

**2018 NZ MARCHING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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| Team Entry          | <p>Team entries have been and will continue to be until the completion of the Championships, subject to acceptance by the Board of Marching New Zealand. Teams must at all times abide by the Constitution, Policies and Rules of Participation of Marching New Zealand and any terms and conditions outlined by Marching New Zealand or Host Association Marching Waikato.</p> <p>Any changes from the names of marchers and names or positions of Team Officials provided on the entry form are to be notified promptly to the CEO at <a href="mailto:ceo@marching.co.nz">ceo@marching.co.nz</a> with a copy to the Host Association Championship Secretary, Marie Brown at <a href="mailto:waikato@marching.co.nz">waikato@marching.co.nz</a>. Likewise, if there has been a change in accommodation and/or estimated time of arrival from that provided on the entry form, this change is to be notified promptly to the Host Association.</p> |
| Official Hotel      | <p>Ibis Hamilton Tainui, 18 Alma Street, Hamilton.<br/>(Teams are asked not to accommodate at the Official Hotel.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Championship Dates  | <p>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Official Opening<br/>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Qualifying March<br/>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Bowl, Plate and Championship March</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Contest Venue       | <p>Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Venue Entry         | <p>FREE entry for Teams<br/>Supporters/spectators \$15 Friday only or \$20 Friday &amp; Saturday.<br/>Tickets available from Ticketek.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Street Parade       | <p>Marching Waikato has advised there will be NO Street Parade</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Official Opening    | <p>The Official Opening will be held Thursday afternoon at the venue, commencing with a March Past at 4.00pm. Team are asked to assemble at 3.30pm</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Judges              | <p>Members of the Judging Panel are<br/>           Compliance Marcelle Burke (Wellington)<br/>           Technical A Jenny Cox (Canterbury)<br/>           Technical B Kaylene Mokotupu (Canterbury) &amp; Gay Cubitt (Waikato)<br/>           Technical C Victoria Law (Canterbury) &amp; Robyn Powell (Southland)<br/>           Technical D Sue Cornelius (Nelson) &amp; Pauline Ward (Southland)<br/>           Display Robert Gibbison (Wellington) &amp; Brenda Potter (Waikato)</p> <p>The marching grades they will be officiating on will be circulated on 1<sup>st</sup> March by the Technical Manager.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Pre-Contest Meeting | <p>Team Coach/s or a Team representative are to meet with the Technical Manager, Director of Coaching, Director of Judging and Host Association Championship Secretary at the contest venue, for a Pre-Contest Meeting at the conclusion of the Official Opening.</p> <p>At this meeting Team Registration Cards, music media, replacement marcher requests and emergency dispensations will be accepted and entrance/exits to contest area, location of warm up areas, the location and times for collecting Judges Sheets, where Coach/Judge interviews will be held, and the location for the collection of Master Sheets will be advised.</p> <p>The TWP recommend that coaches hand in their spare CD at the time of handing in their Team Registration Card and CD for the competition. This would save time</p>                                                                                                                             |

and confusion should the music malfunction – the 2nd CD will already be with the Sound Technician.

For Teams who have chosen later travel options and will not be present, Coach/s will hand in Registration Card and music media to the Technical Manager no later than 60 minutes prior to the commencement of that Grades Qualifying March.

Team Officials and Marchers are also welcome at the contest venue at this time to familiarise themselves with changing facilities and general surroundings of the contest venue: Teams are not permitted to train at the venue.

Judges are to meet with the Director of Judging, time and venue to confirmed by the Director of Judging

#### Championship format

Judges are asked to take up their judging position at least 5minutes prior to the commencement of the grade they are adjudicating.

Team No 1 is asked to report to the Marshal at the gate/entrance at least 5minutes prior to the commencement of the grade. All other Teams are required to follow in order of draw, irrespective of whether or not the timetable is running early. Teams are required to take instructions from the Marshals in order to keep the timetable running smoothly and without delays.

Qualifying March (first march) results will determine allocation into the Championship, Plate or Bowl March (second march) as per MNZ Rule of Participation NZC3.

#### Judging Sheets

Qualifying March Judging Sheets will be available from the Director of Coaching, location to be advised at the pre-contest meeting.

Coach/Judge Interviews to ask clarifying questions only of the Qualifying March Judging Sheets to be held at the conclusion of the morning and afternoon sessions. (As per MNZ Rule of Participation NZC13-1)

At the completion of Coach/Judge interviews a Draw for the Championship, Plate and Bowl March can be collected by Coaches from the Director of Coaching. A copy of the Draw will also be available later from the Souvenir Stand.

Championship, Plate and Bowl March Judging Sheets will be sealed in the Team Envelope available at the conclusion of the presentation of Awards for that march.

#### Master Sheets

Team Coaches can collect Master Sheets from the Director of Coaching, location to be advised at the pre-contest meeting. Master Sheets for members of the Judging Panel will be available from the Director of Judging.

Qualifying March Master Sheets will be sealed in the Team Envelope and will not be available until the end of the championships, at the conclusion of the presentation of the Championship March Awards. If your Team is departing early these will be forwarded on to the Team Coach. Championship, Plate and Bowl March Master Sheets will be available at the conclusion of the presentation of awards for that march.

#### March Past

The pageantry of any Championship is best shown in the March Past and a March Past will form part of the Official Opening. The March Past routine will be the 'Simple March Past New Zealand Championships' circulated by the Technical Manager and is available on the website listed with the Technical Details for the applicable grade. The March Past will NOT be judged and is for Teams only. Coaches will assemble in the same march past order in preparedness to join their Teams. It is optional for Team Chaperones and Managers to join the Team.

#### Presentation of Awards

Team Coach/s will accompany the Team when marching forward to receive awards. Trophies, Championship Badge/Bars and Plate/Bowl Badge/Bars only will be presented. MNZ Grade Badges, as required, will need to be collected from the Trophy Custodian at the conclusion of the presentation of awards in the Recorders Room, location to be advised at the pre-contest meeting. The MNZ Grade Badges are designed that the Marcher can attach the Championship Bars and they receive one Badge per marcher per Grade, not one Badge every year. All Awards presented as per MNZ Rule of Participation NZC11.

In the event of an award 'draw' there will be a coin toss for whom will take the award. Should your Team not be presented with the award at presentation then please report to the Recorders Room to order the appropriate award/s. Same process for any badges/bars in addition to those presented to the Team. No orders for additional badge/bars will be placed after 31<sup>st</sup> March

**Parade of Champions** The consensus of the 2014 Annual Meeting was that the Parade of Champions will be for the NZ Champion Senior Team, NZ Champion Under 16 Team, NZ Champion Under 12 Team and NZ Champion Masters Team only. Teams will be asked to take the 'parade of champions march' at the conclusion of the presentation of awards.

**Flag Ceremony** The Flag Ceremony will be held at the conclusion of the Parade of Champions, all Teams are to remain assembled on the field whilst the NZ Championship Host Association President returns the NZ Championship Flag to the MNZ President, who will present it to the next NZ Championship Host Association President.

**Safety & Security:** It is the responsibility of all Team Officials to ensure the safety and well being of Team Members and the safe keeping of personal belongings.

Please be considerate of Invited Guests, spectators and other participants, when giving support to teams. Excessive noise is not tolerated well by some and the use of Air Horns is not permitted.

A room at the venue has been allocated to the Judging Panel where they can leave personal belongings while on the field adjudicating.

**Filming** Marching New Zealand may engage camera operators, and as the conducting organisation, will have the right to sell and /or provide footage and /or the rights for the coverage in respect of any filming of performances of competing Teams. Any recorded footage retained by Marching New Zealand will not be for sale, but may be used for Coach and/or Judge training at local, regional and/or national levels, in the future.

Television cameras and print media photographers may also be in attendance and Award Presentations will be 'live screened' via face book.

**Enquiries** Any enquiries about entry to, arrangements or the conduct of the Championships are to be directed to Marching New Zealand Inc, PO Box 3197, Richmond, Nelson 7050, email [ceo@marching.co.nz](mailto:ceo@marching.co.nz) or telephone 03 546 3330

Any technical enquiries on the day/s of the Championship are to be directed to the Technical Manager.

