



## RULES FOR COMPETITION SCHEDULES

### FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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#### **Required by RSOBHD**

- **Photography**

Unauthorised use of cameras, imaging and digital devices is prohibited, including recording using mobile phones

It is prohibited to use any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images without the organiser's permission

Following the awards parents may photograph their own child or other children **with parental permission** but be highly aware that there must not be other children in shot whose privacy must be protected.

(If applicable) As organisers of this event, we plan to photograph winning competitors for the purpose of posting on our Website or Facebook page. If anyone wishes to opt out of this process, please let us know.

#### **Required by ABNDI**

- "Any rules pertaining to competition or Championship. Released by RSOBHD or ABNDI from time of printing this schedule to the date of the Competition or Championship will be adhered to.
- Any complaint made by an individual against the organisation or adjudication of an event must be made in writing giving the complainant's full name and address, and shall be lodged with the organiser if possible on the day of the event and certainly not later than 48 hours after the event. Such a complaint to be accompanied by a set fee as determined by the ABNDI which is refundable if the protest is upheld.  
Current fee is \$5.00 (ABNDI Gen No 152 2-3/5/09, P6 7iii)
- "During the course of the competition the comportment and behaviour of the competitors may come under the jurisdiction of the judges, not only whilst dancing, but also when entering or leaving the platform and whilst waiting for the dance to start. Any unseemly behaviour on the part of a competitor or any misdemeanour likely to upset the decorum of the proceedings may be penalised by the judges and could lead to disqualification. A full report on any such misconduct on the part of a competitor must be submitted by the judges to the organiser. In serious cases, the judge should also provide a report of any such conduct on the part of the competitor to the organiser and to the RSOBHD.
- This Competition is registered with the Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. (Reg FNQ / ), and will be conducted under the rules and conditions as set down by RSOBHD and as adopted by ABNDI.

### **Suggestions (but not required) by FNQRCHDI**

- Dancers compete entirely at their own risk.
- Dancers entering sections when ineligible shall forfeit their entry fee.
- Competitors arriving late for a section will not be allowed to compete if the dance has been completed. Alternatively, competitors may not pre-dance prior to the commencement of the section.
- The Committee reserves the right to refuse section entries, substitute a Judge and/or alter the programme at their discretion.
- For the presentation of prizes, dancers must be in Kilt or National costume. Numbers must be worn for the prize-giving ceremony.
- If, after submitting an entry, a competitor changes in classification, the Entries Secretary must be notified prior to competition day.
- No smoking allowed in competition venue.
- Dancers are requested to dress appropriately and modestly at all times.
- Added to this list would be closing date and entry particulars (address and payments). If including Titles, Premierships and Restricted Dances, please list own rulings.

### **FNQRCHDI COVID-19 RULES**

- The Organisers of this competition reserve the right to refuse entry to any attendee who does not comply with COVID-19 Rules and Regulations.
- Please do not attend this competition if:
  - In the last 14 days you have travelled from overseas or a COVID-19 hotspot.
  - Have been in close contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19.
  - Are an active COVID-19 CASE
  - You are currently, or have recently experienced cough, fever, sore throat, fatigue, loss of smell or taste, vomiting, diarrhoea or shortness of breath.
  - You have had a COVID-19 test and not yet received the result.
- If you develop any flu-like symptoms during the competition, please inform the organiser immediately.
- Please follow instructions regarding designated entry and exit points.
- Sign in using the QR code or sign-in sheet
- Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever possible, this includes in changing and marshalling areas.
- Dancers may consider arriving at the competition ready to dance to reduce the number of costume changes.
- Avoid shaking hands, hugging or kissing others.
- Please follow the organiser's guidelines with respect to food and drink.
- Ensure appropriate hygiene including washing your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
- Sneeze or cough into your arm or a tissue. Then put the tissue in the bin.
- Wear a face mask if directed to do so by government authorities at the time of the competition.
- Awards and trophy presentations may be modified to minimise handling of prizes and contact with others.
- Please leave promptly at the end of the competition and avoid gathering in groups within or outside the venue.

**Only if Required:**

- If age groups are advertised there must be a disclaimer on the schedule to cover changing of ages due to entries – e.g. ages to be decided on entries. If advertising age groups without disclaimer, competition organisers must stay with the age groups advertised. Competition organisers are encouraged to always add disclaimer in the schedule.
- **Aggregates and Overall Awards**  
When three prizes are awarded, 137, 91, 71 should be counted. When four prizes awarded 137, 91, 71, 53 should be counted. The method to be used in awarding the trophy should be shown on the programme. Aggregate points are awarded only when prizes are given.

**OR**

Aggregate and overall trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. Rules pertaining to how the trophy will be awarded should be shown on the program. Please refer to RSOBHD Rule Book Pages 23 and 26 for further details.

- **Clarification for conducting “dance off” Award** – (RSOBHD Liaison Meeting – ABHDI Direct Delegate’s Report 2004).
- The ‘dance off’ would be a specific and separate event and has nothing to do with the aggregate “overall” trophy or award. The “dance off” for an “overall” award may be the chosen method for the “dancer of the day” award or a “special” dance award. The dance would be decided by the organiser for the competition and listed in the schedule with the conditions also specified in the program. There would be no need for each section to have 6 competitors, e.g. The competition organiser may have a set of Swords for a prize so the dance selected may be the “Swords”. The successful dancers (1<sup>st</sup> or 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) in each of the section age groups in one classification would then compete in the “Dance Off” for the prize. All conditions must be printed in the competition schedule.
- **Premier with Restriction**

**To be Displayed at Championships**

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- **Heats and Finals**  
Only the scrutineering sheet containing the Final Championship results would be posted for public display.
- “This Championship is registered under RSOBHD rules as adopted by ABHDI” and quote the ABHDI registered number for Championships and the relevant State or Region Registered number for non-Championship competitions. (ABHDI 24/10/82 P5)
- Throughout Australia, Premierships/Titles Scrutineering sheets must be displayed at competition venue. (ABHDI 1-2/5/93 P10 – 4 CIRCSR93.12)
- Where a trophy of any description covering a single dance, overall or combined awards, then ADVANCE notice must be provided by the organiser giving details of how the award will be decided. It is preferred that these details be publicly displayed on the day of the competition. (RSOBHD 16/9/84 P2)