



EKKA COMPETITION TERMS & CONDITIONS

Competition

Country Music Showdown

Promoter Name

The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (“RNA”). The RNA owns, manages and operates the event called the Royal Queensland Show (the “Ekka”)

Website

www.ekka.com.au

Competition Period

Opens on Friday 21 March 2025 at 9.00am AEST
Concludes on Friday 30 May 2025 at 5.00pm AEST

Video Solicit Period

Opens on Friday 9 May 2025 at 9.00am AEST
Concludes on Friday 13 June 2025 at 5.00pm AEST

Entry Restrictions

- Entry is open to amateur and semi-professional artists only. A semi-professional is one who earns some money as a performer but is not dependent on such income for a living.
- All material performed must be in the country genre and must be accompanied by the correct charts and key.
- Entrants who win 1st place in the Junior or Open category may not compete in the same category again.
- All entrants competing in the Junior Category must be between the ages of 12 and 17 years as of Friday 1 August 2025.
- All entrants competing in the Open Category must be over 18 years of age as at Friday 1 August 2025.

Entry Fees

Entry to the Open Category of the competition will incur a fee of \$65 and entry into the Junior Category will incur a fee of \$50. This fee is to be paid upon successful entry into the competition. There are limited spaces in the competition. Entrants will be advised of their success after the closing date. There will be no refund of fees should the entrant change their mind or if the entrant fails to register on the day, except in special circumstances at the discretion of management. This fee includes entry into the grounds.

Maximum Entries

Up to two people per entry permitted (solo or duo) – only one prize is allocated to each entry into the competition.

Entry Procedure

To enter entrants must, during the competition period, visit the Ekka website and register their details. Entrants must submit two (2) links of a YouTube video of them performing during the Video Solicit Period. Entrants are restricted to submitting a maximum of one (1) original song out of the two (2) submissions.

Competition Details

This is a competition of skill. Entrants in both the Junior and Open Category will be judged by a panel of industry experts with three place-getters in each category being selected – first, second and third awards. Judges' decisions are final. Upon request, judging sheets may be supplied to the entrant after completion of the event at the discretion of the Ekka management.

Timing of Events

All entrants must be present for registration at their given time at the registration desk, located in XXXX Stockmen's Bar and Grill.

All entrants must present themselves to the Competition Coordinator 20 minutes prior to their performance and remain in the designated area ready to go on stage. All entrants must be in attendance for the judging and awards ceremony.

Every effort will be made to adhere to the program, but changes may be made at the discretion of Ekka management.

Equipment

Due to space restrictions, the instruments permitted on stage will include: all instruments for use by the backing band and one (1) instrument to be played by the entrant. If you are part of a duo or have an accompanying instrument and musician then additional instruments may be permitted at the discretion of management.

Apart from the entrant's own instrument/s, the drums supplied by Ekka management will be the only equipment which contestants are permitted to use or operate. No pre-recorded backing music which includes midi or drum machines may be used. No pre-recorded backing vocals will be permitted.

Dress Code

The entrants must be in suitable stage attire, neat country dress encouraged. No singlets, shorts or thongs are to be worn on stage. No logos, slogans, or statements featured.

Notification of Entrants

Entrants will be notified of their success to become a finalist by email by Friday 27 June 2025. Finalists will be asked to pay the entry fee and submit their chord charts and .mp3s so the Ekka Team can pass it onto the backing band so they have time to rehearse the songs. Finalists who do not pay the entry fee by Monday 28 July 2025 will not be permitted to perform.

Cancellations

Management reserves the right to limit or cancel any performances without notice. Depending on the availability of entrants, replacements will be accepted at the discretion of Ekka management.

Publication Details

Ekka management reserve the right to publish winner(s) on the website www.ekka.com.au and social media.

Prize Claim Details

Prizes must be claimed at the time of the announcement or as otherwise specified by the Promoter.

Unclaimed Prize Arrangements

Ekka management reserves the right to re-award unclaimed prizes to the next placed entrant.

Additional Terms & Conditions

- Ekka and participating sponsors are not responsible for mutilated, mis-uploaded or late contest entries.
- Winners are responsible for applicable travel and accommodation, if required.
- Management will not be responsible for any loss or injury to persons or property throughout Ekka. Each entrant shall not encourage any person/s up on stage. Each entrant must behave professionally at all times. There is to be no swearing and artists must not perform songs that contain inappropriate themes or language or they will face disqualification.
- Ekka has permission to take photographs of performers and has full copyright. Ekka reserves the right to use any images taken of performers on social media, websites, advertisements and any other format for marketing and publicity opportunities.
- Ekka will have full control of all advertising either by radio/newspaper/flyers etc. Any entrants wishing to advertise on their social media pages or websites may do so however you may not use the Ekka logo without prior approval.
- There is no parking on the grounds. There is ample public transport to and from the grounds and alternative parking is available within walking distance of the grounds.

*Please note: failure to adhere to any of the above criteria may result in immediate disqualification. Terms and Conditions are subject to change at discretion of Ekka management.

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