

CABLE JOINTER COMPETITION RULES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 To compete in this competition, you must be:
- New Zealand registered Cable Jointer with current practicing licenses.
 - If the Cable Jointer is from outside of New Zealand and does not hold New Zealand qualification and practicing license, then the organising Committee (at its sole discretion) will consider and approve entry based on the following criteria:
 - Cable Jointer must provide evidence that they hold the New Zealand equivalent qualifications as NZQA/EWRB registered Cable Jointer and/or hold New Zealand equivalent practicing license in their local jurisdiction and:
 - They hold current competency in CPR/First Aid procedures and:
 - They can provide evidence of recent Live LV jointing and HV jointing experience and:
 - They can provide recent evidence of their testing for safety procedures used in completion of the work.

Trainee Cable Jointers may be approved to enter the competition provided the organising Committee is satisfied (at its sole discretion) that the Trainee is far enough along on his pathway and sufficient knowledge, skills and experience to be able to complete the expected tasks in the competition competently and safely.

Other Key Criteria

All competitors acknowledge in entering that they will need to be familiar with and comply with the NZ Electricity Industry Safety Rules as published by the NZ Electricity Engineers Association (EEA) and other relevant NZ Codes of Practice.

2. EVENTS

2. Each competitor will participate in a minimum of eight events.

3. COMPETITOR REGISTRATION

3. Competitor registration will be held on **Monday 19 October 2026** **Pukekohe Showgrounds, 58 Station Road, Pukekohe 2120.**
- 3.2 Any competitors who are unable to attend registration at this time must advise the Event Manager Hillary Riches, hillaryr@connexis.org.nz as soon as possible, but no later than **Thursday 15 October 2026**. Unforeseen circumstances will be accepted.
- 3.3 Withdrawals from the competition must be by written notification and emailed to the Event Manager Hillary Riches, hillaryr@connexis.org.nz no later than **1 October 2026**. Competition withdrawals received after this date may be subject to a request to cover associated competition costs incurred by Connexis.

4. JUDGING GUIDELINES

- 4.1 Industry experts who have experience in cable jointing and assessment have been selected to judge the events and will follow strict criteria. The first aid event will be judged by a first aid provider.
- 4.2 Judging will be based on best industry practices and procedures used across New Zealand and industry guides, regulations, and handbooks. These include but are not limited to:
- 4.3 One Event Judge may judge up to two competitors at a time.
- 4.4 The Chief Judge will oversee and if necessary, moderate the individual Event Judges to ensure fair and consistent judging across all competitors.
- 4.5 Competitors can only ask questions of the Event Judges before the individual event begins or during the tailgate session, but not during the event.

Please Note: *The new SMEI format will be used from 2022*

5. SCORING

- 5.1 **1 (one) or 2 (two) points** will be deducted for minor infringements, for example steps missed in procedures. **5 (five) points** will be deducted for every critical error, for example improper procedures and safety violations. **25 (twenty-five) points** will be deducted for a major critical error.
- 5.2 Points will be deducted for tasks not completed for each event.
- 5.3 A clear safety breach which in normal circumstances could result in death or injury will result in the competitor receiving **0 (zero) points** for the event.
- 5.4 The judges may use their experience and industry best practice to identify further potential infringements.
- 5.5 Where competitors are tied, time may be the determining factor. The Chief Judge and Competition Manager may use their discretion to decide on the additional criteria used to determine the results if no other factors from the event judging sheets can separate the winner. **The Competition Manager and the Judging Co-ordinator decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.**
- 5.6 Competitors may be disqualified for.
 - Unprofessional behavior
 - Receiving outside assistance after an event starts, including tailgate process
- 5.7 An Event Judge, Chief Judge or the Competition Manager may disqualify a competitor who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The person designated as the company contact on the registration for can challenge the disqualification by requesting a breath screening test or drug screen, which will be carried out by a suitably qualified independent person at no cost to the competitor's company.

Alcohol Breath Screening Test

Testing will be carried out using a breathalyser or digital alcohol meter that complies with AS 3547:1997

If the competitor is over 18years of age and the reading is:

- 250 micrograms of alcohol per litre of breath or less, the competitor will continue in the competition.
- More than 400 micrograms per litre of breath, the original decision to disqualify the competitor will be upheld.

There is zero alcohol limit for competitors 18years of age or under

Drug Screen

Drug screening will be in compliance with AS/NZS 4308:2008. If the result is:

- Negative the competitor will continue in the competition.
- No-Negative the original decision to disqualify the competitor will be upheld.

6. DISPUTES

- 6.1 With the exception of Rule 5.7 only competitors can lodge a dispute. The levels of authority for any dispute or disciplinary action are as follows:
 - Event Judge
 - Chief Judge and Competition Manager. Any decision made at this level will be final.

7. HEALTH & SAFETY

- 7.1 It is the responsibility of companies to ensure their employees are not under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the event.
- 7.2 All competitors must attend the following briefings, which will be held outside the Cable Jointer Competition Arena
 - **20 October 2026 at 8am**
 - **21 October 2026 at 8am**
 - **22 October 2026 at 8am**
- 7.3 Before beginning an event, each competitor must complete a tailgate and put in place the control methods identified on the tailgate.
- 7.4 All competitors must wear current “in test” PPE and use tools and equipment that are appropriate for each event.
- 7.5 The following practices and tools are required for the LV Jointing event:
 - Competitors must wear insulated rubber gloves during the entire jointing task – barehand techniques will not be accepted.
 - Competitors must have an “in test” rubber mat or boots.
 - Earth bonds are needed.
 - Current insulated tools must be used.
 - Current “in test” PPE gear must be worn, including hardhats and eye protection.
- 7.6 In addition to wearing “in test” PPE gear, competitors must wear rubber gloves for the Testing to Ensure Safety event.
- 7.7 All accidents/incidents must be reported to the Competition Manager.

8. TOOLS, EQUIPMENT AND PPE

- 8.1 Competitors must bring with them basic test instruments, including an insulation tester, multimeter, independent earth tester, a gas bottle (with regulator and correct compression hose fittings) and gun, torque wrench and all other tools, equipment, and PPE they believe are needed for the tasks they will have to carry out during the competition.
- 8.2 It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure their PPE, tools and equipment are safe and currently “in test”.
- 8.3 Competitors with faulty or out of test PPE, tools or equipment will not be allowed to compete. Competitors should ensure they have copies of test certificates available as judges may request evidence.

9. WEATHER

- 9.1 In the event of extreme or arduous weather conditions like lightning, high winds or heavy continuous rain, a decision to cancel, delay, postpone or proceed will be made by the competition manager.

10. COMPETITION AWARDS PRESENTATION AND INDUSTRY EXCELLENCE AWARDS DINNER

- 10.1 The Competition Awards presentation and excellence Awards Dinner will be held on the final day of the competition, 22 October 2026, at 6.00pm. Tickets are required to attend this event and can be purchased from the Event Manager prior to the evening.
- 10.2 All teams are expected to attend this event. There will be no announcement of the top three competitors at the competition.
- 10.3 Connexis as the event owner will be enforcing host responsibility. **Competitors and guests who are visibly intoxicated will be asked to leave the premises and will not receive a refund of their ticket price.**

11 FILMING AND PHOTOS OF COMPETITION EVENTS

11.1 Competition Managers and the Event Manager will have the discretion to ask competitors or associated support people to refrain from taking photos/videos in or around the competition arenas that are deemed to be at the disadvantage of other competitors.

The competition has official photographers (Still & Video- Aerial Drone) and no other photographers will be allowed into the competition arena. The flying of drones inside the arena and outside the arena within a distance of 10m from the arena fencing is strictly prohibited.

12 COVID-19

12.1 Connexis, is committed to COVID-19 Ministry of Health guidance and will take responsibility to stay up to date regularly and consistently with Ministry of Health guidance prior to and during the event.

The event management plan will be circulated to all competitors prior to the event outlining all details around Covid and other health & safety policies related to the event.

KEY DATES AND CONTACT

Entry Registration (Online)	Open 1 May 2026	Close 1 July 2026
Confirmed Names and T-Shirt Size Hillaryr@connexis.org.nz	30 July 2026	
Registration / Welcome Function At the competition arena	Monday 19 October 2026	Time - TBC
Contact: Hillary Riches – Event Manager Hillaryr@connexis.org.nz 027 565 1961		