



ROYAL SOUTH STREET SOCIETY  
BALLARAT EISTEDDFOD



# ACU Speech, Drama & Comedy 2025

## Rules and Conditions of Entry

Dates:

Monday 11 August to Friday 15 August  
(Subject to entries)

**VENUE:**

Australian Catholic University (ACU)  
Connors Hall  
1200 Mair Street, Ballarat

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## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1 Competitor - A competitor may only enter each section once,
- 1.2 Repeat of Items - An item by a competitor can only be performed once during the current competitions.
- 1.3 Competitors who have been taught or coached by the adjudicator of their section within the last 12 months are ineligible to enter or may compete for a crit only.
- 1.4 The Royal South Street Society's preferred form of communication is via email [admin@royalsouthstreet.com.au](mailto:admin@royalsouthstreet.com.au)
- 1.5 It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure they are receiving any email sent by Royal South Street Society representatives.
- 1.6 All competitors and patrons must observe directions given by theatre personnel, Royal South Street Society Staff and Volunteers.

## 2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Age limit will be deemed as at the 01 January of the current year
- 2.2 Entries open Friday 01 March and all entries must be received by the closing date Wednesday 30 April 2025
- 2.3 An entry confirmation will be generated for the competitor, and it will be the competitors' responsibility to confirm all details of the entry are correct.
- 2.4 Should alterations be required, a request via email must be forwarded to [admin@royalsouthstreet.com.au](mailto:admin@royalsouthstreet.com.au).
- 2.5 The society is not responsible for entries lost through failed electronic transmission or incorrectly submitted online.
- 2.6 Please check your junk mail folder if you do not receive a confirmation email.
- 2.7 For any section to proceed a minimum of **three (3)** entries must be received, unless at the discretion of the RSSS. Where appropriate sections may be combined where the minimum entries are not received

## 3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 No entry will be accepted unless processed online with full payment.
- 3.2 Entry fees are shown with discipline section items in the Competition Schedule.
- 3.3 Schools, clubs etc. may request an invoice by submitting a purchase order to [admin@royalsouthstreet.com.au](mailto:admin@royalsouthstreet.com.au) which must be paid within 21 days of receiving the invoice.
- 3.4 Fees are invoiced and payable to the Royal South Street Society
- 3.5 Fees are non-refundable once entries close. For more information read our [Refunds, Withdrawals and Late Entry](#) Policy.
- 3.6 The board reserves the right to refuse an entry subject to the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities.

## 4. PERFORMANCE STIPULATIONS.

- 4.1 Time limits – must be adhered to as specified in each section. Time Limit ~ A warning bell will be rung when the time limit is reached and again 15 seconds later at which time the competitor must finish and leave the stage. The Competitor will be adjudicated to that point only.
- 4.2 NO prompting or assistance of any kind may be rendered during the performance of any item, except by the adjudicator or a person appointed by Royal South Street.
- 4.3 Competitors are requested to wear rehearsal blacks..
- 4.4 In all sections a copy of the selection or reading must be presented for the adjudicator; impromptu & prepared speech, and devised sections excluded
- 4.5 Black rostrum blocks are available for use
- 4.6 For sections with 2 (two) or more competitors, group can enter only once in each section. However, individual competitors may be members of a maximum of two groups.
- 4.7 Competitors are welcome to perform their own work (unless the section states that the work of a specific author must be performed). However, the competitor's writing does not form part of the Adjudication

## 5. COMPETITION ENTRY DISCLAIMERS

### Copyright

- 5.1 I/we declare that I/we own the original of my chosen work and can present the original, or proof of purchase, if requested. This includes the original sheet music, music book, and/or the purchase of authorised sound recordings. For a detailed list of the [RSSS copyright agreement](#), please click on link. I/we recognise failure to comply with copyright conditions and procedures will result in the competitor being unable to compete.

### Risk

- 5.2 I/we recognise that the Royal South Street Society is insured for public liability which does not comprehensively cover injury to performers, and that individuals or schools must ensure that they are adequately covered whilst performing in these competitions or otherwise enter at their own risk.

### Photography, Videography & Image Consent

- 5.3 We encourage all schools/group/clubs to assist us to promote the performing arts and the RSSS Eisteddfod. The Royal South Street Society reserves the right to promote our core business (eisteddfod) for marketing and sponsorship which is critical to the ongoing promotion of the performing arts and our success. As such we must take and share professional photographs and/or video footage of various performers on our stage for all our disciplines. It is impossible for us to check with every school, for group/school/club photography consent for every single performer on our stage. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the school/group/club to inform us prior to the discipline competition commencing, if the school/group cannot be photographed for any reason. As per our Child Safe Policy, consent can be advised or

withdrawn throughout the competition, but the onus to do so is on the school. Parents/carers are given an opportunity to provide consent for individual entries when they enter as individuals/soloists.

- 5.4 In support of Child Safe Standards, Royal South Street Society provides parents/guardians/teachers and entrants (over the age of 18) an advance option (for consent or non-consent) for children (under the age of 18) to be photographed (as per the following clauses) upon initial eisteddfod registration, and the reminder and/or opportunity to review their decision periodically (in case circumstances change or the child in question would prefer not to be photographed). Royal South Street Society reserves the right to use this initial and ongoing consent information to guide the following photography, videography and image use on an annual eisteddfod basis:
- 5.5 Any such photograph, recording or broadcast may be used at RSSS's discretion for publicity or promotional purposes, including, but not limited to, competition results, print and broadcast media and social media. Any use of images shall not necessarily constitute an endorsement of any participants, and no remuneration or compensation whatsoever shall be attributable to any participants so featured.
- 5.6 No photography or videography of any kind or any mobile device is permitted in the dressing rooms by any participant, teacher, supporter, RSSS staff member or stakeholder.
- 5.7 No remuneration or compensation whatsoever shall be attributable to any participants so featured in promotional publications or material.
- 5.8 Should the entrant have any personal or legal reasons which would preclude them from this, Royal South Street Society should be notified upon entry, or throughout the competition season. Consent can be withdrawn via this form; [Withdraw My Consent](#)
- 5.9 Royal South Street Society may publicise the name, profile and photograph of an entrant in eisteddfod publications and results, via electronic, social and printed media at its discretion.

#### Personal Details

- 5.10 Personal details provided by an entrant via entry form are for Royal South Street Society identification use only and are not released to third parties except at Royal South Street Society's discretion, after consultation with the entrant, to known organisations, when an opportunity may be beneficial to an entrant such as a scholarship, for example.

#### Conditions

- 5.11 Competitors/guardians acknowledge that I/we have read and agree to abide by the RSSS Speech and Drama Competition Rules and Conditions or Entry.
- 5.12 Competitors/guardians acknowledge that failure to comply with any of the foregoing rules and conditions may result in disqualification, the withholding of prizes, and a future bar in competition.
- 5.13 The decision of the Board or Discipline Chair in all questions or disputes arising out of or not provided for, by the rules and regulations, will be final.
- 5.14 All entries are received according to this condition and in the spirit of friendly competition upon which the eisteddfod is based; accordingly, no dispute shall become the subject of any appeal at law.

#### Medication

- 5.15 Competitors/guardians acknowledge that it is the responsibility of individual competitors who require medication to ensure that they always carry

medication with them and have it easily accessible side stage in the event they should require it. It is the individual competitor's responsibility to have a responsible person present to administer the medication in case of an emergency.

## 6. ADJUDICATORS

- 6.1 The board reserves the right to appoint a co-adjudicator, or assistant, or substitute adjudicator when necessary.
- 6.2 The adjudicator's decision shall be final.
- 6.3 Any unwanted communication with the adjudicators, either by competitors, teachers, parents or other interested parties during the competition is prohibited. Discipline Chairs or their delegates from their sub-committee may approach the Adjudicators when and if required to do.

## 7. PRIZES

- 7.1 A detailed critique by the adjudicator will be provided for competitors at the end of each debate.
- 7.2 Prize money, medals and ribbons will be presented at the grand final
- 7.3 Certificates may be purchased through the office or via this link [Order My Certificate](#).
- 7.4 The adjudicator has the right to withhold any prize.

## 8. COMPETITORS OBLIGATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

- 8.1 Proof of Age – The board reserves the right to ask any competitor to provide a proof of age. Any prize money may be withheld until such proof has been provided.
- 8.2 Personal presentation – All competitors are requested to dress neatly and present well on stage.
- 8.3 Performances should be appropriate to the competitors' age and to community values. Inappropriate language and movements are not appreciated.
- 8.4 Competitors are expected and encouraged to be present for the entire section in which they are entered.
- 8.5 Withdrawals - If you know you need to withdraw before the competition you must contact the office asap, details on first page. This will help with our planning on the day

## 9. CHILD SAFE STANDARDS

- 9.1 In accordance with the current [Child Safe Policy](#) (effective July 2023) all persons attending RSSS Competitions should have read the current Child Safe Policy. As indicated in this policy, all persons over 18 entering the Dressing Rooms or Back Stage areas will need to show their Working with Children Card or equivalent.