

2021 NZ MARCHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship Dates	Thursday 18 th March 2021 – Official Opening Friday 19 th March 2021 - Qualifying March Saturday 20 th March 2021 - Bowl/Plate/Championship March
Host Association	Marching Otago (Inc)
Conducting Authority	Marching New Zealand (Inc)
Official Hotel	Scenic Hotel Southern Cross, 118 High Street, Dunedin is the Official Hotel for adjudicating Judges, MNZ Officials and Invited Guests. Teams are asked not to accommodate at the Official Hotel.
Contest Venue	More FM Arena, 116 Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin Marching indoors on a carpeted floor.
Team Entry	<p>Team entries have been and will continue to be until the completion of the Championship, subject to acceptance by Marching New Zealand. Teams must abide by the MNZ Constitution, Policies, Rules of Participation and any terms and conditions outlined by Marching New Zealand or Host Association Marching Otago.</p> <p>Any changes of names of marchers and names or positions of Team Officials provided on the entry form are to be notified promptly to the CEO ceo@marching.co.nz with a copy to Host Association Championship Secretary otago@marching.co.nz. 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.</p>
Emergency Contact	Team entry form records a Team Emergency contact name, phone number and email. Please ensure the person named, if providing a work email address, do receive work emails when not at work.
Venue Entry	<p>Team Supporter and Spectator Ticket information has been circulated by Marching Otago and is also available from the MNZ website – Events Page.</p> <p>Tickets are Friday \$5 per person, Saturday \$25 Adults, \$15 Child (aged 5-12 years), Under 5 Free, not guaranteed a seat and may need to sit on your knee, for a guaranteed seat purchase \$15 Child ticket. Spectator seating is upstairs, with wheelchair provision at the ground floor.</p> <p>Team Seating in West Stand will be FREE. If Teams require general public grandstand seating, they will need to purchase tickets.</p>
Judges	Appointed to the Judging Panel are Compliance Marcella Burke Technical A Jenny Cox and Sue Stenning Technical B Gaylene McRae and Dianne Cox Technical C Nicola Rillstone and Clare McKissick Technical D Katharine Simonsen and Pauline Ward Display Victoria Kingsley-Holmes, Brenda Potter and Bob Gibbison,
Director of Coaching	The role of Director of Coaching for the Championships will be covered by the Technical Manager, Mrs Barbara Newman. Neither the role of the Technical Manager or the Director of Coaching will be compromised under this arrangement.
Music media	Music media must be submitted to the Host Association as per their format instructions and sent electronically direct to Marching Otago marchingotagomusic@gmail.com by 28 th February.
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A copy of the Team music is required to be carried by the Coach in case of unforeseen circumstances with the original music and must be readily available at the NZ Championship.

- Pre-Contest Meeting**
- Team Coach/s or a Team representative are to meet with the Technical Manager, Director of Judging and the Association Championship Secretary at the contest venue for a Pre-Contest Meeting at the conclusion of the Official Opening.
- At this meeting Team Registration Cards, replacement marcher requests and emergency dispensations will be collected and entrance/exits to contest area, location of warm up areas, the location for collecting Judges Sheets, where Coach/Judge interviews will be held, and the location for the collection of Master Sheets will be advised.
- For Teams who have chosen later travel options and will not be present, the Team Coach will hand in the Registration Card to the Technical Manager no later than 60 minutes prior to the commencement of Teams Grade Qualifying March.
- Judges are to meet with the Director of Judging, time and venue to be confirmed by the Director of Judging.
- Leaders over the Course**
- Leaders will have an opportunity to go over the course at the conclusion of the Pre-Contest Meeting and are to assemble under instruction of the Marshall. Leaders over the Course is not compulsory.
- Official Opening**
- The Official Opening of the Championships will be held at 4 pm on Thursday at the More FM Arena, the contest venue.
- March Past**
- The pageantry phase of any Championship is 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' as recommended by the TWP 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 (no Coach, Chaperon, Manager).
- Teams are asked to assemble under instruction of the Marshall at 3.30 pm in readiness for the March Past to the Official Opening commencing at 4 pm.,
- 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 Marshall 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 Marshall in order to keep the timetable running smoothly and without delays.
- Qualifying March is 'March n Go' and Coach/Judge Interviews, for clarification only, will be co-ordinated by the Director of Judging and held at the conclusion of the Qualifying March morning and afternoon sessions. (Rule of Participation NZC13-1)
- At the conclusion of Coach/Judge interviews a copy of the Contest Draw for the Championship March, Plate March and Bowl March (if applicable) will be available from the Technical Manager and will be emailed to the Team address provided on the entry form and, published on the MNZ website shortly after the completion of Coach/Judge interviews.
- The Team's placing from Qualifying March will determine allocation into the Championship, Plate and Bowl March (if applicable). (Rule of Participation NZC3.4).
- Bowl March (if applicable) will be followed by the Plate March and at the conclusion of the Plate March will be the Presentation of Awards.
- The Championship March will be followed by the Presentation of Awards, Parade of Champions and the Closing Flag Ceremony.

Judging Sheets	<p>Qualifying March Judging Sheets will be available from the Technical Manager, location to be advised at the pre-contest meeting.</p> <p>Judging Sheets for the Championship March, Plate March and Bowl March will be available at the conclusion of the presentation of Awards for that march</p>
Master Sheets	<p>Team Coaches can collect Master Sheets from the Technical Manager, 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.</p> <p>Championship March, Plate March and Bowl March (if applicable) Master Sheets will be available at the conclusion of the presentation of awards for that march.</p> <p>Qualifying March Master Sheets will be sealed in the Team's Envelope and will not be available until the end of the championship on Saturday; at the conclusion of the presentation of Championship March Awards, Parade of Champions and Closing Flag Ceremony.</p> <p>If your Team is departing early Master Sheets will be forwarded to the Team Coach.</p>
Presentation of Awards	<p>Team Coach/s will accompany the Team when marching forward to receive awards. Trophies, Championship Badge and Championship Bars and Plate/Bowl Badge/Bars will be presented. At the conclusion of the presentation of awards MNZ Grade Badges, as required, can be collected from the Trophy Custodian in the Recorders Room, location to be advised at the pre-contest meeting. The MNZ Grade Badges are designed that the Marcher can attach Championship Bars and they receive one Badge per marcher per Grade, not one Badge every year. All Awards are presented as per MNZ Rule of Participation NZC11.</p> <p>In the event of an award 'draw' there will be a coin toss for which Team will take the award. Should your Team not be presented with the award at presentation then please report to the Recorders Room and order the appropriate award/s from the Trophy Custodian. The same process for any badges/bars in addition to those presented to the Team.</p> <p>No orders for additional badge/bars will be placed after 31st March 2021.</p>
Parade of Champions	<p>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.</p>
Flag Ceremony	<p>Closing 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 then present it to the next NZ Championship Host Association President.</p>
Safety & Security	<p>It is the responsibility of all Team Management to ensure the safety and well being of Team Members and the safe keeping of personal belongings.</p> <p>Please be considerate of Invited Guests, spectators, supporters and other participants when giving support to teams. Excessive noise is not tolerated well by some and the use of Air Horns is <u>not permitted</u>.</p> <p>A room at the venue has been allocated to the Judging Panel where they can leave personal belongings while on the field adjudicating.</p>
COVID-19	<p>COVID-19 is still present in New Zealand so please be careful and maintain good hygiene behaviours reinforcing the basics: wash or sanitise your hands, scan QR codes, turn on Bluetooth tracing on the NZ COVID Tracer app and stay home if you're sick and get advice on whether to take a test.</p>
Filming	<p>Marching New Zealand may engage TV and other 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 may be used for Coach and/or Judge training at local and/or national level, in the future.</p>

Enquiries

Any enquiries about entry to, arrangements or the conduct of the Championships are to be directed to Marching New Zealand Inc email 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.

