



Atterbury National Piano Competition  
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## RULES

### Requirements and program

The Atterbury National Piano Competition is for young people under the age of 20 years and includes the following categories: 12 years and under, 15 years and under, 19 years and under. The age category to be entered is determined by the age of the learner at the start of the competition, i.e. 22 October 2025.

Only South African citizens and permanent residents may participate. The competition takes place over four rounds. All participants compete in the first two rounds, after which eighteen semi-finalists will be announced. All repeat indications may be ignored, except for a Da Capo. No piano concertos are allowed. Memorising of the entire program is required for the competition, including the DVD made for the audition.

### The rounds are compiled as follows

#### 1st round

One Baroque and one Romantic work.

#### 2nd round

One Classical and one Modern / 20th Century / Impressionistic work.

#### 3rd round

Two contrasting works: Any work from a previous round and a new work that has not yet been presented.

#### 4th round

A program of two works selected from previous rounds.

### Length of rounds

#### 12 years and under

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds: A minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes.
- 4th round: A minimum of 3 minutes and a maximum of 15 minutes.

#### 15 years and under

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds: A minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 12 minutes.
- 4th round : A minimum of 10 minutes and a maximum of 18 minutes.

#### 19 years and under

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd rounds: A minimum of 10 minutes and a maximum of 20 minutes.
- 4th round: A minimum of 15 minutes and a maximum of 20 minutes.

### Auditions

- Entry form sent online. Closing date; 31 July 2025.
- Recording of two contrasting works which will be part of the candidate's final program- duration of not more than 15 minutes. The recordings must be of good quality, clearly show the participant's hands performing, and be played from memory. The recording must be transferred via Wettransfer to admin@atterburypiano.co.za. Please include as message the candidate's name, age group as well as the title and composer of the two works.
- Proof of a non-refundable entry fee of R200. Banking details:  
Atterbury Trust (Current Account)  
Nedbank  
Branch Code - 198765  
Account No - 1497004187  
Ref No - PIANO/Surname and date of birth  
**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- Successful entrants will be notified via e-mail.
- The 9 finalists of the competition of the previous year qualify automatically and do not need to partake in auditions.

### Participation in the competition

- A maximum of 45 participants will be selected.
- The judging panel will consist of three adjudicators.
- All participants will be judged throughout on quality and musicality of their performances.
- The judges' decision is final.
- The 18 semi-finalists will be announced directly after the 2nd round.
- The 9 finalists will be announced directly after the 3rd round.
- The winners will be announced directly after the final round.
- The winner of a specific age category will not be allowed to participate in the same age category again.