



Brass Bands Association of New Zealand Inc.

YOUTH BAND CONTEST

Bylaws

1. The Contest

- 1.1 The event is a contest for Youth Bands.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 Unless the context otherwise requires:

Annual Contest means the Annual Contest known as the Brass Band Association of New Zealand Championships held each year.

Band List means the list of playing members submitted to BBANZ pursuant to clause 6.1.

BBANZ means the Brass Band Association of New Zealand.

CONTEST BYLAWS means the Contest Bylaws of BBANZ.

Over nineteen means over nineteen years of age at the date of the commencement of the Annual Contest.

The Board means the Management Committee of BBANZ.

Senior Band means any other band which is part of the same organisation as the youth band.

Under twenty-three means under twenty-three years of age at the commencement date of the Annual Contest.

Youth Band Contest means the youth band contest conducted pursuant to these rules.

3. Administration and Control

- 3.1 BBANZ will be responsible for all aspects of the administration and control of the Youth Band Contest, including but not limited to:
- a. Appointment of Judges and Supervisors;
 - b. Receipts and payments;
 - c. Provision of prizes (if any) and trophies;
 - d. Sale of broadcasting and recording rights;
 - e. Venue and facilities;
 - f. Order of playing.

4. Annual Contest

- 4.1 The Youth Band Contest will be held annually at the same time and place as the Annual Contest.

5. Eligibility

- 5.1 The Youth Band Contest is open to:
- a. A band whose members meet the personnel requirements in clause 6; and
 - b. Is either:
 - i. An affiliated member band of BBANZ, or
 - ii. A bona fide youth group of a member band of BBANZ.
 - iii. A school-based band
 - iv. Youth Band from overseas
- 5.2 A youth band, which is a member band of BBANZ, may also compete in its appropriate grade at the Annual Contest provided that, for that competition, it complies with the Contest Bylaws.
- 5.3 A band shall have no less than fifteen brass musicians, together with such other percussion musicians as may be required by the score of the music being performed. A non-playing conductor will not be included in this calculation. There is no maximum number of brass or percussion musicians. "Brass musicians" may include Trumpet, French Horn and Tuba players.
- 5.4 A band may change its personnel during the Youth Band Contest, but it must continue meeting the personnel requirements.

6. Personnel

- 6.1 Be on a list of playing members of that youth band submitted to BBANZ not later than 60 days before the commencement of the Annual Contest.
- 6.2 All playing members of a New Zealand youth band shall:
- a.
 - i. Be ordinarily resident in New Zealand; or

- ii. Be a New Zealand citizen; or
- v. Have and produce a valid work permit or valid student visa; or
- vi. Have not less than 60 days, prior to the commencement of the Annual Contest made a bona fide application to the New Zealand Government for permanent residency status; and

- b. Not be prohibited from being a playing member of a band pursuant to the Rules of BBANZ; and
- c. Not be a playing member of a band that has been expelled from BBANZ.

6.2 All playing members of an overseas youth band must meet the age criteria stated in Regulation 6.3.

6.3 No more than four players on the Band List shall be over nineteen, and any such players shall be under twenty-three.

6.4 There is no restriction on the number of players that can be included from the Senior Band, so long as they meet the age criteria.

7 Entry Requirements

7.1 The Board will, not less than one hundred and seventy days before the start of the Annual Contest, advise each member band and each District Association particulars of the Youth Band Contest location and dates, the closing day for entries, the entry fees and any other information relating to competitors' rights and obligations. Entries will close sixty days before the start of the Annual Contest.

8 Event

8.1.1 The event will consist of an Own Choice selection (major work) and a fifteen-minute concert programme, which may include a featured soloist. These items can be played in any order.

8.2 Youth bands may provide their own compere who may not be over nineteen.

8.2.1 Larger percussion instruments will be supplied. It is the responsibility of the Youth Band to provide any other percussion it may need.

9 Music

9.1 All competitors must provide to the Management Committee not less than sixty days before the start of the Annual Contest a Judges copy of own choice music with all bars numbered.

9.2 The Judges' copy must be a full score.

9.3 It will be the bands' responsibility to ensure that they have permission to perform any unpublished material. Failure to obtain this may lead to disqualification from the contest. Bands performing unpublished material shall be required to indemnify BBANZ for any action brought against BBANZ due to that performance.

10 Entries

- 10.1 Each intending competitor must forward an entry on the prescribed form to BBANZ by the specified closing date.
- 10.1.1 The entry of any band that fails to meet any of the time limits in Regulation 9 shall not be accepted unless the Management Committee, in extenuating circumstances, resolves to accept the entry.
- 10.1.2 The entrance fee shall be \$300.00 per entry or \$100.00 if the Youth band is also competing in an Open Grade at the same National Contest.
- 10.1.3 Any intending competitor may withdraw an entry in writing at any time prior to the start of the Annual Contest. There is no refund of the entry fee.

11 Adjudication

- 11.1 Adjudication shall be by one Judge in the open.
- 11.2 The Judge will assess the quality of the musical performance and will award points out of a total of 100 for each event.
- 11.2.1 The Judge will record their comments on tape and will prepare a summary report with points on the prescribed form for each competing band.
- 11.4 Although only musical performance will be assessed, Youth Bands are encouraged to show off their personality, entertainment and programme skills.

12 Awards

- 12.1.1 The youth band gaining the highest aggregate points in the Youth Band Contest will be the winner of the Youth Band Contest.
- 12.2 The winners of the youth band contest will be eligible to use the title "Youth Band of the Year".
- 12.3 The Judge will award a trophy for the "best soloist".
- 12.4 Any award will be deferred pending the result of any protest or appeal.

13 Announcement of Results

- 13.1 At the conclusion of the youth band contest, the Judge's points shall be handed to the supervisor, who shall transfer the awarded points to a supervisor's report form. The supervisor will then arrange for the announcement of the results. The Judge may be asked to speak to the audience.
- 13.2 The decision of the Judge is final.

14 Order of Playing

- 14.1.1 The Executive Officer of BBANZ and the Contest Manager of BBANZ will conduct a draw for the Youth Band Contest, which will remain confidential until advised to bands at least fourteen days before the start of the Annual Contest.

15 Cancellation

- 15.1 BBANZ reserves the right to cancel the Youth Band Contest.
- 15.1.1 In the event of cancellation, BBANZ shall, as soon as practicable, take all necessary steps to advise all competitors of the cancellation.

16. Miscellaneous

- 16.1 Competing bands shall provide their own instruments.
- 16.2 BBANZ shall provide music stands.
- 16.3 BBANZ may require competitors to use stand banners and other banners provided by a sponsor.
- 16.4 BBANZ shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury sustained at the event. Competing youth bands will ensure they have adequate insurance to cover any such contingency.
- 16.5 Interpretation of these Bylaws shall be the prerogative of BBANZ, whose decision shall be final.
- 16.6 No rises shall be permitted.

17. Street March

- 17.1 A youth band may compete in the Street March in the D Grade section. A youth band, which is a member band of BBANZ, will compete in its assigned BBANZ Grade.