

Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc

2025 Queensland Highland Dancing Championships

Far North Queensland Titles and Competition

ABHDI C04/2025

FNQ 07/2025

DENISE GLASGOW PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

PIMLICO STATE HIGH SCHOOL
FULHAM ROAD, PIMLICO QLD 4812

Adjudicators: Mrs Deidre MacDonald VIC
Ms Jennifer Coffey WA
Mrs Judy Niven VIC

SATURDAY 19th APRIL 2025

Queensland Highland Dancing Championships

Primary Competition

FNQ Beginners Title

FNQ Novice Title

FNQ Intermediate Title

FNQ Premier Restricted Title

FNQ Premier Title

Enter online at www.hdcomps.com

Entries close Monday 31st March 2025

Late entries accepted until 7th April 2025

Administration Fee \$10.00 per entry

Late entry fee \$10.00 per entry

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**NO STILETTO HEELS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE HALL
NO FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE HALL**

The 2025 Queensland Scottish National Dance Premierships and FNQ Highland Dancing Competition will be conducted Sunday 20th April 2025 at the same venue. See separate syllabus.

SATURDAY 19th April 2025

ABHDI C04/2025 and FNQ 07/2025

Session 1 – commencing at 8.30am

A random ballot will be conducted on 1st April 2025.

2025 Queensland Highland Dancing Championships – Entry Fee \$40.00

7 – 11 years

12 and 13 years

14 and 15 years

16 – 20 years

21 years and over

The Championships will be run concurrently. 2025 RSOBHD championship steps and rules are available at <https://www.abhdi.com>

Session 2 – commencing at approx 1.00pm

Entry Fee - \$25.00 per Title Section dance \$7.00

Intermediate	FNQ Title	Sailors Hornpipe	4 Steps
		Barracks Johnnie	4 Steps
		Highland Laddie	4 Steps
		Seann Truibhas	3 & 1
Premier Restricted	FNQ Title	Highland Laddie	4 Steps
		Village Maid	4 Steps
		Earl of Errol	4 Steps
Premier	FNQ Title	Highland Laddie	4 Steps
		Village Maid	4 Steps
		Earl of Errol	4 Steps

Premier Restricted FNQ Title, and Premier FNQ Title will be danced separately. Premier dancers may compete in either the Premier FNQ Title, or the Premier Restricted FNQ Title, but not both.

The Irene Barton Memorial Bursary: \$100 to be awarded to a Premier, Premier Restricted or Intermediate dancer registered in Far North Queensland worthy of encouragement. The recipient to be selected by the adjudicators.

Session 3 – commencing at approx 3.30pm

Entry Fee - \$25.00 per Title Section dance \$7.00

Primary Entry Fee \$7.00/dance		Highland Fling	4 Steps
		Sword Dance	4 Steps
		Pas de Basque	
		Pas de Basque & High Cuts	
Beginner	FNQ Title	Highland Fling	4 Steps
		Sword Dance	2 & 1
		Scottish Lilt	4 Steps
		Seann Truibhas	3 & 1
Novice	FNQ Title	Highland Fling	4 Steps
		Seann Truibhas	3 & 1
		Flora MacDonald's Fancy	4 steps
		Sword Dance	2 & 1

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AGE GROUPS: Will be decided upon receipt of entries

TITLES: Prizes will be awarded for individual dances

RULES AND CONDITIONS – SATURDAY 19th APRIL 2025

1. This competition is registered with the Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. Reg. No FNQ07/2025 and will be conducted under the rules and conditions as set down by RSOBHD and adopted by ABHDI.
2. Dancers must be registered and present registration card on the day of the competition.
3. Age to be taken as at date of competition (FNQ07/2025 – 19/04/2025)
4. Dancers are to compete in their own age group and in one classification only.
5. First to enter, last to dance.
6. **PRE-PREMIER** – Eligibility for Pre-Premier sections will apply as at date of competition and shall be in accordance with RSOBHD registration scheme.
7. **PREMIER RESTRICTED** – These dances are restricted to Premier dancers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Registered Championship since 19/04/2020. Dancers may compete in Premier Restricted Title or Premier Title, but not both. If a dancer has entered the Premier Restricted Title, and subsequently places 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the 2025 Queensland Championship, they will be permitted to dance in the Premier Restricted Title as entered.
8. **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 fees still apply.
9. Dancers compete entirely at their own risk.
10. Dancers arriving late for a section will not be allowed to compete if the dance has been completed. Similarly, competitors may not pre-dance prior to the commencement of a section.
11. Dancers must 'fill in' if requested by the organizer. If a competitor fails to fill in unless for a medical reason the organizer has the right to enforce Rule 1g), P 45 D-Judge, RSOBHD Rules and Regulations which reads: "During the course of a 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 misdemeanor likely to upset the decorum of the proceedings may be penalized by the judges and could lead to disqualification. A full report of any such misconduct on the part of a competitor must be submitted by the Judge to the Organizer. In serious cases, the Judge should also provide a report of any such conduct on the part of the competitor to the Organizer and to the RSOBHD.
12. Dancers entering sections when ineligible shall forfeit their entry fee.
13. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entries, substitute an Adjudicator and/or alter the program at their discretion.
14. Subject to the official protest ruling, the Judge's decision is final.
15. Any complaint made by an individual against the organization or the adjudication of an event must be in writing stating the complainant's full name and address and be lodged with the organizer, 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. For presentation of prizes, dancers must be in Kilt or National Costume. Competition numbers must be worn for prize giving ceremony. For presentation of Queensland Highland Dancing Championship, dancers must be dressed in Kilt.
17. **Photography and Video Recording:**
During Competition – Recording of dancers is **prohibited** unless authorised by the Competition Organiser. Flash photography is **prohibited**. Own child or teacher's pupil only may be photographed/videoed. Photographs or videos will not be accepted as evidence in support of any protest.
Awards Presentation – Any parent who does not want their child to be photographed should ensure they are removed from the group before the photograph is taken.
Outside Awards Presentation – Parents/Carers may photograph their own child. Parental consent must be obtained before photographing any other dancer. All appropriate steps must be taken to ensure no other dancer is included in the shot unintentionally.
Organiser's Photographs – The Competition Organiser may take photographs and upload them to their website or Facebook page. Parents/Carers who do not want their dancer included in any photographs uploaded must notify the Competition Organiser.
18. If after submitting an entry a competitor changes classification, the Entries Secretary must be notified, as soon as practicable, **PRIOR** to competition day.
19. Any rules pertaining to the competition and/or championship released from RSOBHD and ABHDI from time of printing this schedule and actual date of competition will be adhered to.
20. Competitors must use the official music and swords provided by the committee.
21. No practicing will be permitted around or behind the stage. The audience is requested to remain seated while sections are in progress.
22. Smoking is not permitted inside the hall or on school premises.
23. Dancers are requested to observe the ABHDI direction regarding standard of dress whilst in attendance at Highland Dancing Competitions. If dancers choose to remove any part of their costume whilst not competing, it is requested they be modestly attired at all times.
24. Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. is not liable for the safety of unaccompanied dancers and unsupervised non-dancers.
25. Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. Risk Management Strategy will be in force and will be available for anyone who wishes to peruse this document.
26. Entry fees (excluding admin fees) are fully refundable prior to 31st March **2025**. After this time, refunds (excluding admin fees) will only be given on production of a medical certificate and if the Competition Secretary is advised in writing prior to the event. No refunds will be given if a dancer does not meet the criteria above or does not compete on the day.
27. Far North Queensland Regional Committee reserves the right to deal with any matter not covered by these rules.

ORDER OF EVENTS
SATURDAY 19th APRIL 2025

Session 1 8.30 am	Queensland Highland Dancing Championships 7 – 11 Years, 12 and 13 Years, 14 and 15 Years, 16 – 20 Years, 21 Years and over (Championships will be run concurrently)
Session 2 Approx 1.00 pm	Intermediate FNQ Title and Section dance Premier Restricted FNQ Title Premier FNQ Title Presentation of Queensland Highland Dancing Championships Presentation of FNQ Titles for Intermediate, Premier Restricted and Premier. Presentation of The Irene Barton Memorial Bursary for Premier, Premier Restricted or Intermediate dancer.
Session 3 Approx 3.30 pm	Primary Beginner FNQ Title and section dance Novice FNQ Title and section dance Presentation of Beginner and Novice FNQ Titles Presentation of The Irene Barton Memorial Bursary for Beginner or Novice dancer.

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