

Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc

2026 Queensland Highland Dancing Championships

ABHDI C05/2026

**MACKAY NORTHERN BEACHES HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
30 ROSEWOOD DRIVE
RURAL VIEW QLD 4740**

Adjudicators: **Janet Gray** **NSW**
 Sarah Foster **TAS**
 Rochelle Stonard **WA**

SATURDAY 21st March 2026
Queensland Highland Dancing Championships

Enter online at www.hdcomps.com

Entries close Monday 2nd March 2026

Late entries accepted until 6th March
2026

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 2026 Queensland Scottish National Dance Premierships and FNQ Highland
Dancing Competition will be conducted Sunday 22nd March 2026 at the same venue.
See separate syllabus.

**Mackay Highland Dancing Assoc will be running a competition after the
Championships**

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Session 1 – commencing at 8.30am

A random ballot will be conducted on 2nd March 2026.

2026 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. 2026 RSOBHD championship steps and rules are available at <https://www.abhdi.com>

RULES AND CONDITIONS – SATURDAY 21th MARCH 2026

1. This competition is registered with the Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. 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 21/03/2026
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. Dancers compete entirely at their own risk.
8. 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.
9. Dancers entering sections when ineligible shall forfeit their entry fee.
10. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entries, substitute an Adjudicator and/or alter the program at their discretion.
11. Subject to the official protest ruling, the Judge's decision is final.
12. 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.
13. For presentation of Queensland Highland Dancing Championship, dancers must be dressed in Kilt.
14. **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.
15. If after submitting an entry a competitor changes classification, the Entries Secretary must be notified, as soon as practicable, **PRIOR** to competition day.
16. 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.
17. Competitors must use the official music and swords provided by the committee.
18. No practicing will be permitted around or behind the stage. The audience is requested to remain seated while sections are in progress.
19. Smoking is not permitted inside the hall or on school premises.

20. 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.
21. Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. is not liable for the safety of unaccompanied dancers and unsupervised non-dancers.
22. 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.
23. Entry fees (excluding admin fees) are fully refundable prior to 2nd March 2026. 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.
24. Far North Queensland Regional Committee reserves the right to deal with any matter not covered by these rules.

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Mackay Accommodation – Queensland Championships

Northern Beaches – closest to the competition venue		
Dolphin Heads Resort	dolphinheadsresort.com.au/	6 Beach Road, Dolphin Heads, Mackay, QLD, 4740 <i>9mins / 6kms to venue</i>
Comfort Resort Blue Pacific	bluepacificresort.com.au/	26 Bourke St, Blacks Beach QLD 4740 <i>8mins / 5.5kms to venue</i>
Big 4 Caravan Park	big4.com.au/caravan-parks/qld/mackay/mackay-blacks-beach-holiday-park	16 Bourke St, Blacks Beach QLD 4740 <i>8mins / 5kms to venue</i>
Mount Pleasant/North Mackay – closest to highway when travelling from the North		
Windmill Motel	southerncrossmotelgroup.com.au/portfolio-item/mackay-accommodationwindmill-motel-and-events-centre/	5 Highway Plaza, North Mackay QLD 4740 <i>12mins / 9kms to venue</i>
Motel Northview	motelnorthviewmackay.com.au/	1 Phillip St, Mackay QLD 4740 <i>9mins / 7.5kms to venue</i>
West Mackay – closest to highway when travelling from the South		
Ocean International	oceaninternational.com.au	1 Bridge Rd, Mackay QLD 4740 <i>20 mins / 15km to venue</i>
Shakespeare Motel	shakespearermotel.com.au/	309 Shakespeare St, Mackay, QLD 4740 <i>15mins / 12km to venue</i>
Mackay City – closest to restaurants/shops		
Rydges	rydges.com/accommodation/mackay-qld/mackay-suites/	9 Gregory St, Mackay QLD 4740 <i>16mins / 12kms to venue</i>
Oaks	oakshotels.com/en/oaks-rivermarque	55 River St, Mackay QLD 4740 <i>15mins / 12kms to venue</i>
Quest	questapartments.com.au/properties/qld/mackay/quest-mackay-on-gordon	27 Gordon St, Mackay QLD 4740 <i>17mins / 12kms to venue</i>

*Please note this list is not all inclusive of accommodation in Mackay.

*There are properties in Mackay listed on Airbnb and surrounding suburbs.

*Travelling families should note that the Whitsundays/Airlie Beach is an approximately 1hr 45min drive from Mackay