

# Homeowners' Guide

REGISTERED MASTER BUILDERS  
**HOUSE  
OF THE  
YEAR**

## About House of the Year

**Registered Master Builders House of the Year is New Zealand's leading awards programme for residential construction.**

These awards are a fantastic opportunity for you to celebrate your beautiful home and support the work, skills and effort of your Master Builder and the relationship you have with them.

House of the Year epitomises building excellence, and we look forward to showcasing the outstanding homes built by Master Builders from around the country.

The competition is divided into two parts – the first is at a regional level, the second at a national level. Gold, Silver and Bronze Award winners are determined using a points-based system.

The regional award-winners are announced at 10 regional events held throughout New Zealand during July and August.

The top regional Gold Award winners are announced and awarded Top 100 status. They then progress through to the national awards.

The Top 100 national finalists are then re-judged. Should your builder be awarded Top 100 you will need to open your home again for a new set of judges.

The judges will then determine the National Category winners and the Supreme House of the Year and Supreme Renovation of the Year with the winners announced at the National Gala in Auckland in November.

## Why you should enter your home

### Support your Master Builder

This awards programme is valued by builders and recognised by consumers, so this is a fantastic way to support your builder and show appreciation for the work that they have done.

### Pride

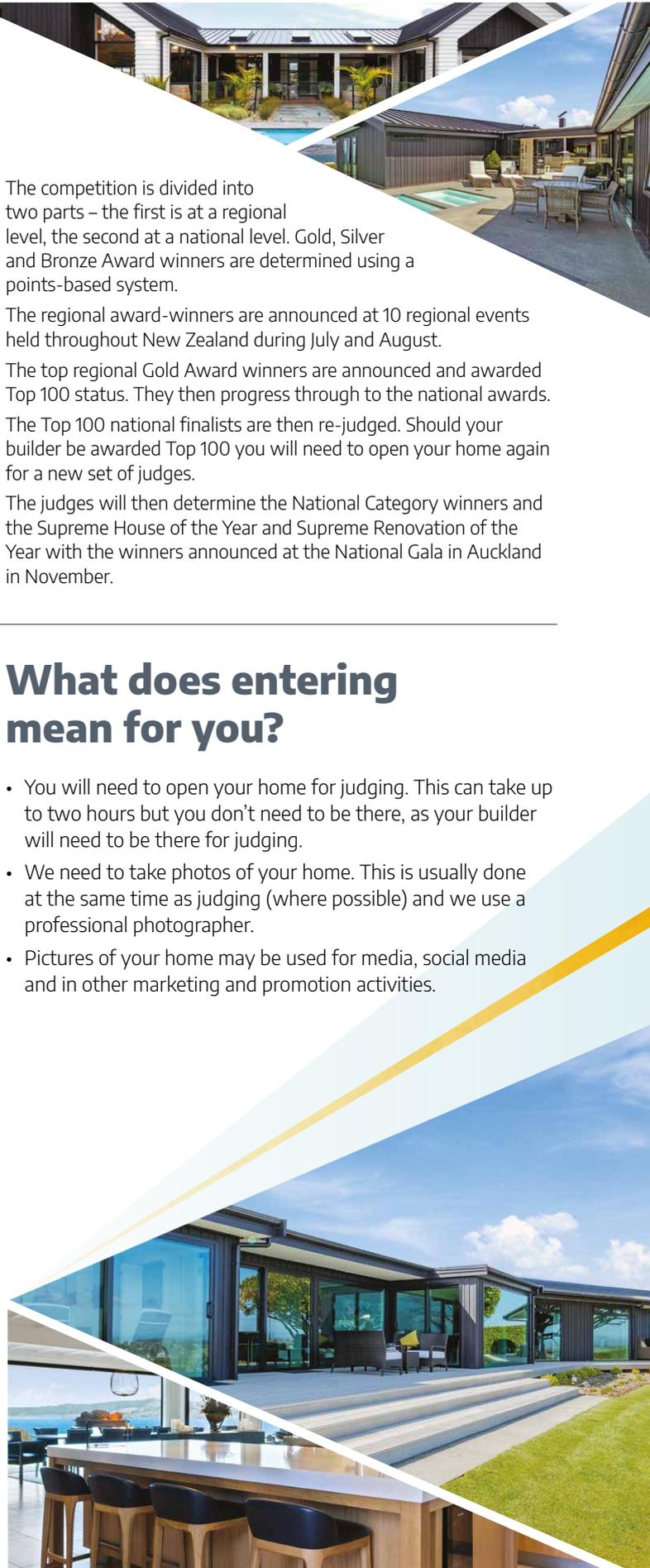
All of the awards, from Bronze right through to the Supreme, are something to be proud of and demonstrate the quality of your home and how it is well above industry standard.

### Selling your home

When it comes to selling your home, having a House of the Year quality mark can set you apart and demonstrates the quality of your home and the craftsmanship that went into it. To win a House of the Year award, your home must be well above industry standard which is a great selling point for potential buyers.

## What does entering mean for you?

- You will need to open your home for judging. This can take up to two hours but you don't need to be there, as your builder will need to be there for judging.
- We need to take photos of your home. This is usually done at the same time as judging (where possible) and we use a professional photographer.
- Pictures of your home may be used for media, social media and in other marketing and promotion activities.



# Key dates

**Apr  
- Jul**

Regional judging undertaken by nationally selected judges

**Jul  
- Aug**

Regional Awards Gala Dinners

**Aug  
- Sep**

National Top 100 finalists announced

**Sep  
- Oct**

National Top 100 Judged

**Nov**

National Awards Gala in Auckland

## Protecting your privacy

The competition is designed to protect your privacy. We do not publish street addresses or show letterbox numbers on any media or marketing. To identify the house we simply use the suburb/region ensuring your privacy is maintained.

This competition is all about profiling and promoting your Registered Master Builder. As such we do not require you or your family to participate in any form of publicity if you do not wish to. You choose the privacy level you would like to retain during the competition.

We only require access to your home for judging and photography.

All photos taken will be uploaded onto the House of the Year website and the House of the Year magazine. Your builder will receive a copy of these photos which they can provide to you.

## For FAQs and more information visit:



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