



Balaklava Eisteddfod Society

PO Box 253, Balaklava, SA 5461

www.balaklavaeisteddfod.org.au

Established 1997 as part of Balaklava Community Arts Inc.

RULES AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Revised March 2026

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE RECEIVED ACCORDING TO THESE CONDITIONS AND IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDLY COMPETITION UPON WHICH THE BALAKLAVA EISTEDDFOD IS BASED

ENTRIES

1. **Entry forms** need to be completed online via Formsite. See the [website forms page](#) for details. If unable to access the forms, contact the Administrator, Trish Goodgame on 0417 891 834 or email info@balaklavaeisteddfod.org.au. (Alternate email: balaklavaeisteddfod@gmail.com)

2. **Payment:** The appropriate fee & proof of payment **must be sent at the time of entering**. A summary of your entry and fees due will be emailed from **Formsite** to the entrant instantly on completion of the online entry.

Entry Fees or School Purchase Order MUST be received by the Closing Date 06/05/2026

Preferred payment is by direct Bank Transfer to our ANZ BANK ACCOUNT

Account: **Balaklava Eisteddfod Society**

Bank: ANZ

Branch: BALAKLAVA SA

BSB: **015525**

Account No: **464206285**

Reference: **Entrant Name**

Details of transfer are to be emailed to balaklavaeisteddfod@gmail.com or posted to The Treasurer, Balaklava Eisteddfod Society, PO Box 253, Balaklava SA 5461.

Alternate payment:

Posted fees are to be remitted by cheque or money order only, made payable to Balaklava Eisteddfod Society. Post payment with a summary of entries to The Treasurer, Balaklava Eisteddfod Society, PO Box 253, Balaklava SA 5461.

Cash payments by mail are unacceptable.

3. **Entry fees are not refundable**, except where a Section is cancelled. Entrants are not entitled to any refund of fees, in cases of non-appearance for any reason.
4. The age of the entrant shall be deemed to be the **age of the entrant as at 1 July 2026**. The date of birth must be stated on the Entry Form.
5. **Entrants who have been pupils of**, or who have been coached by, **the Adjudicator** of a Discipline in the six months prior to the day of competition are ineligible to enter that Discipline competitively.

ENTRIES (continued)

6. a) Schools entering the Friday Disciplines are STRICTLY LIMITED to no more than FIVE entries
- There is a limit of only TWO entries in Choral, Band and Rock Band disciplines per school.
 - There may be **ONLY ONE ENTRY in the SENIOR ROCK BAND section** per school, due to its popularity, but you may also have an entry in Junior Rock Band.
 - There may be more than two entries in Instrumental Ensemble and Vocal Ensemble, providing total entries do not exceed FIVE per school.
- b) An individual entering the Saturday Disciplines are STRICTLY LIMITED to no more than FIVE entries in total.
- There is a limit of only ONE entry in Contemporary Vocal, Musical Theatre and Junior Vocal SOLO SECTIONS.
 - A participant aged 13 & over may enter both Vocal - Classical and Vocal Non-classical sections.
 - There may be more than one entry in the Saturday ENSEMBLE & GROUP SECTIONS providing at least one ensemble member or instrument is different.
 - Total Saturday entries (solo and ensemble combined) must not exceed FIVE per individual.
7. **Rights of the Society:** The Society reserves the unfettered right to:
- a) **amend or cancel** any Section that has attracted insufficient entries
 - b) **extend or shorten** the period during which entries may be submitted (eg. close early when full)
 - c) **divide or combine** any Section
 - d) convene additional Sections
 - e) alter the Section times &/or order of performances as shown in the Program
 - f) record, photograph, film or videotape any item or Sections

PERFORMANCE

8. **No entrant shall perform the same item in more than one Discipline or Section.**
9. a) Prompting or assistance of any kind may not be given to any entrant during performance, except by the Adjudicator or the Adjudicator's nominee.
- b) Tuning assistance of instrument prior to performance is permitted.
10. a) Should an entrant leave the stage during a performance for any cause, that entrant may perform again, at the discretion of the adjudicator.
- b) In the event of a mechanical breakdown, the entrant may perform competitively again, time permitting.
11. **If an entrant has won 1st placing in the same section of a Discipline in two consecutive years, they must either perform non-competitively or progress to the next age level.**
In Instrumental Discipline this applies to winning in two consecutive years, playing an instrument in the same family, e.g. flute and clarinet. If instruments are from different families, (e.g. string and woodwind) this rule does not apply.

TIME LIMITS

12. Entrants may perform more than 1 piece provided that the total performing time does not exceed the stated time limit. Contemporary Vocal Discipline is the exception where ONLY ONE piece is allowed.

MUSIC AND LYRIC REQUIREMENTS

13. (a) SHEET MUSIC:

- A legible copy of the music to be performed in all disciplines except Rock Band, MUST be provided for the Adjudicator, and submitted to the Booking In Office at least 30 minutes or earlier prior to the Section on the day of the performance. Rock bands can use tab/lyrics.
- Music scores for Concert Band, Instrumental, Instrumental Ensemble and Piano Sections must have the bars numbered. Loose-leaf copies must be stapled and pages numbered.
- The entrant must collect their named, original music at the close of the Section.
- Unpublished music will be accepted, but the manuscript must be legible. Instrumental cadenzas must be included with the copy for the Adjudicator and must be legible.

13. (b) MUSIC:

- i) If a piece has been composed with accompaniment it may not be played without accompaniment.
- ii) All ensembles, (except for Musical Theatre Ensemble), must include at least **50% or more of the performance in harmony**.
- iii) Instrumental Solo pieces may not be excerpts from ensemble pieces.
- iv) Any electronic backing used as accompaniment in the Contemporary Vocal Discipline, must be an original or authorised downloaded copy and must be sighted. Proof of purchase may be required.
* In 2026 the preferred method for submitting backing tracks is via a cloud drive link, which will be provided closer to the Eisteddfod date. Please ensure that all backing tracks are uploaded by 5:00 pm on the day prior to the event.
- v) In Contemporary Vocal Discipline, a legible copy of the lyrics must be provided for the Adjudicator. In ALL other sections, a copy of the printed music is required, with lyrics if applicable.
- vi) In Vocal Discipline, live accompaniment is preferred. If an accompanist is unavailable, the entrant may use a backing track consisting of ONE instrument only e.g., piano, guitar. The entrant must provide their own playing device for backing tracks in all disciplines except Contemporary V.

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14. ENTRANTS MUST HAVE ORIGINAL MUSIC PRESENT during their performance. Entrants infringing this Rule will be disqualified unless proof of official authorisation of any PHOTOCOPIED material is produced or unless the music or publication is out of copyright. HOWEVER, a photocopy of the music to be performed may be supplied for the use of the Adjudicator but this copy cannot be returned to the entrant. Neither the Society nor Balaklava Community Arts Inc. will be liable for any copyright infringement.

Note: Print Music - Any downloaded print music from the Internet is to be presented with evidence of 'authorization for use' including receipts, and must be sighted by the booking in staff.

**** ONEMUSIC (AMCOS|APRA) COPYRIGHT PERFORMER DECLARATION FORM ****

Available from the Forms page of the Balaklava Eisteddfod website.

www.balaklavaeisteddfod.org.au/forms

Page 1 Part 1: Performer's Declaration

Part 2: Adjudication Copy

Part 3: Accompanist Copy

Part 4: (not required)

Page 2 Part 5: Fill in the title and composer of the pieces being performed.

This form must be completed by all music entrants and be presented to the Booking Officer at each venue for each performance. Spare forms will be available at the booking in office.

Bring completed performer declaration form on day of performance. DO NOT send in advance.

ADJUDICATION

15. The Society reserves the right to appoint a substitute Adjudicator for the announced Adjudicator, for any reason.
16. Entrants must not communicate with the Adjudicator after the entries have closed and before the end of the Eisteddfod, without the prior written approval of the Balaklava Eisteddfod Society. The Society reserves the right to disqualify any entrant who acts in breach of this rule.
17. The Adjudicator's decision relating to the awards of each Section is final.

CONDUCT

18. **Withdrawals:** Entrants who are unable to perform in their nominated Section should notify the Balaklava Eisteddfod Society of withdrawal immediately, as this may affect programming.
19. **a)** A high standard of personal presentation is considered desirable, and will be taken into consideration by the Adjudicator.
b) Entrants must be sensitive to mixed audiences, ages and venues.
c) The Adjudicator reserves the right to terminate a performance and/or disqualify a performer if the performance includes offensive language or content.
20. No parent or teacher is allowed on or behind the stage **UNLESS** accompanying or conducting, or rendering assistance AT THE ADJUDICATOR'S REQUEST.

PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY

21. **a)** Photographs may be taken at the conclusion of each performance in a Section, but **NOT DURING** a performance.
b) A **video licence** to make an **audio-visual recording** of your own family member or school's performance can be obtained from the **ONEMUSIC (APRA|AMCOS) website**.
- For personal use you will need a **Domestic Use Video Licence** To apply online, go to <https://www.apraamcos.com.au/music-licences/select-a-licence/domestic-use-video-licence>
 - **Department of Education, Catholic Education Office or Independent Schools Association schools are covered automatically by the APRA|AMCOS/ARIA Schools Music Licence**. Click link for more information or email schools@apra.com.au.
 - **No videos may be made without a licence** which must be presented if requested. To record a video, you must give your details and collect a videographer badge from the Booking in office, and return badge when finished. No badge means no videotaping.
 - **NO audio or audio-visual recording made under this licence may be shared by way of the Internet, public screenings, competitions, film festivals, TV, radio, online broadcasts or Social Media**.

LIABILITY

22. Balaklava Community Arts Inc., the Balaklava Eisteddfod Society, any of their servants, volunteers or agents shall not be liable for any delay, loss or damage to the property of, or any inconvenience caused to, any Entrants, arising from any cause whatsoever.

Entrants who fail to comply with any of the foregoing Rules and Conditions of Entry may be disqualified. The decisions of the Society shall be final in all questions or disputes that relate directly or indirectly to participation in the Eisteddfod by:

- an Entrant
- an Entrant's parent/guardian
- an Entrant's teacher
- any other person associated with the Entrant

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PHOTO DISCLAIMER - The Balaklava Eisteddfod Society, part of Balaklava Community Arts Inc., reserves the right to take PHOTOGRAPHS to be used FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES (e.g. website, local media, Facebook)

PLEASE ADVISE if there are any entrants who REQUIRE EXCLUSION from such use of photographs.

*** Permission for photos to be used is assumed unless notified otherwise ***