

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR PERFORMANCE COMPETITION**

- 1.** The WA Bush Poets & Yarnspinners Association (Association), in the strongest terms, discourages the inclusion in any performance, of any subject matter that could be considered unsuitable for family entertainment in accordance with current community standards.
- 2.** The duly authorised organisers of the performance event have the final say on content of any proposed performance. Judges shall be advised that points will be deducted at scrutineer level if any breaches of these conditions occur.
- 3.** Entries on the day may be accepted if positions are available. Entries shall be restricted to one entry per contestant per section.
- 4.** Competitors shall be judged on entertainment value, presentation skills, and selection of material.
- 5.** The time limit for performances by adults shall be restricted to a maximum of eight minutes, including preamble, and performances by juniors shall be restricted to a maximum of five minutes, including preamble. Two points per every 15 seconds, or part thereof, shall be deducted from each judge's score sheet for performances exceeding this limit.
- 6.** All entries in the poetry sections must be Australian Bush Poetry, (ie: rhymed and metred poetry about Australia, Australians, the Australian way of life or history). Poems must be performed from memory, and not read.
- 7.** In the Modern and Traditional sections, contestants shall be required to provide the name and author of the poem on the Entry Form. Wherever possible, permission should be sought from an author to perform their poem prior to entry into the competition. "Anon" can only be claimed in relation to poems the authorship of which is genuinely unknown.
- 8.** Original poems must be Australian Bush Poetry written by the competitor. They can be Humorous or Serious. Original Humorous should be original in idea as well as content and not be based on a pre-existing joke.
- 9.** Poems which have won first place in the same competition previously shall not be performed by the same poet in the current competition.
- 10.** Except as otherwise provided, the judges' decisions shall be absolutely final and without further discussion. All matters relating to the carrying out of the competition remain with the duly authorized organisers and their representatives.
- 11.** State Championships shall be conducted under the ABPA "Guidelines for Australian Bush Poetry Competitions" (Guidelines). Judging sheets as described in the Guidelines shall apply. (See the ABPA website: [www.abpa.org.au](http://www.abpa.org.au)).

**12.** Prize money shall be awarded for winners in all categories.

**13.** The Association and the organisers accept no responsibility for any claims of infringement of copyright.