / Brass / Recorder Duet	Years 7-12
WB54 – Woodwind / Brass / Recorder Duet With Teacher Non-Competitive	
WB55 - New England Woodwind & Brass Age Championship	12 years & under
One piece played from memory.	
	<i>First Prize - \$30 and the Rotary Club of Armidale Perpetual Shield</i>
WB56 - New England Woodwind & Brass Age Championship	13-15 years
One piece played from memory.	
	<i>First Prize - \$50 and the Armidale Music Foundation Perpetual Shield</i>
WB57 - New England Woodwind & Brass Age Championship	16-18 years
One piece played from memory.	
	<i>First Prize - \$75 and the JoAnn &amp; Bill Griffiths Perpetual Shield</i>

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**

# Copyright

## 1. General

- 1.1 Competitors are responsible for complying with the Australian Copyright Act, 1968, including laws relating to arranging, photocopying and the use of recorded music. See the One Music Guide to Music in Eisteddfods for more information and to ensure you are meeting your copyright obligations: [onemusic.com.au](http://onemusic.com.au)
- 1.2 The Armidale Eisteddfod Society accepts no responsibility for copyright infringement by competitors.
- 1.3 Competitors and/or accompanists must use original published editions of music or authorised copies. Where photocopies are used for a performance they must be accompanied by a letter from the publisher or copyright holder. Schools may use AMCOS-stamped copies in accordance with AMCOS agreement.
- 1.4 The OneMusic Copyright Declaration Form will be available at the eisteddfod venues and is available online. The competitor, parent, guardian or teacher may complete this form.
- 1.5 A copy of work (music or printed word) must be provided for the adjudicator.
- 1.6 Photocopies made for adjudication purposes will be destroyed after the event by the Eisteddfod Committee.
- 1.7 Recordings of music used by competitors must be original, legally purchased and/or clearly endorsed with an AMCOS license number.
- 1.8 For further information regarding Copyright please contact:

Music	OneMusic	<a href="http://onemusic.com.au">onemusic.com.au</a>
Print	Copyright Agency	<a href="http://help.copyright.com.au">help.copyright.com.au</a>
General	Australian Copyright Council	<a href="http://copyright.org.au">copyright.org.au</a>

## 2. Speech and Drama Events

- 2.1 An exception (Section 45) in the Copyright Act permits a reading or recitation in public of an extract of reasonable length from a published literary or dramatic work, or from an adaption, if the work is sufficiently acknowledged.
- 2.2 You may photocopy a work or edition that is protected by copyright for use in the Eisteddfod. The Eisteddfod Committee destroys all photocopies after the event. You are not required to complete any forms.

## 3. Instructions

- 3.1 The OneMusic Copyright Declaration Form needs to be completed once for the whole Eisteddfod and is to be handed in at a competitor's first performance and filed.
- 3.2 Prior to each event, all competitors must be able to show the Music/Script Coordinator the original music or script from which photocopies for adjudication purposes have been made.
- 3.3 Failure to produce the original may result in disqualification. v.07 29/12/25

**Entries close 5:00 pm on Friday 20 March, 2026 (no late entries accepted)**