

## **INFORMATION ABOUT CLUB CHAMPS**

All sections dance as if in National Competition, therefore the National standard of dress is required. All sections judged to national criteria. HB Club assessments can happen during the Club Champs also, and probably will.

The sections are danced to 1 slow and 1 fast song off the National Song List.

Trios or triples are danced to 2 medium songs (1 slow and 1 fast medium).

Judging is on Timing, Harmony and Variety. Check out the Rule Book B for criteria.

### **Club Champs Sections**

*Juniors:* Must be under 18 years of age and in 3 sections.

Junior Junior—5 to 9 years

Intermediate Junior - 10 to 13 years

Senior Junior—14 to 17 years.

Juniors can dance up an age group but cannot dance down an age group. We are a bit more flexible with our juniors sections i.e. 2 girls can dance together as we have very few junior members.

*Junior Triples:* 3 juniors under 18 years of age.

*Novice:* Both 18 years and over who have never competed in a Club Champs competition before. May have danced Fun Challenge last year.

*Diamond:* Both 60 years and over.

*Masters:* Both 50 years and over.

*Golden:* Both 40 years and over.

*Platinum:* Both 30 years and over.

*Restricted:* Both 18 years and over. No jumps allowed in this section. One partner cannot take the weight of the other partner whilst that person is in the air—some part of their body must be touching the floor and they must be supporting some of their own weight.  
A couple can be disqualified if 2 judges see an illegal move/jump.  
See Paula for examples and confirmation of this rule.

*Open:* No Open Section this year.

*Invitation:* Limited to 8 couples. You can enter on the night by speaking to the Floor Manager.

*Senior Triples:* 1 man and 2 ladies over the age of 18 years. You can dance Triples as well as 2 couples sections if you wish.

### *Best Dressed Competing Couple:*

This section is not listed on the entry forms and is not compulsory unless you are going for assessment. Judged to National Dress Code. Couples parade in front of the judges in their outfits prior to dancing. At Club Champs all couples parade together. Jackets and ties are the only items that can be removed before dancing.

*General:* All Club Champs sections dance to 1 slow & 1 fast song, except Triples. ALL dancers must be Hawke's Bay Rock 'n' Roll Club members.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL DANCERS**

- \* A competitors meeting is held prior to competition starting where you will be given information of what is expected, we'll answer your questions, hand out numbers to be worn, etc.
- \* Inhalers must be passed to the Floor Manager when couple is called to the floor and can be collected after judges have finished judging that section. Competitors will signal Floor manager if they need to use inhalers during the break between two songs.
- \* All dancers must wear competition numbers. Please be vigilant and have correct number for relevant section (refer programme).
- \* All competitors will be called to the floor by the MC.
- \* If anything falls off (shoe, hair tie, etc) don't stop dancing. The Floor Manager will retrieve these at the end of the dance or during if able.
- \* Stay with your partner in the spot you have finished your dance until the MC says you may leave the floor. Even though the song has finished the judges are still marking.
- \* After the runner/s start to collect the judges sheets you may use this time to congratulate other competitors.
- \* In fairness to other dancers be aware not to invade their dance space. You will be penalised if you obstruct other competitors.
- \* After your number has been called and you are on the floor, the DJ will say "Judges are you ready. Competitors your song is ..... by ....." Then the music will start.
- \* There must be NO movement around the hall while dancers are competing.
- \* There is to be quiet while the DJ announces each song and until the song has started. This is in fairness to the competitors as it is important for them to hear the start of the song.
- \* Cheering and clapping is wonderful and very acceptable after this point.
- \* At prize giving (end of the evening) competitors must wear their competition attire and remove any medals, ribbons already received if in more than 1 section.
- \* Competition numbers must be returned to the Floor Manager at the completion of the competition. Any missing numbers will incur a replacement fee to the allocated member.