

# **Today'sCountry94one** *...this is where country lives*

## **BRAND NEW STAR**

THE CENTRAL COASTS PREMIER EVENT FOR NEW AND EMERGING COUNTRY MUSIC ARTISTS

### **COMPETITION RULES**

All performers who enter and participate in the **today'scountry94one** Brand New Star competition acknowledge they are subject to the following rules and requirements.

#### **THE ORGANISER**

Brand New Star is a talent quest organised and run by **today'scountry94one**. The competition is in its 13<sup>th</sup> year with artists such as Angela Easson, Bryce Sainty and 2022 Toyota Star Maker Winner Max Jackson amongst the winners.

#### **ENTRY CRITERIA**

- All entrants must be aged 15 – 35 years as at 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Entry open to solo artists, duos or trios
- Entrants are not currently or have in the past 5 years been signed to a licencing deal or greater with a record label
- Volunteers, employees or families of Coast Community Broadcasters Inc. are ineligible to participate as entrants
- All entrants must complete the entry form and provide all supporting documents requested
- Completed entry forms must be received by 5pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023

An Entry Acknowledgement Receipt will be sent to the email address provided on the entry form. To ensure that entries and attachments can be opened safely;

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

All applicants will be advised of heat allocation by **Monday 22nd May 2023**

#### **DATES and VENUES**

##### **HEAT 1**

28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 - 2pm

Venue TBC

##### **HEAT 2**

4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - 2pm

Venue TBC

##### **GRAND FINAL**

18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - 2pm

Hawkesbury Brewing Company

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## PERFORMANCE RULES

- All entrants are required to sing two songs, one must be a country cover
- Finalists may vary their performance or use the same songs performed in their Heat
- Songs must be a maximum of four (4) minutes each
- Entrants in the Heats must register with the Stage Manager at least 30 minutes before the nominated start time
- Grand Finalists will be performing with a band. You may elect to perform one song solo
- Grand 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](mailto:info@simonjohnsonmusic.com) and cc [info@todayscountry94one.com](mailto:info@todayscountry94one.com)
- Grand 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

## JUDGING

Heats will consist of a minimum of three (3) judges. For the Grand Final there will be a minimum of four (4) judges. The judge's decision is final. Any judge who is related to, has taught or coached privately or has a perceived conflict of interest with any entrant will not judge on the performance of that entrant.

Communication with a judge 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 judge before or during a session to influence a judge that entrant may be disqualified. Entrants may seek feedback from any judge 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. However, there is an admission charge for the public and family and friends of the entrant to attend the Grand Final. Each Grand Finalist will be admitted free and given one complimentary ticket.

## 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.

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**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 will be required to provide at their own cost a suitable photo for media publicity.

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 INFORMATION

Entrants perform at their own risk. No liability will be accepted by Coast Community Broadcasters Inc. 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 and/or 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 with these conditions and in the spirit of friendly competition upon which the Competition is based, no dispute shall become the subject of any appeal at law.