



COMPETITION ETIQUETTE POLICY

General Overview

- Entry fees are charged at all competitions and must be paid by everyone (competing performers do not pay)
- Entry fees are conjointly set by competition organisers each year to cover venue costs
- Admission tickets/wristbands must be visible worn and shown to competition volunteers upon request
- Most competition venues have a canteen available
- Children must be supervised by parents for the duration of competitions
- Photographing/videoing in the auditorium is prohibited due to Privacy and Child Safe Standards
- Flashlights, videos, cameras, mobile phones, ipads, tablets etc are not to be operated in competition venues
- Adjudicators decisions are final and not for parent comment
- No one is to speak to the Adjudicator during the competition, even if you know them
- For safety reasons, no hot thermoses/travel mugs are permitted in dressing rooms
- Personal items and valuables should not be left unattended in dressing rooms
- Calisthenics Victoria and its ancillary organisations/committees and theatres will not be responsible for any losses, theft or breakages

Calisthenics Victoria Competition Etiquette

- Act respectful towards Team Members, other Clubs, Volunteers & Officials
- Be mindful; language or behaviour that you perceive as acceptable may offend others
- Wear Club Uniform, jacket and leggings and socks/shoes in theatres and foyers



- Do not wear costumes in theatres unless covered
- Walls are not to be used for handstands or stretching
- Obey theatre rules on where you can eat and drink
- Do not talk or move around theatres while teams are performing
- Give recognition to all performers, whether first, second or third teams
- Competitors must not sit in the first two rows of theatres
- Do not verbally criticise fellow Competitors or Adjudicators
- Be quiet around the stage area
- Keep all belongings together to accommodate others using dressing rooms
- CV will not be responsible for any personal belonging losses
- Be courteous and remain in theatres for all speeches and aggregate presentations
- Leave dressing rooms clean and tidy at the completion of competitions
- Flashlights, videos, cameras, mobile phones, iPads, laptops, tablets and pagers are not to be operated in theatres or dressing rooms
- Observe all Smoke Free designated areas

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- Refrain from sitting in front four (4) rows of auditoriums to eliminate unnecessary distraction of performers whilst on stage
- Under no circumstances do not enter or exit the auditorium whilst a team is on stage
- Aim to sit together with other Team Members as representatives of HVCT
- Your conduct and comments at competitions influence public perception of HVCT so keep conversations and comments positive
- Do not engage in critical/negative talk about individual Team Members, Coaches, Parents, our teams or other competing teams
- Celebrate all wins and mentions with appropriate applause
- Accept defeat graciously and refrain from making comments, such as, "We were robbed", "We should have won"

- Remain seated and quiet during every teams performance
- Polite applause is expected for every teams performance
- Show respect for the volunteers who help run competitions and obey their instructions
- Observe all theatre rules on where you can eat and drink
- Observe all 'Smoke Free' designated areas
- Respect performers and fellow audience members by not talking whilst a team is on stage
- Stay in the theatre for all speeches and aggregate presentations
- Please tidy up and clean the dressing rooms at the completion of competitions

Cheering Advice

Parents are asked to advise family members that it is not allowed, according to competition rules and etiquette, to call out a team's name or individual team member's name whilst cheering. Adjudicators are not given the names of competing Clubs/Teams in order to maintain an objective view. Cheering for individual performers detracts from the HVCT name and its reputation.

Dressing Room Advice

- Males older than 6 years of age are not permitted in the dressing rooms at competition, dress rehearsal and End of Year Concert. Our performers are entitled to maintain their modesty and feel comfortable whilst dressing and undressing without having to be concerned about who maybe present and watching
- If a performer attends a competition with their father only, then it will be necessary for the parent to inform the Section Coach prior to the competition if parent helpers are required by the Section Coach to make alternative arrangements



- Only Parents/Guardians with a valid/current Working With Children Check are permitted in dressing rooms and must carry a WWCC card on them
- Our Section Coaches may require additional support/assistance which will be communicated directly with you prior to the competition season

Version Control, Change History and Distribution

Version Control

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