

New Zealand Amateur Rock'n'Roll Association Inc.



May 2025 Newsletter

Dear Secretary,

Please let your Committee and club members know that this newsletter is also available on the Association website, please circulate to your members.

2025 AGM

Congratulations to the incoming Executive Committee who were confirmed at this year's Annual General Meeting. Contact Details below:

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Please email all official Association Correspondence including entry forms to secretary@rocknroll.org.nz

The physical address for posting the Judges sheets are as below:

Head Judge C/O Karen Birch 203 Pomona Road East, RD6 Invercargill 9876

<u>Please note:</u> Preference is for a PDF version to be emailed to the Head Judge.

AFFILIATION FEES FOR THE 2025/2026 YEAR

No change to the Affiliation fees for this coming year.

2025 AGM REPORT OVERVIEW

Thank you to the club delegates that attended the 2025 NZARRA AGM.

We had a lot of great robust discussion, decisions were made, some laughter had and great food.

We want to show our appreciation to Kapi Mana again for your hospitality in providing our morning tea and yummy lunch for the day as well as helping to clean up after.

Thank you also to those members who stayed behind to help clean up also - We appreciate you all.

Please note, the AGM Minutes and the 2025 Rulebooks are currently being edited and completed.

All Rule Book changes are <u>effective immediately</u> and once completed, they will be available for download on the Association website soon.

Please refer back to your club delegate/s for a more detailed report of decisions made at the AGM.

Main Changes to the Rule Books:

We now have a new section - Diamond Triples - 60 years and over.

Combine nationals was defined as a Junior National Championship and a Senior National Championship that are run in conjunction, hosted by the same host club, on the same days and at the same location.

The National Championship may now start on a Friday evening at the Executive decision.

The competition day ticket levy is now \$11 for each ticket sold. Spectator tickets are exempt.

Removal of Saturday and Sunday from the competition process to allow flexibility for the programme.

For both Junior and Senior Championships, age is at the Monday immediately following the competition.

Entries are required to be in 60 days prior to the competition now, the date will be advised on our website, email and social media pages.

A Same Sex couple can now dance in the Restricted sections, however that couple cannot then dance in the Same Sex section of the competition.

Requirements to qualify as an Association Judge have now changed. They must now Armchair judge a minimum of four competitions and Officially judge a minimum of two competitions.

Executive members can compete in non dancing sections of the competition on the days they may be officiating e.g Best Dressed Female or Male.

General Business covered a few things however the Combined Nationals format and the programme process were the main points of discussion as well as discussing different options for which weekend it could be held on such as Matariki or King's Birthday weekend. Thanks for all your discussion and points of view. It has given the Executive a lot to think about.

2026 AGM

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on the 23th May, 2026.

To be held at the same place as this year, Strathmore Park Community Centre, Te Tuhunga Rau, Wellington. 108 Strathmore Avenue, Strathmore Park, Wellington.

2027 NATIONAL HOST CLUB

We received a bid from Invercargill to host a combined nationals on the condition that they require time to confirm with their club. Drifters have put a bid in as a back up, if Invercargill decides to not confirm their bid to host.

We thank both Invercargill and Drifters for their bids.

Please note, we will advise in due course which hosting club and which weekend the Combined Nationals will be held on.

UPCOMING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2025 Senior Nationals - 24th - 26th October 2025 Hosted by Tauranga Rock 'n' Roll Club

Venue: Energy Events Centre, Rotorua

Clubs are reminded to confirm their accommodation as soon as possible.

Please refer to the Association website for more information regarding these Nationals.

Senior Nationals - 24th - 26th October, 2025

• **Entry forms** with the changes to the 60 day notice, the entry forms are currently being updated will be available on the Association website in due course.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday 24th August, 2025.

Fees for Senior Nationals entries are \$60 for couples, \$80 for Teams and Triples

Completed Entries are to be emailed to <u>secretary@rocknroll.org.nz</u> with confirmation of payment to the Association bank account: **03 1534 0002945 00**.

• Please return all trophies won at Christchurch Senior Nationals 2024, engraved and polished to:

NZARRA C/O: Malcolm Mazur, 1893 Cambridge Road, Cambridge by the 14th September, 2025

Please remember that trophies are to be securely wrapped and packaged to prevent damage in transit and to please use a track and trace courier.

• Team Managers

Could clubs please email your Team Manager's name and contact information to the Secretary@rocknroll.org.nz by the 5^{th} October, 2025.

Sponsoring of Medals

Clubs and individuals are invited to sponsor medals per section as per Book B Section 12 and will be acknowledged during presentations of the section you have sponsored.

Thank you to those who have already sponsored medals at the recent 2025 Junior Nationals. We would like to offer the same opportunity to clubs for the upcoming Senior Nationals. If interested, please email secretary@rocknroll.org.nz with your preferred section to sponsor.

COMBINED NATIONALS - Special General Meeting (SGM)

We are holding an online SGM meeting on Sunday 20th of July 2025 at 10am.

If you have any points of discussion, or rules you believe apply to Combining of Nationals, please email these through before the 19th of June 2025.

Please review RuleBook A and Book B for anything missed at the recent AGM.

Kind regards,

Neva Zainey Secretary NZARRA Inc GO TO NZARRA FACEBOOK PAGE AND GIVE US A LIKE TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH EVENTS AND NEWS.

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