

Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc

## **2026 Queensland Scottish National Dance Premierships**

in conjunction with

## **Far North Queensland Highland Dancing Competition**

SNDP 01/2026

FNQ 02/2026

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

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

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2026**

**2026 Queensland Scottish National Dance Premierships**

**Primary competition**

**Beginners competition**

**Novice competition**

**Intermediate competition**

**Premier Restricted competition**

**Premier competition**

**Enter online at [www.hdcomps.com](http://www.hdcomps.com)**

**Entries close Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

**Late entries accepted until 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Administration fee \$10.00 per entry**

**Late Fee \$10.00 per entry**

**Email: [fnqrchdi@outlook.com](mailto:fnqrchdi@outlook.com)**

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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 Highland Dancing Championships and the FNQ Titles will be  
conducted Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 at the same venue.**

**See separate syllabus**

# SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026

SNDP 01/2026 and FNQ 02/2026

## Session 1 – commencing at 8.30 am

### **2026 Queensland Scottish National Dance Premierships – Entry Fee \$40**

7 – 11 years	}	Sailors Hornpipe
12 and 13 years		Blue Bonnets
14 and 15 years		Earl of Errol
16 – 20 years		Scottish Lilt
21 year and over		

**A random ballot will be conducted on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026.**

The Scottish National Dance Premierships will be run concurrently. The 2026 RSOBHD Scottish National Dance Premiership steps and rules are available at: <https://www.abhdi.com>

## Session 2 – commencing at approx 12.45pm

**Trophy Dance - \$15.00**

**Premier Restricted**

**Section Dance - \$7.00**

**Irish Jig (Trophy Dance)**

**3 + 1 steps**

Scotch Measure

4 steps

Highland Laddie

4 steps

**Premier**

**Irish Jig (Trophy Dance)**

**3 + 1 steps**

Scotch Measure

4 steps

Highland Laddie

4 steps

**Trophy Dance - \$15.00**

**Primary**

**Section Dances - \$7.00**

Pas de Basque

Pas de Basque and High Cuts

Highland Fling

4 steps

Sword Dance

2 + 1

**Beginner**

**Highland Fling (Trophy Dance)**

**4 steps**

Highland Fling

4 steps

Sword Dance

2 + 1

Seann Triubhas

3 + 1

Scottish Lilt

4 steps

Flora MacDonald's Fancy

4 steps

**Novice**

**Highland Fling (Trophy Dance)**

**4 steps**

Sword Dance

2 + 1

Seann Triubhas

3 + 1

Half Reel of Tulloch

4 parts

Scottish Lilt

4 steps

Flora MacDonald's Fancy

4 steps

**Intermediate**

**Irish Jig (Trophy Dance)**

**3 + 1 steps**

Highland Fling

4 steps

Sword Dance

2 + 1

Seann Triubhas

3 + 1

Half Reel of Tulloch

4 parts

Highland Laddie

4 steps

**AGE GROUPS:**

Will be decided upon receipt of entries

**Please see the link below for suggested accommodation in Mackay.**

<https://fnqrchdi.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Mackay-Accommodation-for-Championships.pdf>

## RULES AND CONDITIONS – SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2026

1. This competition is registered with the Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. Reg. No FNQ 07/2026 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 (FNQ 02/2026 – 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 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 section 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Registered Championship since 22/03/2021. Dancers may compete in Premier Restricted or Premier, but not both. A dancer who places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2026 Queensland Highland Dancing Championships held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 will not be permitted to dance in the Premier Restricted section at this competition.
8. Dancers compete entirely at their own risk.
9. 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.
10. 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), 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 misdemeanour likely to upset the decorum of the proceedings may be penalised 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 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.
11. Dancers entering sections when ineligible shall forfeit their entry fee.
12. The Committee reserves the right to refuse entries, substitute an Adjudicator and/or alter the program at their discretion.
13. Subject to the official protest ruling, the Judge's decision is final.
14. 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.
15. For presentation of prizes, dancers must be in Kilt or National Costume. Competition numbers must be worn for prize giving ceremony. For presentation of the Queensland Scottish National Dance Premierships, dancers must be dressed in Kilt/National Costume.
16. **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.
17. If after submitting an entry a competitor changes classification, the Entries Secretary must be notified, as soon as practicable, **PRIOR** to competition day. This includes Premier Restricted dancers who subsequently place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a registered championship.
18. 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.
19. Competitors must use the official music and swords provided by the committee.
20. No practicing will be permitted around or behind the stage. The audience is requested to remain seated while sections are in progress.
21. Smoking is not permitted inside the hall or on the school premises.
22. 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.
23. Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing is not liable for the safety of unaccompanied dancers and unsupervised non-dancers.
24. Far North Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Risk Management Strategy will be in force and will be available for anyone who wishes to peruse this document.
25. Entry fees (excluding admin fees) are fully refundable prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
26. Far North Queensland Regional Committee reserves the right to deal with any matter not covered by these rules.

## 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	shakespearemotel.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