

COMPETITION RULES - BRAND NEW STAR - July 2022

The **Organiser** of Brand New Star is Coast Community Broadcasters Inc. t/as **todayscountry94one**.

All performers who enter and participate in the **todayscountry94one** Brand New Star (the Competition) acknowledge they are subject to the following rules and requirements.

Entry Criteria - Entry to the Competition is free and open to single performers, duos and vocal trios aged **15 years and older as at 10 July 2022**. Volunteers and employees of Coast Community Broadcasters Inc. are ineligible to participate as entrants.

Entry by Application - All entrants must complete an entry form and provide all requested supporting documents and mp3 / videos attachments /social media and /or YouTube links.

Entries must be received by 5pm on Thursday 01 July 2022.

An Entry Acknowledgement Receipt will be sent to the email address provided on the entry form.

To ensure that entries and attachments can be safely opened:

- Documents will only be accepted in PDF format
- Music will only be accepted in mp3 format
- Videos will only be accepted in AVI, WMV or MP4 formats.

All applicants will be advised which heat they have been allocated by **Monday 4 July 2022**.

Venues for Heats and Grand Final

This year's competition is being held at three venues commencing at 2pm.

Heat 1 – Sunday 10 July - Club Wyong, 15 Margaret St, Wyong

Heat 2 – Sunday 17 July - Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd, Woy Woy

Grand Final – Sunday 24 July – Hali Bowling Club, 50 Natuna Ave, Budgewoi

Please note – all Heats and the Grand Final take place on licensed premises. Any entrant under 18 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Prizes for the Grand Final include;

- One song recording with renowned producer Simon Johnson at Hillbilly Hutt Studio
- A song writing session with Bryce Sainty, 2011 winner of Brand New Star
- drøm – Surf, Skate & Streetwear
- A Zoom mentoring session with Karen Waters, Red Rebel Music, Vice Chair of the Country Music Association of Australia and Stuart Coupe, Music Journalist
- 3 x 4 piece charts from John Coker's Readymade Music catalogue
- All Grand Finalists will be invited to perform at a Central Coast Country Music Assoc. event.

Performance Rules - At the Heats and Grand Final, all entrants are required to sing **two songs**, one of which can be an original or co-written song. The other song **must** be a Cover of a country song. Alternatively, entrants can sing two Cover songs.

Songs must be a maximum of **4 minutes** each.

Entrants in the Heats **must** register with the Stage Manager at **least 30 minutes** before the nominated start time.

Information & Additional Obligations for the Grand Final - Finalists may vary their performance or use the same songs performed in their Heat. Finalists will be performing with a Band but may elect to perform one of their songs solo or with their accompanist. Additional information in regards the Finals will be distributed to heat winners.

Music Charts : Finalists will be required to email, three(3) days before the Grand Final, music charts and mp3 / video (a smart phone recording will suffice) of themselves performing the songs of their choice for their Grand Final performance to the Music Director, info@simonjohnsonmusic.com and cc info@todayscountry94one.com

Finalists **must** arrive to go over their charts with the Music Director and Band by **12:30 pm** on the day of the **Grand Final**. Further details on this will be supplied to all Finalists. The failure to supply charts may result in disqualification and replacement with another entrant in the Grand Final.

Adjudication - At the Heats there will be a minimum of three(3) adjudicators. At the Grand Final, there will be a minimum of four(4) adjudicators. The adjudicator/s' decision in accordance is final. Any adjudicator who is related to, or has taught or coached privately or has a perceived conflict of interest with any entrant will not adjudicate on the performance of that entrant. Communication with an adjudicator in relation to an entrant's performance prior to or during the Competition is strictly prohibited. If it is established that an entrant or person associated with an entrant has made personal contact with the adjudicator before or during a session to influence an adjudicator that entrant may be disqualified.

Entrants may seek feedback from the head adjudicator or individual adjudicators at the conclusion of each Heat or the Grand Final.

Tickets - There is no cost for the public or family and friends of the Entrant to attend the Heats. There is an admission charge for the public and family and friends to attend the Grand Final at Hali Bowling Club, Budgewoi. Each Grand Finalist will be admitted free and given two complimentary tickets for family or friends.

Right to Broadcast, Publish and/or Photograph - **todayscountry94one** reserves the right to record, film, broadcast, video or photograph any Entrant in the competition without notification and any such photograph, recording or broadcast may be used at their discretion for publicity or promotional purposes. No remuneration or compensation is payable to any entrant so featured.

todayscountry94one may promote or publicise the profile of the winner and other entrants in competition results, including photos via electronic and printed media at its discretion. The winner may be required to provide at their own cost a suitable photo for media publicity or website use.

Personal details provided by an Entrant on the entry form are for **todayscountry94one** use only and are not released to third parties except at **todayscountry94one** discretion after consultation with the entrant.

General Matters - Entrants perform at their own risk. No liability will be accepted for any injury sustained.

A high standard of decorum is expected from all participants and patrons. Actions to the contrary may result in disqualification. Any person or group found responsible for defacing or damaging a venue or equipment will be disqualified and **todayscountry94one**, the venue, or other persons may take steps to recover any costs incurred. **todayscountry94one** will not be liable for personal items lost or stolen.

If an Entrant requests a variation to the rules for whatever reason, this request will, if practical, be considered by the Competition manager, head judge and stage manager as soon as practical after the request.

No expenses or reimbursement for travel, meal and/or accommodation costs for Entrants to attend the Heats or Grand Finals are paid by **todayscountry94one**, sponsors or prize givers.

Failure to comply with any of the foregoing rules and conditions may cause withholding of prizes, disqualification.

The decision of **todayscountry94one** in all questions or disputes arising out of or not provided for by these rules and regulations will be final. All entries are received in accordance to these conditions and in the spirit of friendly competition upon which the Competition is based, and no dispute shall become the subject of any appeal at law.