

Qld QUEENSLAND BUSH POETRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008
CHARTERS TOWERS GOLD CITY BUSH POETS INC
Performance Poetry – Conditions of Entry
Entries close 5pm Monday 31st March 2008

1. Nominations for Performance Poetry close 5.00pm on Monday 31st March 2008. Entries received after this date **WILL NOT** be assured of acceptance into the competition, and if accepted will **NOT** be included in the official programme.

Time Limit in ALL SECTIONS (except the Junior) is a maximum of eight (8) minutes including preamble. In the Junior Section, the time limit is a maximum of six (6) minutes including preamble.

2. In the OPEN MODERN TRADITIONAL, and OPEN CLASSICAL sections, **NO POEM** will be allowed to be performed more than **TWICE** during the course of the competition. Please state on the Entry Form your choice of poems in order of preference. As entries are received they will be dated and entrants will be notified as soon as possible if their first preference is already taken. They may then choose to perform their second or third preference, if another competitor has not already chosen that poem.
3. The Title of Male & Female Queensland Bush Poetry Champion will be awarded to the male and Female poet (in the Open Section) who scores the highest aggregate points from the following sections.

CLASSICAL
MODERN TRADITIONAL
ORIGINAL SERIOUS
ORIGINAL HUMOROUS

The OPEN YARN SPINNING will not be included in the aggregate points to decide the Queensland Bush Poetry Champion. There will be NO FINALS SECTION.

4. All poems must be about Australia, Australians and the Australian way of life. With the competition Being conducted under the auspices of the ABPA Inc. unless otherwise stated.
5. A CLASSICAL poem is an Australian poem that is OVER 50 YEARS OLD that has NOT been written by the performer.
6. A MODERN TRADITIONAL poem is an Australian poem written WITHIN the last 50 years by SOMEONE OTHER THAN the performer.
7. Entrants in the ORIGINAL category must perform their original poem.
8. Entrants are permitted to perform once only in any category.
9. For the children's sections, age will be determined by the date of birth on the day of the competition.
10. A NOVICE is a person who is 18 years and over, who has never been awarded first prize in any poetry competition.
11. Males and Females will compete together in the Junior, Novice, Intermediate and Open Yarn Spinning sections. However the committee may award special prizes.
In all the open sections, except for Open Yarn Spinning, males and females will compete separately.
12. Entrants must follow the order of the draw.
13. The committee reserves the right to combine or split sections depending on number of entries received.
PLEASE NOTE: There must be a minimum of five (5) entries in each section, otherwise that section will be deleted.
14. A panel of three (3) Judges will adjudicate and their decisions shall be final. NO discussion will be considered.
15. Prize money and trophies will be presented after the conclusion of all performances on the final day of the competition. Adjudication sheets will be posted after the presentations.
16. Australian Bush Poetry is recognised as "family entertainment" and as such, all poems which may be deemed offensive, should not be performed.
17. The committee reserves the right to amend, alter or change a rule if circumstances warrant.
18. Entries and fees are to be mailed to:

The Secretary
Gold City Bush Poets Inc
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Charters Towers Qld 4820

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