
Chorus Competition BHNZ Rules Eligibility Summary

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- a. Open Chorus - Any chorus regardless of classification.
 - b. A Senior Chorus - Any chorus where at least 80% of the performers on stage are aged 55 or older as of the day of the BHNZ Seniors Chorus contest.
 - c. Small Chapter Chorus - Any chorus representing a Chapter that has no more than 25 members regardless of classification
5. Multiple Choruses, One Chapter. Chapters may enter more than one chorus in any BHNZ Chorus Contest. However, to maintain fairness, one chorus may not be comprised of more than 75% of the same members on stage as another chorus from the same chapter competing in the same contest. In that case, the percentage threshold is calculated against the smaller chorus.

BARBERSHOP HARMONY NEW ZEALAND Contest Rules – Updated July 2025 for full details.

Performing Rights Licence - Chapter Membership of NZ

As it pertains to the Choral Federation

The Convention is obtaining a Performing Rights Licence to allow us to honour our Rights to Perform our music. This is covered under a Performing Rights Licence to APRA AMCOS - Te Tautawhinga. Membership of The New Zealand Choral Federation can offset this. You will be asked to indicate if your Chorus is a Member of NZCF as you sign in at the Competition Registration Desk on Contest day, Saturday 20th September.

This relates to your Chorus only.

Conference Administrator Information for Chorus and Quartets

Chorus Members and Chorus Song Lists

Contest Date: Saturday 20 September 2025

Initial chorus entries can be submitted without the chorus list being finalised. However, entries must include at least an indicative chorus list and song list by the contest entry closing date.

Final song lists must be submitted no later than 14 days before the contest.

Final chorus lists must be submitted no later than 7 days before the contest.

On contest day, all registered singers in the competing chorus must be confirmed as present when you report in. The chorus contact will be asked to verify the administrator's copy of the entry documents (the same documents you received when you entered online).

If a chorus has members in another ensemble, they must ensure members have enough time to join after their previous performance. Please advise the conference administrators as soon as the order of appearance is posted if you have members competing in another chorus with a potential time clash.

For choruses, final amendments to singer lists can be made at this time. However, it is easier to remove names than to add them, and adding singers could reduce chorus preparation time. The number of singers on the list at the reporting point should match the number on stage; otherwise, an administrative judge will discuss this with you after the chorus's package.

Quartet Members and Song Lists

Contest Date: Friday 19 September 2025

Quartets may not be able to complete their entry until all four members are registered and full members of BHNZ. For national contests, BHNZ requires all singers to be delegates to the convention.

Final song lists must be submitted no later than 14 days before the contest.

Final quartet singer lists must be submitted no later than 7 days before the contest.

The quartet contact will be asked to verify the administrator's copy of the entry documents (the same documents you received when you entered online).

If a quartet has a member in another ensemble, they must ensure the member has enough time to join after their previous performance. Please advise the conference administrators as soon as the order of appearance is posted if you have members competing in another quartet with a potential time clash.

Quartets must indicate which two of their four songs they will sing in the semi-finals and confirm that the other two will be sung in the finals. You cannot repeat a song from the semi-finals in the finals.

Personnel Change in Qualifying Quartets

After qualifying for the BHNZ National Competition, a quartet may replace up to one member and still be eligible to compete. If two or more personnel changes occur between qualifying and the national competition, the quartet becomes ineligible to compete. BHNZ must be notified of any personnel changes so the quartet register can be updated.

Awards

Category	Award	Recognition
Quartets	BHNZ Novice Quartet	<i>Certificate</i>
	BHNZ Most Improved Quartet	<i>Bronze, Silver Gold</i>
	BHNZ Senior Quartet	<i>John Buckley Award</i>
	BHNZ Audience Favourite	<i>Iraia Te Whaiti Trophy</i>
	BHNZ Open Quartet	<i>5th, 4th, 3rd Bronze, Silver, Gold</i>
Chorus	BHNZ Small Chapter Chorus	<i>Bronze, Silver, Gold + Trophy</i>
	BHNZ Most Improved Chorus	<i>Trophy</i>
	BHNZ Senior Chorus	<i>Bronze, Silver, Gold</i>
	BHNZ Outstanding Contribution	<i>Graeme Bates Memorial Trophy</i>
	BHNZ Audience Favourite Chorus	<i>Harper Cup</i>
	BHNZ Open Chorus	<i>Bronze, Silver, Gold + Trophy</i>