



ANNUAL HIGHLAND DANCING TITLES & COMPETITION

SATURDAY 9th MARCH 2024

VENUE: NORTH MACKAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL HALL
VALLEY STREET, NORTH MACKAY

ADJUDICATOR: Ailsa Bouch (Melbourne, VIC)

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 16th February 2024

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Meals and refreshments will be available at the competition

LIST OF APPROVED COMPETITION RULES

1. This competition is registered with FNQ 02/24 and will be conducted under the rules and conditions as set down by SOBHD and as adopted by ABHDI.
2. Dancers must be registered and present their registration card on day of competition.
3. Dancers are to compete in their own age group and one classification only.
4. Age will be taken as at date of competition. Where age is in dispute, registration card must be produced.
5. Age groupings for sections will be decided on receipt of entries.
6. Competitors must use the official music and swords provided by the committee.
7. Mackay Highland Dancing Association to be notified IMMEDIATELY of a change of classification or if a dancer is unable to compete after submitting an entry.
8. Entries must be accompanied by entry fees and no entries will be accepted after the closing date.
9. Dancers 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 a section.
10. No warm-up or practicing is permitted inside the hall whilst dancers are competing.
11. Dancers to observe the ABHDI direction 'competitors should be modestly attired at all times'.
12. **PRE-PREMIER** - Eligibility for Pre-Premier section will apply as at date of competition and shall be in accordance with SOBHD registration scheme.
13. Dancers must 'fill in' if requested by the Organiser. If a competitor fails to fill in unless for a medical reason the Organiser has the right to enforce Rule 1g, Page 42 D-Judges, SOBHD Rules and Regulations, which reads: Provided due prominence is given to the fact in the program or in a brochure by the Organiser, then during the course of a competition the comportment 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, but a full report of any such misconduct on the part of a competitor must be submitted by the judges to the Organiser.
14. The use of electronic devices of any kind to record competing dancers will NOT be permitted.
15. Any complaint made by an individual against the organisation or the adjudication of an event must be in writing stating the complainant's full name and address and be lodged with the organiser, if possible, on the day of the event, and no later than 48 hours after the event. Such a complaint is to be accompanied by a fee of \$5.00, which is refundable if the protest is upheld.
16. Subject to the official protest ruling, the Judge's decision is final.
17. Scrutineering system for Championship, Titles and Aggregates awards will be as per the SOBHD Constitution.

18. For presentation of prizes on stage, dancers must be in kilt or national costume. Competitor's number must be worn.
19. The committee reserves the right to appoint substitute adjudicators and/or alter the program at any time.
20. Teachers, interested parties or any other unauthorised person must not communicate with judges during a competition. All enquiries must be made at the official table.
21. Dancers compete entirely at their own risk.
22. Any rules pertaining to competitions released from SOBHD or ABHDI from time of printing this schedule and actual date of competition will be adhered to.
23. **TITLES** – Dancers may choose not to compete in all dances that make up the title and still be eligible for an overall title prize, however, the full title fee still applies.
24. Dancers under 18 and all other children are the responsibility of parents or guardians at all times and should be appropriately supervised throughout the competition by them or another nominated adult.

PHOTOGRAPHY ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM RULE

Mackay Highland Dancing Association members will be placing photographs of each of the Premiership placegetters and other photographs taken throughout the day on the Mackay Highland Dancing Association Facebook and Instagram Pages. If you do not agree to your child's photograph and/or name being placed on the Facebook or Instagram Pages, please contact the MHDA Secretary: mackayhda@gmail.com and advise in writing that you do not wish this to occur. Entry into this competition will be an indication that you do agree to your child's photographs and publication of their name on the Facebook and Instagram Pages unless advised via email prior to the competition date.