

NELSPRUIT EISTEDDFOD 2025

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Entries open 8 April 2025

Closing date for entries: 23 May 2025

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 2023, it would not be required to register again in 2025.**
- **Only applicable to new affiliates (users):** Please complete the registration form on the website's "Contact us" page or follow the links. **Upon receipt of the registration form will the affiliate be created, and a username and password will be received via e-mail. Only then will the affiliate be able to enter participants for the Eisteddfod.**
- Only electronic registrations and entries via the website will be accepted.
- **No person can enter for the Eisteddfod if the above steps were not followed.**

2. ENTRY FEES

Solo	R 130-00
Duet	R 80-00 pp
Small group 3-10 members	R65-00 pp
Groups 11+	R 40-00 pp
Choirs	R 750-00 per Choir
Competitive Items	R 250-00
Visual Art and Photography	R130-00
Rock Groups	R 450-00
Dance Solo	R155 (Includes video clip)

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 PROGRAM.****
- **IN THE EVENT OF REQUIRING AN INVOICE: THE SYSTEM MAKES PROVISION TO PRINT ONE ON REQUEST.**
- **BANK DETAILS APPEAR ON THE INVOICE**

- THE SYSTEM WILL ISSUE A SPECIFIC **ENTRY NUMBER** WHICH WILL SERVE AS **REFERENCE NUMBER** WHEN MAKING PAYMENT EITHER BY DIRECT DEPOSITS OR EFTs.
- PROOF OF PAYMENT MUST BE EMAILED TO wilna@nelspruiteisteddfod.co.za

DETERMINING PARTICIPANT'S AGE GROUP

- Certain disciplines require **the age** of the participant.
- Age group will be determined by the participant's age on **15 August 2024**. (i.e. – if a participant is 10 years old on 15 August 2024, he/she should be entered as u/11).

Please note: PRIMARY SCHOOL = Grade 1 – 7
 SECONDARY SCHOOL = Grade 8 – 12

- **Please take note that the following categories make use of age:**
Visual Art and Photography (ART)
Dance (DNC)
Music Instrumental Classic (IMC)
Music Vocal (MVC)

All other categories make use of the **grade** of the participant.

4. ELECTRONIC ENTRIES

- **Entries open on 8 April 2025.**
- **Only electronic entries will be accepted.** Follow the steps on the website of the Eisteddfod at www.nelspruiteisteddfod.co.za
- **Video clips and manuals are available on the system with guidelines on the entry process.**
- The Eisteddfod will not be responsible for **ANY faulty information** loaded onto the system by affiliates.
- For payment purposes: always use the **specific entry number** as reference.
- The administrator may be contacted for **any enquiries**.

5. DETAILS OF ENTRIES

- All information required on the system must be completed.
- **Verify details** regarding the participant's age/grade, correct spelling of name, item numbers and codes. The name as entered on the system will be the name that appears on the certificate.
- **Ensure** that participants are entered in the **correct category**. Affiliates will be held responsible for submitting accurate details. Incorrect information may lead to the 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 in **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 23 May 2025**.
- **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 (telephone numbers 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. Should any changes be unavoidable, wherever possible, we will notify affiliates.
 - **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.
- **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, except for the Afrikaans and Drama Section that will be at Church Unlimited, 1km out of Nelspruit on the Barberton Road,**
- 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 Dance **Discipline** 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 an electronic 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 discreetly request that such a person leave.

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. Only solo's and Duos**
- The Versatility trophy will be awarded at the **Eisteddfod Gala evening** to the winner. 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 criterion for participation 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 invitation to perform at the Gala evening. The Committee's decision is final and non-negotiable.

The Gala evening takes place on the 15th of September and dress rehearsal on the 14th of September.

- Additional information will be communicated.

INDEMNITY

- The Nelspruit Eisteddfod cannot be held responsible for any loss, theft or injury sustained during the Eisteddfod or Gala evening.
- Provision has been made for security guards in the parking areas.
- Artwork **MUST be collected by 15 August 2025**. The Eisteddfod reserves the right to destroy all artwork that has not been collected in 7 working days of the collection date