

Entering for Solos/Duos/Trios and Quartets at Eisteddfods

Most Eisteddfods have solo sections as well as duo's, trios, quartets and groups. Sometimes they group the duos, trios and quartets together, due to lack of entries.

The local eisteddfods run between April and September each year.

The parent of the soloist, duet/trio or quartet must do their own entries for each eisteddfod.

It is the responsibility of the parent to fill out the forms, pay the entry fee and post the forms and entry fee to the appropriate eisteddfod committee by the due date.

The closing dates are often months prior to the eisteddfod so you must keep checking; either the individual eisteddfod website (please see our eisteddfod website list below) or with your teacher.

Northern Beaches Eisteddfod is the first cab off the rank, followed by Extreme, and then Ryde.

Sydney, Ashfield and Dance Attack (Gosford) Eisteddfods are other possible eisteddfods you can enter, however the VSSS rarely enters groups in these eisteddfods and therefore it is up to you to follow the entry times for these. There are dozens of other eisteddfods that take place all over Sydney and you are encouraged to enter as many as you like.

NOTE:

- Sydney Eisteddfod have a website and entries can be done directly on the website.
- Hornsby eisteddfod does not have a section for soloists.
- Northern Beaches require a self-addressed stamped envelope for them to send out confirmation of your entry.

You must have at least 2 copies of the music burnt on CDs. *It is amazing how many cd players do not read certain burnt cd's. It is better to be safe, than sorry.* The cd should only have the 1 song on it.

The cd needs to have the section number, the entry number and whether they are starting on stage or off stage written on the label. It is always good to put the child/ren name on there as well.

When you arrive at an eisteddfod you must ask at the front desk where you have to hand in your music. Do this ASAP. Once that is done, you can then arrange with the DVD recorders to have the dance recorded (this is always at a cost). Sometimes there is a photographer at the venue. You can see him/her for instructions on how to purchase photos of the dance.

The dancer/s are usually required back-stage at the end of the prior section. Nobody but the dancers is allowed back stage. This is a good time for the dancers to stretch and *get into the zone*. They must remember their number, as often they will only call out the competitors' number.

Once the dancer/s have finished, they will be allowed to come back to the audience where you are seated. Please do this in between dancers; do not walk around the auditorium whilst another competitor is dancing (it can be distracting).

At the end of your section, you will need to collect your music and adjudicators' report from the front reception desk. REMEMBER to collect your DVD (if you ordered one).

We hope this information has been of some help to the new eisteddfod parents.

These are the only websites we have:

Northern Beaches Eisteddfod

<http://www.northernbeacheseisteddfod.com.au>

Sydney Eisteddfod

<http://www.sydneyeisteddfod.com.au>

Ryde Eisteddfod

<http://users.bigpond.net.au/dawn>