

ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW (EKKA) – COMPETITION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

COMPETITION	Country Music Showdown Presented by Ringers Western
PROMOTOR NAME	The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (“RNA”). The RNA owns, manages and operates the event called the Royal Queensland Show (the “Ekka”)
WEBSITE	www.ekka.com.au
COMPETITION PERIOD	Opens on Thursday 24 June 2021 at 9.00am AEST Concludes Friday 16 July 2021 at 11.59pm AEST
VIDEO SOLICIT PERIOD	Opens on Thursday 24 June 2021 at 9.00am AEST Concludes Friday 16 July 2021 at 11.59pm AEST
ENTRY RESTRICTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Entry is open to amateur and semi-professional artists only. A semi-professional is one who earns some money as a performer but is not dependent on such income for a living and hasn’t toured professionally. ▪ All material performed must be in the country genre and must be accompanied by the correct charts and key ▪ Entrants who win 1st place in the Junior or Open category may not compete in the same category again ▪ All entrants competing in the Junior Category must be between the ages of 12 and 17 years. ▪ All entrants competing in the Open Category must be over 18 years of age as at 30 June 2021.
ENTRY FEES	Entry to the Open Category of the competition will incur a fee of \$60 and entry into the Junior Category will incur a fee of \$40. This fee is to be paid upon successful entry into the competition. There are limited spaces in the competition. Entrants will be advised of their success after the closing date. There will be no refund of fees should the entrant change their mind or if the entrant fails to register on the day, except in special circumstances at the discretion of management. This fee includes entry into the grounds.
MAXIMUM ENTRIES	Up to two people per entry permitted (solo or duo) – only one prize is allocated to each entry into the competition.
ENTRY PROCEDURE*	To enter entrants must, during the Competition Period, visit the Website and register their details via the online form. Entrants must submit two (2) links of a YouTube video of them performing during the Video Solicit Period, and subscribe to the Ekka YouTube Channel. Entrants are restricted to submitting one (1) original song out of two (2) submissions.
COMPETITION DETAILS	This is a competition of skill. Entrants in both the Junior and Open Category will be judged by a panel of industry experts with four place getters in each category being selected – first, second, third and encouragement awards. Judges’ decisions are final. Upon request, judging sheets may be supplied to the entrant after completion of the event at the discretion of the Ekka management.
TIMING OF EVENTS	All entrants must be present for registration at their given time at the registration desk, located in XXXX Stockmen’s Bar and Grill. All entrants must present themselves to the Stage Manager twenty minutes prior to their performance and remain in the back stage area ready to go on stage. All entrants must be in attendance for the judging and awards ceremony. Every effort will be made to adhere to the program, but changes may be made at the discretion of Ekka management.

EQUIPMENT	<p>Due to space restrictions, the instruments permitted on stage will include: all instruments for use by the backing band and one instrument to be played by the entrant. If you are part of a duo or have an accompanying instrument and musician then additional instruments may be permitted at the discretion of management.</p> <p>Apart from the entrant's own instrument/s, the drums supplied by Ekka management will be the only equipment which contestants are permitted to use or operate. No pre-recorded backing music which includes midi or drum machines may be used. No pre-recorded backing vocals will be permitted.</p>
DRESS CODE	<p>The entrants must be in suitable stage attire, neat country dress encouraged. No singlets, shorts or thongs are to be worn on stage. No logos, slogans, or statements featured.</p>
NOTIFICATION OF ENTRANTS	<p>Entrants will be notified of their acceptance by telephone and/or email by Friday 23 July. They will be asked to pay the entry fee and submit their score sheets once they have been accepted. Entrants who do not pay the entry fee by the chosen date will not be permitted to perform. Score sheets will be passed onto the backing band so they have time to learn the music.</p>
CANCELLATIONS	<p>Management reserves the right to limit or cancel any performances without notice. Depending on the availability of entrants, replacements will be accepted at the discretion of Ekka management.</p>
PUBLICATION DETAILS	<p>Ekka management reserve the right to publish winner(s) on the website www.ekka.com.au</p>
PRIZE CLAIM DETAILS	<p>Prizes must be claimed at the time of the announcement or as otherwise specified by the Promoter.</p>
UNCLAIMED PRIZE ARRANGEMENTS	<p>Ekka management reserves the right to re-award unclaimed prizes to the next placed entrant.</p>
ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ekka and participating sponsors are not responsible for mutilated, mis-uploaded or late contest entries. ▪ Winners are responsible for applicable travel and accommodation, if required. ▪ Management will not be responsible for any loss or injury to persons or property throughout Ekka. Each entrant shall not encourage any person/s up on stage. Each entrant must behave professionally at all times. There is to be no swearing and artists must not perform songs that contain inappropriate themes or language or they will face disqualification. ▪ Ekka has permission to take photographs of performers and has full copyright. Ekka reserves the right to use any images taken of performers on social media, websites, advertisements and any other format for marketing and publicity opportunities. ▪ Ekka will have full control of all advertising either by radio/newspaper/flyers etc. Any entrants wishing to advertise on their social media pages or websites may do so however you may not use the Ekka logo without prior approval. ▪ There is no parking on the grounds. There is ample public transport to and from the grounds and alternative parking is available within walking distance of the grounds. <p>*Please note: failure to adhere to any of the above criteria may result in immediate disqualification. Terms and Conditions are subject to change at discretion of Ekka management.</p>