



MACKAY EISTEDDFOD ASSOCIATION INC.
OCTOBER 2024 SCHEDULE

MACROSSAN & AMIET SOLICITORS
77TH ANNUAL MACKAY EISTEDDFOD

TO BE HELD
28TH September to 12th October
The Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre

ADJUDICATORS:

Dance
Speech and Drama

Lisa McGowan
Anita Eldridge

Cooma (NSW)
Gold Coast (QLD)

ENTRIES CLOSE 31st JULY

ALL ENTRIES ARE TO BE COMPLETED THROUGH www.compsonline.com.au

MACKAY EISTEDDFOD ASSOCIATION INC. ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY
FOR NON-ARRIVAL/RECEIPT OF ENTRIES
NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

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EISTEDDFOD ENTRY FEES

Solos	\$10.00
Open Solos	\$15.00
17 to 25 Years Vocal Solos	\$15.00
19 and Over Speech & Drama Solos	\$15.00
Duos/Trios/Quartets	\$15.00
Championships	\$15.00
Highland Titles	\$15.00
Groups	\$20.00

It is vital that you check your entry thoroughly to ensure all details are correct, including your name (in the following format: Jo Blogs), age, sections entered, etc.

The Comps Online Invoice you receive via email is your Confirmation of Entry

The Mackay Eisteddfod Committee does not review your entry

The onus is on the competitor to ensure that their entry is correct

There will be no corrections to entries, refunds or changing of sections once entries are closed

Anyone wishing to donate Trophies or Prize Money can do so by the following means:

- **Via your Comps Online Entry**
- **Via Direct Deposit (contact Eisteddfod Office for account details)**
- **Via Credit Card Square Payment/Cash at Eisteddfod Office**

GENERAL CONDITIONS

It is the responsibility of all entrants to check individual art forms for specific rules and regulations.

- 1** This competition is open to amateurs only. The term 'amateur' is defined as one whose principal source of income is not derived from performing that talent required for any sections entered. This condition does not apply to conductors or accompanists.
- 2** In all sections listed where an age limit applies, the age of the competitor as at 1st January 2024 shall be considered the age of the competitor (except Highland Dancing where the age is taken as at the date of the competition).
- 3** All entries for Duets/Duos/Trios/Quartets should contain the names and birth dates of all competitors or the entries will not be accepted. (Except Vocal Sections 62 & 64). For Duets/Duos and Trios all competitors must be the age specified.
- 4** No solo competitor will be allowed to compete under any name other than that entered online. It is the Entrants responsibility to check their Comps Online invoice for accuracy as no changes will be accepted after entries close 1st May. In the case of a Duet/Duo/Trio/Quartet, if there is a good reason, then at the discretion of the committee, a new partner may be substituted. Applications for substitutions must be received before the program goes to print 11th June. Applications received after this date may be granted, but the competitors will not be eligible for a mark or placing.

- 5** In solo sections, to be eligible to compete in a higher or open age group section the competitor must compete in the same section in his/her own age group (if applicable). Where an age group is specified, only competitors of that age will be eligible to compete.
- 6** Entries must be submitted via the Comps Online web portal www.compsonline.com.au Please ensure that your correct details are entered (name, age, sections entered, email address/postal address, contact phone number, section to sponsor etc.) including Section sponsorships/Trophy donations if applicable, as the Comps Online invoice you receive after payment is your Confirmation of Entry and no corrections will be allowed after entries close.
- 7** No competitor will be permitted to make more than one entry in the same section. This also applies to competitors entering groups, duets, duos and trios, quartets unless otherwise specified in the schedule.
- 8** Entrants must appear in their section in program order, or forfeit their right to perform, except where clashes between art forms occur and prior arrangement has been made with a committee member at the Eisteddfod Office. Competitors will not be allowed to change to another sub-section where sections have been split into A and B, etc.
- 9** Competitors who do not intend to compete in a section for which they have entered should notify the Eisteddfod Office before the time appointed for that section.
- 10** No teacher or parent will be allowed on stage unless as an accompanist or conductor.
- 11** An Adjudication critique will be provided (except in Highland and Irish Dancing sections). These will be available either as a hard copy (from the Eisteddfod Office) or as an audio critique (via Music Uploads).
- 12** No prompting will be permitted in any sections, if prompted, competitors will face disqualification. No unauthorized person is allowed to stand in the wings during a performance.
- 13** Communication with Adjudicators is strictly prohibited. If it is established that any competitor or unauthorised person has made contact with an Adjudicator during the course of the Eisteddfod, the Committee reserves the right to disqualify that competitor.
- 14** Competitors must not have had any tuition from any of the Adjudicators for a period of six months prior to the commencement of the Eisteddfod.
- 15** Competitors may face disqualification if they do not adhere to time limits set out for various sections. In sections where a time limit is specified, the ringing of a bell will indicate that the time limit has been exceeded and the competitor must cease to perform.
- 16** The same item (or part thereof) must not be performed more than once by the same competitor throughout the duration of the Eisteddfod (excluding Highland and Irish Dancing).

- 17** The results of each respective aggregate trophy winner shall be determined by a points system as follows: - First place getter in the particular section will receive 10 points; Second - 7 points; Third - 5 points; Fourth - 3 points; Fifth - 2 points; Sixth - 1 point
Exceptions:
1) In Primary and Secondary Choral Choir Championships the Adjudicator's actual marks will be totalled.
2) In Highland Dancing sections, the R.S.O.B.H.D. scrutineering system will be used.
- 18** The Committee reserves the right to refuse an Eisteddfod entry and to alter the order of a program without prior notice.
- 19** The Committee also reserves the right to cancel, combine or sub-divide sections if in its opinion an insufficient or excessive number of entries are received to justify the viability of holding the original competition.
- 20** No protest concerning the eligibility of a competitor to compete will be permitted unless made in writing to the Eisteddfod Office email address (office@mackayeisteddfod.org) prior to the commencement of the Eisteddfod, accompanied by a fee of \$20.00. No other protest or disputed matter will be permitted unless made in writing to the Eisteddfod Office email address (office@mackayeisteddfod.org) within half an hour of the case arising, accompanied by a fee of \$20.00. In all cases the fee will be forfeited if the protest or dispute is deemed frivolous.
- 21** The Adjudicator has the right to withhold any prize where he/she considers there is not sufficient merit. First, Second, Third and Highly Commended will be awarded in all sections (excluding Choral and Vocal Primary Group Sections where Gold, Silver and Bronze awards are given).
- 22** Competitors compete at their own risk.
- 23** The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding in all matters relating to the interpretation of the Rules and Conditions of the Eisteddfod.
- 24** The Eisteddfod Committee will not be liable for any copyright infringement relating to the submission of photocopies. Entrants submit copies and works at their own risk. All photocopies submitted for the Adjudicator's use will be destroyed after the completion of the section. One Music forms must be submitted with music copies.
- 25** **The use of mobile recording devices, videos and cameras by the audience is prohibited as the capturing of images of performers under 18 may constitute an offence.** The Eisteddfod Committee reserves the right to Photograph, record, film, broadcast, videotape or post on our website or Facebook page any item or section of the Eisteddfod. Photographs may be published by the official photographer or the eisteddfod committee. Should this not be appropriate the Eisteddfod office **MUST BE** notified in writing prior to the commencement of the Eisteddfod.
- 26** Competitors and/or winner's names and/or photographs may be published by the official photographer or the eisteddfod committee. Should this not be appropriate the Eisteddfod office **MUST BE** notified in writing prior to the commencement of the Eisteddfod.

- 27** A high standard of decorum is expected from all participants and spectators. Unseemly behavior will result in offenders being asked to leave and offending competitors being disqualified. In the event of property being damaged in any way, the offenders will be charged accordingly.
- 28** The Committee is unable to make special arrangements for any competitor (including out of town competitors) to appear other than as programmed. Except where clashes between Art forms occur – refer point 8 above.
- 29** No competitor may use the stage without permission from the Stage Manager.
- 30** Please note that digital programs cannot be viewed in the auditorium, due to the rule in which no devices are able to be used.
- 31** Only competitors and designated teachers or studio/school representatives will be permitted backstage.

Competitors must register with the Stage Manager/Marshall (Theatre) or the Chairperson/Marshall (Space) before the start of their section. A competitor who has withdrawn or fails to register prior to the commencement of a section (unless having notified a Committee Member at the Office and gained permission for late arrival), will not be eligible to compete in that section.