

NELSPRUIT EISTEDDFOD 2026

CHOIRS DIVISION (CHR)

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Please read the General Rules as well as these Specific Rules before entering.

Venue: Church Unlimited Mbombela
R40 towards Barberton, Maggiesdal, Mbombela

ENTRY FEE: R800-00 per choir

GENERAL INFORMATION

- All choirs must register **at least 60 minutes prior** to performance time.
- Music scores must be submitted at registration.

SPECIFIC RULES

- **Maximum performance time per choir:**
 - Items CHR 1 – CHR 3: **Maximum 10 minutes**
 - Items CHR 4 – CHR 13: **Maximum 15 minutes**
- **Choir Sizes**
 - Standard Choir: **15 or more members**
 - Chamber Choir: **8–14 members**
- **Programme Requirements**
 - Secondary Schools, Youth Choirs, and Adult Choirs:
 - Perform **3 contrasting works**,
 - Expected to sing **3- or 4-part works**
- **Repertoire Guidance**

Choirs must choose songs from different musical genres and cultures. Music selected should be suitable for the age, vocal range and ability of the choir. Conductors should ensure that songs are comfortable for the singers and allow them to perform confidently and musically. A balanced programme with contrasting styles is recommended, as it helps choirs grow and develop musically.

Choirs may select repertoire from a variety of musical genres, including but not limited to:

- Pop / Jazz (Pop referring to popular music, including Afrikaans popular repertoire)
- Sacred Music (any sacred works)
- Folk Music (music rooted in cultural or community traditions, often reflecting the history and storytelling of a particular people)
- Traditional African Music
- Classical Works (formal concert repertoire, often composed settings of poetry or structured choral works requiring stylistic and technical precision.
 - Piano and choir benches will be provided (accompaniment optional).
 - The **duration of each work** must be indicated on the entry form.

CATEGORIES & ITEM NUMBERS

- **ITEM CHR 1** – Pre-School Choir
- **ITEM CHR 2** – Primary School Junior Choir (Gr 1–3)
- **ITEM CHR 3** – Primary School Senior Choir (Gr 4–7)
- **ITEM CHR 4** – Secondary School Mixed Choir
- **ITEM CHR 5** – Secondary School Girls Choir
- **ITEM CHR 6** – Secondary School Boys Choir
- **ITEM CHR 7** – Adult Mixed Choir
- **ITEM CHR 8** – Male Choir
- **ITEM CHR 9** – Female Choir
- **ITEM CHR 10** – Church Choir
- **ITEM CHR 11** – Chamber Choir (8–14 members)
- **ITEM CHR 12** – Youth Choir

**SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY ENQUIRIES, YOU ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DIVISION
HEAD**