

## **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 Association Head Judge any conflict of interest including coaching a couple in that National Championship. Where it is not possible for the Association 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 Association Head Judge of any close personal or immediate family relations that may be competing in that Championship.
- 8.3 (a) The Association Head Judge will provide a copy of the scrutineers' sheets to all officiating judges within two weeks of the competition concluding.
- 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 Association 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 five National Association Judges pre-selected by their peers ie. fellow National Association Judges. If the panel is convened in regard to a matter concerning one of the pre-selected judges, that judge plus one other (randomly selected by the Executive Committee) will not take part in the panel's deliberations.
- 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.

### **JUDGES QUALIFICATION CRITERIA**

- 8.7 **Before being accepted onto the Trainee Judges List, an applicant must:**
- Have attained the age of 18 years;
  - 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;
  - Have their application considered and accepted by the Executive Committee.
- 8.7.1 Addition to the official register of Trainee Judges, will be at the discretion of the Executive

Committee.

**8.8 The criteria to remain as a Trainee Judge is as follows:**

- To take part in a minimum of one judges workshop or agreed equivalent meeting as hosted by the Association Head Judge or their nominee(s), per calendar year.

8.8.1 Any Trainee Judge failing to meet the above criteria, unless due to circumstances outside their control and agreed to by the Association Head Judge (who will consult with the Executive Committee), will be removed from Trainee status.

8.8.2 Trainee Judges will be given at least 30 days written notice of a pending failure to meet the criteria to remain as a Trainee Judge, and offered remedial options.

**8.9 The criteria to qualify as an Association Judge is as follows and must be completed:**

- Armchair judge a minimum of six competition, all using the Association rules and judging guidelines;
- Officially judge a minimum of four competitions, all using the Association rules and judging guidelines;
- To attend a minimum of one judging workshop per calendar year;
- Upon completion of the above, the trainee judge consults with their mentor and the Association Head Judge to determine the next step in their journey. One of the considerations would be that they (trainee, mentor and Association Head Judge) feel confident that they are ready to sit the exam;
- Sit and pass an examination set by the Association Head Judge.

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

**8.10 The criteria to remain as an Association Judge is as follows:**

- To take part in a minimum of one judges workshop or agreed equivalent meeting as hosted by the Association Head Judge or their nominee(s), per calendar year;
- Armchair or judge at least one club competition or equivalent activity as agreed with the Association Head judge, per calendar year.

8.10.1 Any Association Judge failing to meet the above criteria, unless due to circumstances outside their control and/or agreed to by the Association Head Judge (who will consult with the Executive Committee), will be removed from the official register of Association judges.

8.10.2 The criteria for and reinstatement to the official register of Association judges is at the discretion of the Association Head Judge (who will consult with the Executive Committee).

8.10.3 Association Judges will be given at least 30 days written notice of a pending failure to meet the criteria to remain as a Association Judge, and offered remedial options.

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

- To have qualified as an Association Judge;

- Armchair judge at least one Junior and one Senior National Championship.

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

8.12 **The criteria to remain as a National Association Judge is as follows:**

- To take part in a minimum of one judges workshop or agreed equivalent meeting as hosted by the Association Head Judge or their nominee(s), per calendar year.
- Be available to judge at least one National Championship per calendar year;
- Armchair or judge at least one club competition or equivalent activity as agreed with the Association Head Judge, per calendar year.

8.12.1 Any National Association Judge failing to meet the above criteria, unless due to circumstances outside their control, and agreed to by the Association Head Judge (who will consult with the Executive Committee), will be removed to Association Judge status.

8.12.2 The criteria for and reinstatement to the official register of National Association Judges is at the discretion of the Association Head Judge (who will consult with the Executive Committee).

8.12.3 National Association Judges will be given at least 30 days written notice of a pending failure to meet the criteria to remain as an National Association Judge, and offered remedial options.

8.12.4 A judge removed to Association Judge status as per 8.12.1 will have until the end of the next calendar year in which to meet the criteria to remain as an Association Judge.

8.13 The Association will hold a one day combined judges' workshop every two years.

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 Association Treasurer 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 including reasonable insurance fees excluding commission, 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 Association Head Judge.

\$2 from the annual membership levy per senior member, \$1 per junior member and \$1 from the National ticket levy per Saturday and Sunday ticket will go towards funding this reimbursement.

8.14 A register of judges' compliance will be held and maintained by the Association Secretary.

The Association Head Judge is responsible for ensuring the Association Secretary has been notified of the judges compliance-related activity.

8.15 Each judge is responsible for ensuring that their contact details as held by the Association and listed on the Association website are current and correct.