



SAQG NATIONAL QUILT COMPETITION

RULES and CONDITIONS

The Rules and Conditions apply to ALL the SAQG Categories & Competitions.

1. **All entries** must be made predominantly from cloth, consisting of at least three (3) layers and be quilted through all layers or as specified, and has appropriate finished edges.
2. All quilts entered must be quilted by hand, machine, or both, except for Mola, Yo-yo's and Cathedral Window.
3. All entries must be in a pristine condition ready for judging and exhibition.
4. All entries must be solely the work of those named and stated as the Maker/s on the Entry Form.
5. No quilt may be entered into more than one category.
6. **Category Choice:** The category choice is the sole responsibility of the entrant. Study the categories and the criteria and choose carefully.
7. **Adhere to Category Criteria:** Each quilt entry must be designed, constructed and quilted by only one person.

EXCEPTIONS are for quilts entered in the **Collaborative, Group and Community categories**, where two (2) or more people have worked on/ contributed to the quilt entry.

NOTE: In the **Open categories**- if you have constructed and quilted the quilt but you have not used your own design and have used one or more of the permitted (listed) criteria allowed in the Open categories - you must give comprehensive design sources.

8. **Size:** All quilts **MUST** fit the size requirements of the selected category. Quilts must be measured horizontally across the widest part of the quilt, and the measured length of the quilt must include any elements hanging from the quilt.
9. **Maximum number of four (4) quilt entries per person is allowed.** I.e. a participating quilter who only construct the top and/or construct and quilt the work can enter no more than four (4) quilts into the competition.

NOTE: If you enter as a paid participant of a Collaborative, Group or Community category, the rule of a maximum of four (4) entries does not apply.

10. **Paid participants:** An entrant can pay someone else for having done work on their entry but may only enter the quilt in the Collaborative, Group or Community categories. The name and details of the paid entrant/quilter must also be stated on the Entry Form as one of the entrants.
11. **Machine quilted entries:** All entrants must indicate on the Entry Form whether quilting is done using a Stationary Machine or a Movable Quilting Machine. See definitions below:
 - a. **Stationary Sewing Machine** includes the use of any sewing machine that allows the quilter to move the fabric rather than the machine and the machine sits on or is mounted on a table. The quilter must predominantly use this method to quilt.
 - b. **Movable Quilting Machine** includes any machine that allows the quilter to move the machine head rather than the fabric and is mounted on a frame. The quilter must predominantly use this method to quilt.

12. All forms of **free-motion machine-quilted quilts** with no computer assisted elements can be entered in any category, whether long-arm, medium-arm or domestic sewing machines. The BSR is not considered a computer assisted device and can be used.
13. **Quilts made using computer-digitized quilting and/or embroidery patterns** can only be entered in the Open Categories. Digitized and/or embroidered **whole-cloth** quilts must also be entered in the Open categories. All entrants must indicate on the Entry Form whether the quilt entry has been quilted on a machine **using digitized patterns**.

14. **Quilt Sleeve:** All quilts must have a 10cm deep sleeve sewn to the top back of the quilt, 2cm short of either side, unless otherwise stated in a specific category (e.g. Miniatures) where specific instructions will apply. Quilts with a width of 180 cm or more must have an opening of 5cm in the middle of the sleeve to facilitate the hanging of the quilt.
15. **Cloth Label:** All quilts must have a cloth label securely sewn to the back of the quilt, placed on the lower left-hand corner (viewed from the back). The label must include, in this order: the unique Quilt Entry Code (emailed to you after you submitted your online entry), Quilt Title, Quilt-maker(s) names, Address, Phone Number, Email and Date (or Year) the quilt was made. All the information, except for the Quilt Entry Code and Quilt Title, is to be covered by a piece of dark cloth, tacked onto the label. Should the quilter's name appear in any way or form anywhere else on the quilt, this must be covered.
16. **Credits:** When the stated **design source is not exclusively your own**, then comprehensive design credits must be given. This includes using someone else's pattern, artwork, photography, or even another quilt as inspiration, even if the design has been altered.
 - It is the entrant's responsibility to obtain all necessary copyright releases for work that is covered under copyright laws.
 - Proof, as far as possible, such as correspondence, a letter of permission, and or approved confirmation, and an A4 photo or colour photocopy of the design source must be supplied.
 - A printed copy of the completed Entry Form, together with the credits, design source, inspiration, photocopies and or permissions etc. must be placed in a clear plastic sleeve safety pinned to the back of the quilt.
17. **Jury Process:** All quilt entries will be juried by SAQG Accredited Quilt Judges, who will check that the entry complies with all the relevant rules and is of an acceptable standard for the SA National Quilt Competition as well as appropriate subject matter. Quilts that are juried out will receive a Jurors' Comment Form and are not eligible to be displayed as part of the Competition/exhibition.
18. **Judging:** Quilts will be judged by a team of SAQG Accredited Quilt Judges. Each quilt judged in the competition will receive a written Judges' Comment Form. The decisions and choices of the Judges are final and NO queries or correspondence pertaining to the judging will be considered.
19. **Rights:** The SAQG and NQF Organizers reserve the right to reject any quilt that they feel is inappropriate or offensive.
20. **Rights:** The SAQG and NQF Organizers reserve the right to photograph any work and to use images for promotion and publicity purposes and will acknowledge the quilters.
21. **Rights:** The SAQG reserves the right to withdraw awards and prizes should it be found and established that the competition Rules and Conditions have not been adhered to, in such a case the award and prize must be returned
22. **Permission:** By entering this competition, the entrants are giving permission to the Organizers and viewing public to take photographs of their quilt/s knowing that these images may appear on social media platforms.
23. **Consent** may be given for a quilt to travel as part of the SAQG Travelling Exhibition on the Entry Form, if applicable.
24. **Risk:** Although the greatest care will be taken with all entries, the quilts are entered and exhibited entirely at the risk of the owner/ entrant/s. Entrants have the responsibility to arrange their own insurance for their quilt entries.
25. **Entry and delivery dates:** All quilt entries must adhere to the deadlines.
26. **Restrictions** for entering a South African National Quilt Competition:
 - a. Quilts previously entered in a South African National Quilt Competition are excluded from entering another SA National Quilt Festival Competition. Quilts can be entered into South African local or regional quilt competitions or in international competitions.
 - b. No quilt that is older than 3 years after completion of the quilt may be entered into the competition.
 - c. It is the prerogative of the Festival Organizers to decide if any quilts displayed in the exhibition will be for sale during the Festival, as NO quilts can be released from the exhibition before the

close of the exhibition. If sales are allowed, it must be entirely administered by the Festival Organizers themselves.

- d. Quilts with heavy embellishments, rigid frames, special mountings or installations are not allowed. For safety reasons, quilts with electrical components or special lighting are not allowed.
- e. Jurors, Judges and the SAQG Judging Representative may not enter any work in the competition in which they are officiating.
- f. The Competition Organizer, Quilt Registrar, Judging Room Organizer and SAQG Judging Representative are not allowed to enter quilts as individuals, but may enter as a participant in a Group Quilt or a special exhibition.

27. **Quilt Entry Forms are available online** Quilters may enter their quilts into the SA National Quilt Competition by completing the online Entry Form

28. **Costs - The Entry fee/s are non-refundable.**

The quilter is liable for all shipping/couriering costs or other expenses and insurance pertaining to their quilt entry/s.