

NELSPRUIT EISTEDDFOD 2023

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Music - Instrumental	Qewlynn Bhana	072 684 8748 qewlynnb@gmail.com	IMC IML	14 – 19 Aug
English Speech & Drama	Lexa Pool	083 600 1775 lexapool300@gmail.com	ENG	31 Jul – 4 Aug
Music – Vocal Choirs	Braam Smit	083 710 3570 braam@nelspruiteisteddfod.co.za	MVC MVL CHR	28 – 31 Aug 1 September
Visual Arts & Photography	Eugené Wait	082 879 9333 Den.ateljee.nelspruit@gmail.com	ART	Submission: 7 & 8 Aug Collection: 15 September
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ENTRIES OPEN 17 MARCH 2023

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 20 MAY 2023

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

IMPORTANT: All Eisteddfod rules must be strictly adhered to in order to avoid disqualification

PROCESS OF ENTERING

1. REGISTRATION OF AFFILIATES (USERS) AND PAYMENT REFERENCE NUMBER

- Each teacher, coach, school or person who wishes to enter participants must register on the website, www.nelspruiteisteddfod.co.za to become an affiliate. **In the event of an affiliate (user) already been registered during 2022, it would not be required to register again in 2023.**
- **Only applicable to new affiliates (users):** Please complete the registration form on the website's "Contact us" page, or follow the links. **The affiliate will be created and a username and password will be sent via e-mail upon receipt of the completed registration form. Only then will the affiliate be able to enter participants into the Eisteddfod.**
- Only electronic registrations and entries via the website will be accepted.
- No person can enter for the Eisteddfod if the above steps are not followed.

2. ENTRY FEES

Solo	R 120-00
Duet	R 75-00 pp
Small group 3-10 members	R 60-00 pp
Groups 11+	R 35-00 pp
Choirs	R 25-00 pp
Competitive Items	R 230-00
Visual Art and Photography	R 120-00
Rock Groups	R 430-00

3. PAYMENTS

PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE WHEN ENTRIES ARE SUBMITTED

- ENTRY FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
- ALL PAYMENTS **MUST BE MADE IN FULL** WHEN ENTRIES ARE COMPLETED.
- FAILURE OF MAKING PAYMENT ON TIME WILL RESULT IN THE PARTICIPANTS BEING **CONSIDERED AS NOT ENTERED** AND THE SYSTEM **WILL NOT INCLUDE THEM IN THE PROGRAMME.**
- IN THE EVENT OF REQUIRING AN INVOICE: THE SYSTEM MAKES PROVISION TO PRINT ONE ON REQUEST.
- BANK DETAILS APPEAR ON THE INVOICE

- **Ensure** that participants are entered in the **correct category**. Affiliates will be held responsible for submitting accurate details. Incorrect information may lead to disqualification.
- In the event of entering participants with special needs, the applicable **SP code** should be filled in the **“NOTE” block** when entering.
- **No work may be presented in more than one division.**
- No work may be repeated by a participant for **two consecutive years**.
- A participant may only **enter once per category**, with the exception of **Music Instrumental**, where the participant may be playing a different instrument.
- Participants may only perform in **his/her own age group** when entering for individual items.
- Groups will be entered under the age of the **oldest participant in that group or grade**, except in the case of FAMILY GROUP items.
- Entries close on **Friday 20 May 2023**.
- **NO late entries can be accommodated as the system will not allow it. Participants that do not appear on the programme will NOT be allowed to participate in the Eisteddfod.**

6. WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPANTS

- Any participant withdrawing from the Eisteddfod will **forfeit the entry fee**.
- If an individual participant withdraws, he/she **cannot be replaced by another participant**. Certificates are pre-printed and therefore no name changes will be made.
- Should a cancellation be necessary, please inform the Head of Division without delay (contact details on page 1)

PROGRAMME

- The programme will be made available on the Eisteddfod website.
- It is of utmost importance to **stick to the time allowed per item** as outlined in the division prospectus. **Time allowed may NOT be exceeded.**
- Any late programme changes will **ONLY** be allowed if they are approved by the Head of Division. These changes will be accommodated after completion of the programme at the end of the day, or at the end of the week.
- Please note that the Eisteddfod will not be able to accommodate time or date clashes with extra-mural activities, due to organisational complexities.
- While the Eisteddfod does its utmost best to ensure the smooth running of the program of each division, there are factors beyond its control which may affect the final programme. Affiliates will be notified, where possible, should any changes be unavoidable.
- Requests for **program changes or shifts** must be communicated via email to the respective Head of Division. Such requests will only be considered if possible. This email with the response of the Head of Division must be **handed in at registration**.

- **NO** participant's time slot will be changed during adjudication, particularly NOT in *Afrikaans Voordrag en Drama* and English Speech and Drama divisions as they have 2 or more adjudicators.
- Covid-19 regulations must be adhered to at all times.
- **Loadshedding may disrupt the programme. The Eisteddfod strives to ensure a smooth running of the programme at all times, but cannot be held liable for unforeseen issues.**

VENUES

- Adjudication of all divisions will take place at the **COMMUNIO Auditorium and Church Hall, C/o Jakaranda and Kaapschehoop Rd, Nelspruit.**
- Please note: The Nelspruit Eisteddfod expects that all participants, especially groups, will **maintain strict discipline**. It is the prerogative of the Head of Division to cancel participation in the case of non-adherence to the above.

REGISTRATION (during the Eisteddfod)

- All participants have to register **30 minutes** before their performance, except in the case of the **Dance division** where **60 minutes** will be applicable.
- Registration tables will be situated in the foyer of the **COMMUNIO Auditorium**.

CERTIFICATES

Adjudicators will award certificates according to the following scale:

90+	A++	Outstanding	PRESTIGE
85 – 89	A+	Excellent	GOLD
80 – 84	A	Very Good	GOLD
75 – 79	B+	Good	SILVER
70 – 74	B	Mastered	SILVER
<69	C	Fair	BRONZE

- **Each participant taking part in the Eisteddfod will** receive a certificate.
- **Names on certificates are pulled from the entry system. Any spelling mistake was made when the performer was entered into the Eisteddfod, not during printing. A reprint may be requested at the venue. Please note that an admin fee will be charged.**
- **The adjudicator's decision is final** and no discussion with the adjudicator will be allowed.

- Adjudicators may **disqualify participants** in the case of non-adherence to the rules and regulations of the Eisteddfod or in the event of plagiarism.
- NO participants, coaches, parents etc. will be allowed at the adjudicator's table during adjudication. It is the prerogative of the Head of Division to request that such a person leave the table.

AWARDS

- Awards will only be made to participants entering the **Competitive Sections**.
- The minimum qualifying mark for an award is **85%**.
- Awards will be presented by the adjudicator **at the end** of each individual Competitive Section.
- Additional awards are also made by friends and sponsors of the Eisteddfod and all details are available in the prospectuses.
- Participants must enter for **a minimum of 3 divisions** to qualify for the **Versatility Trophy**.
- The Versatility trophy will be awarded at the **Eisteddfod Gala evening** to the winner in both the **junior and senior categories**. A formula is used to determine the winner: The number of divisions the participant has entered as well as the highest average marks achieved are considered.

LANGUAGE AND DRESS CODE

- No prejudicial material, derogatory language, costumes or gestures will be allowed during any of the performances and may lead to disqualification.
- No texts of a sensitive, political or blasphemous nature will be allowed.
- Please ensure that the performance content is **age-appropriate**.

PARTICIPANTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

- Special arrangements have been made to accommodate special needs. They may enter any item and will be adjudicated separately.
- Please fill in the relevant **SP code** in the **'NOTE' block** when entering a participant.

DESCRIPTION	SP CODE
SPECIAL AUDITORY NEEDS	SPA
SPECIAL INTELLECTUAL NEEDS	SPI
SPECIAL VISUAL NEEDS	SPV
SPECIAL LEARNING NEEDS	SPL
SPECIAL PHYSICAL NEEDS	SPP

EISTEDDFOD GALA EVENING

- The Gala evening takes place at Communio Church on the 15th of September with a dress rehearsal on the 14th. This event is where the Versatility trophies are awarded.
- The criteria for participation in the Gala evening includes but is not limited to: Entertainment value, quality of the performance and variety. Symbols and/or awards received at the Eisteddfod do not guarantee an invite to perform at the Gala evening. The Committee's decision is final and non-negotiable.

INDEMNITY

- The Nelspruit Eisteddfod cannot be held responsible for any loss, theft or injury **of any person on the premises** sustained during the Eisteddfod or Gala evening.
- Provision has been made for security guards in the parking areas.
- Art work **MUST be collected by 15 September 2023**. The Eisteddfod reserves the right to destroy all art work that has not been collected in 7 working days of the collection date.