The Bridal Couple (married between April 2016 and March 2017) has until Friday 7 April 2017 at 12:00 to enter for the Republikein Bridal Couple of the Year Competition. No late entries will be accepted.

NOTE: Couples wishing to enter have to complete the entry form. Participants must also acquaint themselves with the rules and undertake to abide by them. The 30 semi-finalists will be announced in Republikein’s Kollig supplement on 28 April 2017 after which SMS voting lines will open. The ten finalists will be announced in the Kollig on 19 May 2017. Entries can be handed in at the Republikein’s offices at 11 Gen. Murtala Muhammed Road, Eros, Windhoek or e-mail gerine@republikein.com.na.

1. Prizes are not transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.
2. The judge’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
3. Two postcard-size colour photos of the bridal couple – one full length and one head & shoulders – must be submitted together with the entry form. No computer print outs or colour photocopies are acceptable. Please take extra care in selecting your photographs for participation. The first round of competition hinges on eye-catching photos. Please note that if you don’t submit photographs as request, you may be disqualified.
4. Photos remain the property of Republikein.
5. Entrants are responsible for travel and accommodation expenses to participate in the final taking place at the Namibia Tourism Expo in Windhoek on Saturday 3 June 2017.
6. Entrants must be Namibian citizens, residents or permanent residents, and the finalists must be in Windhoek for the final event.
7. Winners must collect their prizes personally, within three months after the announcement.
8. To be considered for the Bridal Couple of the Year, participants must still be married at the time of the final event.
9. Participants must be willing to appear in the Republikein for promotional purposes. Please note that not all entries will be published.
10. Finalist couples must be willing to appear in their bridal attire for the final event.
11. Both parties of the Bridal Couple must attend the final event.
12. Staff members of Namibia Media Holdings and its subsidiaries as well as their immediate family, and sponsors may not participate in this competition.
13. The Bridal Couple must complete the entry form in full and write a few words about themselves, how they met, their wedding day as well as their plans for the future.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Because of the high volume of entries, the first round of judging takes place based on your photographs and your letter. To better your chances of going through to the next round, make sure your photographs and entry letter are of a high quality. Once the 30 semi-finalists are chosen, the public will start voting for their favourite couple via SMS. The judging panel consists of professionals involved in the photographic, beauty, hairdressing, and clothing/design industries as well as previous winners. Please note that while the organisers encourage you to share your photograph on Facebook, “likes” do not have an influence on the judges’ decision.