

# RULE BOOK

Australian Circus Championships

We are excited to provide you with our **Rules and Judging Criteria!** This competition is open to all levels of students, and professionals. There are no compulsory moves, tricks, skill, floor work, etc. This is exciting because any one of you can win your division, regardless of your level!

## DIVISIONS

**Amateur** – Amateur Divisions are open to all aerial, dance, circus and acrobatic students.

**Professional** – Professional Divisions includes professional aerialists, dancers, circus performers and acrobatic performers. If you are or have been paid for performing, you are classed as professional.

### Time Limit:

**Amateur Solo Divisions** – 3 minutes max

**Amateur Group Divisions** - 4 minutes max

**Professional Solo Divisions** – 4 minutes max

**Professional Group Divisions** – 5 minutes max

**All music must be cut to fit the time limit when handed in.**

## How to Enter:

1. Film yourself performing your routine. This can be footage from a previous show or competition, or filmed at your studio or training facility. Please make sure it is the appropriate length for your division.
2. Upload the video to YouTube.

3. Please complete your **Registration Form** by 31st May. (please link that bold and underlined text to the registration form). Be sure to add the URL for your YouTube video entry. Be sure to pay your \$15 registration fee.

Send us your video entry via YouTube URL which come along with your ***non-refundable registration fee of \$15*** for any divisions. You will send this through the registration form provided by the website. <http://australiancircuschampionships.com.au/register.php>. Please see ***important dates*** section to check out due date for the video entries.

### **National Finals**

When your video entry is accepted, you will receive an invitation by email to compete in the National Final of the Australian Circus Championships. You must accept your invitation by 30th June 2017. The National Final will be held at John Inverarity Centre, Wembley Downs, Perth, WA. Divisions for amateur and professional will have corresponding Registration Fee which is \$50 for 1 division, \$75 for 2 divisions, \$100 for 3 divisions. For questions and clarifications, please email us at [headoffice@australiancircuschampionships.com.au](mailto:headoffice@australiancircuschampionships.com.au).

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

### **Technical (10 marks each) – 50 Points total**

- Difficulty
- Execution (no bent legs, flexed feet, struggle to straddle etc)
- Control
- Transitions (tricks flow nicely into each other, logical ordering of tricks, etc.)
- Flexibility (Range of flexibility is shown, splits, back bends etc.)

### **Presentation (10 marks each) – 50 points total**

- Overall impression (did the piece look overall, is there a clear story/theme/emotion)
- Costuming (remove marks for inappropriate costuming)
- Musicality and Timing (remove marks for inappropriate music, swearing or sexual connotations)
- Choreography and Lines (remove marks for inappropriate choreography – no sexual connotations)
- Audience Connection/Engagement

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**31st May – Entries are Due!** Please make sure your Registration Form, Registration Fee and Video Entry are submitted by this date.

**12th June – Finalists are announced!** Our adjudicators will have made the final decision on the finalists for the Australian Circus Championships 2017. Invitations will be sent by email to the finalists.

**30th June – Acceptance Due.** Finalists need to accept their offer to the National Final by this date.

**8th July – Second Round Offers.** In the event that not all finalists accept their offer to compete in the National Final, a second round of offers will go out to the competitors with the next highest scores.

**15th July – Second Round Offers Acceptance Offers Due.** Second round finalists need to accept their offer to the National Final by this date.

**1st September – Music Due.** All finalists must submit their music (cut to the required time limit) by this date.

**30th September & 1st October**  
**Australian Circus Championships National Finals!**