

## Terms and Conditions

Knox Factor applicants are required to read and agree to the following conditions.

### Entry and Auditioning Conditions:

1. Applicants are amateur solo vocalists who do not make a living from their music, and are not signed to a label, and fall into one of the following age categories as of 09-12-2023:
  - 5 years – 11 years
  - 12 years – 15 years
  - 16 years – 25 years

2. Applicants are committing to perform live at one or more of the heats & finals depending on their success, as per the following dates:
  - Heats: Live performance at Knox Community Arts Centre: **Wednesday 27 September 2023, 6pm to 9pm**
  - Semi-final: Live performance at Knox Community Arts Centre: **Wednesday 1 November 2023, 6pm to 8pm**
  - Grand Final at Knox Carols by Candlelight: **Saturday 09 December 2023, 5pm to 8pm**

If you are not available for these dates you are not eligible for this competition.

3. Applicants either live, work, study or play (eg. sports, music classes, art classes etc.) within the City of Knox.
4. Audition videos must be received by **5pm Friday 04 August 2023**, and follow these requirements:
  - Supply a video/or audio recording of yourself singing, maximum 2 minutes.
  - It must be performed raw with no editing, no backup vocals and no microphones.
  - You can choose to include one unplugged instrument played by yourself or another.
  - You can record a song you love, your own original song or a song you've adapted into your own style.
  - No explicit language, performance and dress code must be G-rated.
  - You can record this at home, being mindful of background noise and other peoples' privacy.
  - We welcome all skills levels and styles, just be your natural self.

Audition videos/audios not meeting these requirements will not be eligible.

5. Contestants 18 and over must submit photo ID.
6. Contestants under 18 must have permission to perform from their parent/guardian (via online application form). Contestants under 14 must be accompanied by their parent/ guardian at all times.
7. If you were a 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner in the Knox Factor 2022 Season, you are NOT ELIGIBLE to compete in Knox Factor 2023 (you may apply for Knox Factor 2023 as long as you are entering into a different age category that you were a 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner of).

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their audition **by Friday 18 August 2023**.

## **Competition Conditions:**

1. Successful applicants are able to sing acapella, or with music accompaniment (can be one other acoustic instrumentalist). Those using recorded backing tracks must not have backing vocals on the track.
2. Songs must adhere to the **2-minute length for the performance**. Assistance can be requested of how to cut backing tracks that will be required to be supplied for each round of the competition.
3. No swearing or offensive lyric content is permitted – G Rated lyrical content ONLY.
4. All acts must stick to the time frame of your category for your performances or you will be disqualified from the competition.
5. The organisers hold the right to cancel any act they see as unfit for our stage, being dress, lyric content and gestures.
6. Contestants 14 years and under must be accompanied by their parent/guardian at all times.
7. No two acts will be permitted to perform the same song in their Heat, Semi-Final or the Grand Final, and the organisers will advise of required changes if necessary.
8. Judge's decision and rulings will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. Microphones and microphone stands will be supplied by the organisers for each live competition round.
10. Any additional equipment required must be supplied by the performer and approved by the organisers in advance (ensure you have received approval prior to the audition/heat/final day).

## **Media and Photos:**

Please note that by submitting your application for Knox Factor 2023 you are hereby agreeing that council has permission to share photos, videos and biographies of the applicant on council owned platforms including website, Facebook and Instagram pages

All contestants under 18 years of age must have a parent/guardian submit their application to approve and consent to the above parameters.

Council will monitor and edit all material to ensure control and security of uploaded content.