

RULES & CONDITIONS

LITERARY 2026

AGE

The age limit for Cairns Eisteddfod is 5 Years to 18 Years inclusive.

AMATEUR STATUS

The Eisteddfod is open to amateurs only. An amateur shall be defined as a person whose principal source of income is not derived from the exercise of their talents in the particular section or sections for which they have entered.

SECTIONS

The Committee reserves the right to combine or divide any sections. If sections are divided, competitors must perform in the division allocated.

CLOSING DATE

Closing date for entries: 1st of April 2026

SUBMISSIONS:

Manuscripts must be submitted in PDF format, with the completed coversheet provided, via a link to the Jotform website for manuscript upload.

Mailed/mailed copies will no longer be accepted.

- **The closing date for manuscripts to be received is Friday 1 May 2026.**

MANUSCRIPTS:

Manuscripts must be word processed and saved in PDF format.

- Word count **MUST** be provided on the Jotform website-provided cover sheet.
- Font should be **Times New Roman** with **1.5 spacing and 14 pt. font** size.
- The competitor's name **MUST NOT** appear within the manuscript – **ONLY** on the Jotform cover sheet.
- Competitors **CANNOT** have entered the item in previous Eisteddfods

Manuscripts **MUST** be the original and unaided work of the competitor.

- Use of AI as a tool or prompt for writing is **NOT** permitted.

ADJUDICATOR FEEDBACK:

Due to the time required to prepare detailed reports for literary submissions the committee has agreed that brief comments on individual work will only be provided upon written (mailed) request by entrants.

- Requests will only be actioned if submitted within the two weeks following the award presentation ceremony.

WORD/TIME LIMITS:

Word limits and time limits apply for some sections – please read details carefully.

- Limits will be strictly enforced, with adjudication only up to the stated limits.