

RULES OF ENTRY - MLT New Zealand Gold Guitar Awards 2023

General Information

1. The MLT New Zealand Gold Guitar Awards reserve the right to photograph, record and/or broadcast any or all of the performances at auditions or finals for publicity purposes.
2. Audition times are drawn by ballot and advised after the closing date of entries.
3. Contestants perform one song for auditions. Those reaching the finals may perform the same audition song or another of their choice.
4. The origin and sound of the song **MUST BE COUNTRY**.
5. Judging is by a panel of judges during the auditions and finals.
6. Judging is based on vocal and musical ability and stage presence. Judging differs for the Singer/Songwriter section as outlined below.
7. Strictly no alcohol or drugs allowed. Any contestant under the influence of drugs or alcohol may be disqualified. Right of admission reserved.
8. Contestants may enter once only in any one section.
9. All sections are vocal - with the exception of Instrumental.
10. No pre-programmed backing allowed. Single production instruments only.
11. Official backing bands are available for auditions and finals, except for Traditional and Open Band sections. Contestants may accompany themselves and not use the backing band. NOTE: you cannot dismiss the entire band and use your own backing musician/s
12. No harmonies or backing vocals are allowed in Vocal sections.
13. Groups and duets may enter in any section except Vocal Solo.
14. Ages as at 31st May 2024. Junior = 12 years and under. Intermediate = 17 years and under. All entrants in the Classic section must be aged over 40 years.
15. Gold Guitar Winners are not eligible to enter the same age group the following year.
16. The New Zealand Gold Guitar Awards committee reserves the right for any section to be judged outright, to add to or delete from the programme at any time, or cancel any section if there are insufficient entries.
17. Judges have the right to recall any contestants and their decisions are final.
18. Chord charts are extremely important. Please make sure they are clearly labelled and presented. Visit our website www.goldguitars.co.nz/chord-charts to view some good examples.

Traditional

19. The official backing band is not available for this section. Please arrange your own acoustic backing.
- 19a. All songs in the Traditional section must have been recorded pre 1960.

Classic Section

20. The Classic section replaces the 40 Plus & 60 Plus sections. You may enter only one age group. The only exception is the Open sections.
21. Classic entrants in all sections are ineligible for the Senior Gold Guitar Overall Award.

Junior & Intermediate Competitors

22. You must enter your own age group sections.
The only exception being where Juniors may go up to perform in the Intermediate Instrumental, NZ Song, group and Traditional. However a Junior is ineligible to win the Intermediate Overall or Overall Runner Up, unless accompanying an Intermediate. Juniors and Intermediates may move up to perform with a Senior/s in the Senior section. This does not apply to the Classic section.
23. Intermediate Group consists of three or more competitors. The group can use the backing band or dismiss the backing band and use their own backing. If using the backing band some of the group members may play their own instruments. When using the backing band chord charts must be supplied.

Open Sections

24. Band and Vocal Group sections are open to all age groups. To be eligible for the Senior Overall Award, at least one of the band or group must be a Senior entrant.
25. The Vocal Group is comprised of three or more vocalists who must use the official backing band. Vocalists must not play instruments in this section.
26. The Band section is comprised of three or more group members who must provide their own instrumental backing. The official backing band is not available for this section.
27. New Country is an open section to all ages, including duo, groups and bands. The song performed must be a song first recorded and commercially released by any artist from the 1st January 2019. Only New Country entries with a Senior Entrant are eligible for the Senior Gold Guitar Overall Award.
28. New Country Section may be capped at 40 entries, on a first-in first-entered basis. Junior and Intermediate entrants in this section may be required to audition on Sunday.

NZ Song Competitors

29. The songs in this section **MUST BE COUNTRY SONGS** written or co-written by a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

Singer/Songwriter Competitors

30. This section is open to all solo performers 18 years and over including the Classic Contestants.
31. The song must have been written or co-written by the person performing it.
32. To be eligible lyrics must be submitted by email before the 15 May 2024 to info@goldguitars.co.nz
33. Classic entrants in this section are not eligible for the Senior Gold Guitar Overall Award.
34. This section will be judged on song composition, commercial potential, lyrics and performance.

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**GOLD
GUITAR
AWARDS
2024**

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Junior, Intermediate, Senior & Classic

Friday 31st May - Sunday 2nd June 2024

Gore Town & Country Club Stadium,
Gore District Memorial RSA & Gore Baptist Church

For online entries visit www.goldguitars.co.nz

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MLT New Zealand Gold Guitar Awards 2024

Contestant Details - Please use capital letters

Name: _____
 Postal Address: _____
 Town: _____ Post Code: _____
 Email: _____
 Mobile: _____ Home Ph: _____
 Junior/Intermediate Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ (you may be asked for proof of age)

Duets

Stage Name: _____
 Members Names: _____

Groups

Stage Name: _____
 Members Names: _____

Method of payment (please tick): Internet Banking

Note: There will be no refund on entry fees. Do not post cash. We no longer accept cheque payments. Please use the following account for internet banking payments:

Bank Account: 03-1355-0624191-00 **Code:** 'Entry' **Reference:** 'your name'

I/we have read the conditions of entry and agree to abide by them.

Signature/s: _____

*All Duets and Groups please supply member's names, stage names are optional.
 Any violation of the rules of entry may result in disqualification.*

Send entries to:

Post entries to: New Zealand Gold Guitar Awards, PO Box 382, Gore 9740, NZ

Email entries to: info@goldguitars.co.nz

ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday 10th April 2024

Prize lists will be published on social media and the website when available.

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(Please tick section/s you wish to enter)

JUNIOR (12 years or under) \$15 per section	Solo	Duet	Group /Band	Cost
Vocal Solo		N/A	N/A	
Gospel				
Country Rock				
Duet	N/A		N/A	
Total				\$
INTERMEDIATE (17 years or under) \$15 per section				
Vocal Solo		N/A	N/A	
Gospel				
Country Rock				
Duet	N/A		N/A	
Instrumental				
NZ Song				
Traditional				
Group	N/A	N/A		
Total				\$
SENIOR \$20 per section				
Female Vocal Solo		N/A	N/A	
Male Vocal Solo		N/A	N/A	
Gospel				
Country Rock				
Duet	N/A		N/A	
Instrumental				
NZ Song				
Traditional				
Total				\$
OPEN \$20 per section				
Singer/Songwriter (18 +)		N/A	N/A	
Band	N/A	N/A		
New Country				
Vocal Group	N/A	N/A		
Total				\$
CLASSIC \$20 per section				
Vocal Solo		N/A	N/A	
Gospel				
Country Rock				
Duet	N/A		N/A	
NZ Song				
Traditional				
Total				\$
Compulsory Field - TOTAL				\$

