

All About Highland Dance Costumes



SQRCHDI Workshop 2019

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Quick survey

* Put your hand up if....



1. You have a child who is a highland dancer?
2. Your child has been dancing for 1-2 years
3. Your child has been dancing for 2-5 years
4. You are an experienced Highland Dance parent?

Rules, rules, rules!

- * Dress code

https://www.sobhd.net/index.php?uamfiletype=attachment&uamgetfile=2017/11/Dress-Code_Oct-2017.pdf

- * Dress code with photos

<https://www.sobhd.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/SOBHD-Dress-Code-10.11.17.pdf>



Additional rules

- * Hair – no visible hair adornments
- * Makeup – no glitter or theatrical makeup (eg. fake eyelashes)
- * Dressing rooms – should be used and dancers should be fully, appropriately and respectably dressed in public at competitions (ie no bras or crop tops to be shown)
- * Medical tights – allowed with medical certificate
- * Jewellery – no jewellery except medical alert bracelet or wedding ring

Penalties

“Only in extreme circumstances of non-compliance of the Dress Code should any penalty be applied.

The Maximum penalty would be minus 5 marks.”

Beginner – Novice

A deduction of 5 marks should be made for the following:

- * Heel of shoe coming off or shoelaces coming undone

Disqualification should result from:

- * Shoe coming off

Penalties

Intermediate

A deduction of 5 marks should be made for the following:

- * Hose coming down
- * Part of Shoe coming off
- * Lace coming undone
- * Any part of attire falling off
- * Not wearing a hat for Sailors Hornpipe
- * Male not wearing a hat for Highland/Scottish National
- * Not wearing socks for Sailor's Hornpipe
- * Wearing tights under hose/socks for Highland/Scottish National

Disqualification should result from:

- * Shoe coming off
- * Not wearing Jig Shoes in Irish Jig Competition

Penalties

Premier

A deduction of 5 marks should be made for the following:

- * Hose coming down
- * Any part of attire falling off
- * Not wearing a hat for Sailors Hornpipe
- * Male not wearing a hat for Highland/Scottish National
- * Not wearing socks for Sailor's Hornpipe
- * Wearing tights under hose/socks for Highland/Scottish National

Disqualification should result from:

- * Shoe or part of shoe coming off
- * Lace coming undone
- * Not wearing Jig shoes in Irish Jig Competition

For competition: Yes or No?

- * Frilly white socks **NO**
- * Wearing a watch **NO**
- * Hair out **NO**
- * Coloured pumps **NO**
- * Hair adornments **NO**
- * Tights under hose (socks) **NO**
- * Kilt pin **NO** (for girls) **ALLOWED** (for boys)

Practical session

- * How to wear the kilt properly
- * Competition number
- * Highland pumps
- * Aboyne plaid
- * “Double gartering”
- * Hair



Image: <https://www.cowalgathering.com>

Where to buy costumes*

Highland Dance Wear Buy, Sell and Swap
Australia Only

- Facebook: [Public Group](#)

Scottish Highland Kilts & Costumes (hire
available)

- Facebook:

[@scottishhighlandkiltsandcostumes](#)

Wiltshire Highland Wear

- www.wiltshirehw.com.au

Highland Dance Shop

- Facebook: [@HighlandDanceShop](#)
- Web: www.highlanddanceshop.com

Highland X Press

- Facebook: [@HighlandXPress](#)
- Web: www.shophighlandxpress.com

McFarland's Down Under the Kilt

- Web: www.downunderthekilt.com

Tartantown

- Facebook: [@TartantownLtd](#)
- Web: www.tartantown.com

Bonnie Tartan

- Facebook: [@BonnieTartan](#)
- Web: www.bonnetartan.com

Celtic Dance Supplies Australia

- Facebook: [@celticdancesupplies](#)
- Web: www.celticdancesupplies.com.au

Posh Bibs

- Facebook: [@poshbibs](#)

*Please note this list is not exhaustive and all suppliers have given permission to be included

Hot tips for costumes

Handy items...

- ⦿ Dream duffel / costume roller / large suitcase
- ⦿ Garment rack
- ⦿ Suit bags
- ⦿ [Costume checklist](#)
- ⦿ Apron
- ⦿ Extra bits and bobs – safety pins, needle and thread, spare items





Thank you!
Any questions?