

AGE LIMITS EXPLAINED

The cut-off date for calculating age is 16 February 2026 (the first day of the Festival).

This means that a competitor's age on 16 February 2026 determines which category they may enter.

For example, if the category is 12 Years and Under, the competitor must be 12 years old or younger on 16 February 2026.

If a competitor turns 13 **on** or **before** that date, they must enter the next age category up.

If they turn 13 **after** that date, they may still enter the 12 Years and Under category.

Competitors should ensure they enter the correct category based on the age they will be on 16 February 2026, regardless of when they submit their entry.

