

Victorian Bush Poetry Championships (16th-19th April 2026)

Yarn Spinning Competition Assessment Sheet

Conducted under the auspices of the Australian Bush Poets Association Inc.

JUDGES NUMBER (1, 2 or 3)..... **SECTION 8-Yarnspinning**.....
(Open to Adult or Junior Yarn Spinners)

COMPETITOR:

TITLE OF YARNAUTHOR.....

Overview: Yarn Spinning is the telling of Australian stories as per the idiom of our forebears from the city and the bush. Yarn Spinning is **NOT** simply a connected line of jokes, nor is it rhyming verse.

ASSESSMENT DETAILS		MAX POINTS	SCORE
BODY LANGUAGE	Does the performer use gestures, actions and body positioning in a way that brings maximum enhancement to, but does not distract from, the overall performance?	10	
VOCALS	Does the performer utilize vocal tools (Diction, Volume, Accents, Pace, Pitch, Pauses etc.)?	15	
YARN	Does the yarn selected suit the performer's presentation style? Does it have high quality 'Ocker' Value?	15	
ENTERTAINMENT VALUE	Does the performer capture and hold the attention of the audience and provide them with a memorable experience?	60	
TOTAL		100	

Overtime Penalty:- Overtime penalties are to be subtracted by the Judges. (-.....)

(2 pts per every 15 seconds over the time limit)

Reading Penalty:- (A 10 point penalty is imposed for reading) (-.....)

FINAL SCORE/100

JUDGES COMMENTS:

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Judges Signature.....