

Newcastle Highland Dancing Association Inc

***** **57th Annual** *****

NHDAI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Registration No: C04/2024

and

Pre-Premier/Premier Competition

Registration No: NSW 04/2024

Sunday 3rd March 2024

at Warners Bay Theatre
Lake St **Warners Bay 2282**

**ADJUDICATORS: Delma Wilson (SCOTLAND)
Merryl Munro (QLD)
Trish Ghirardello (ACT)**



ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED VIA HD COMPS: www.hdcomps.com
(HD Comps charge an online admin/booking fee which is a % of the entry costs)

**Enquires: Jacki Price 0438671790
newcastlehighlanddance@gmail.com**

Commencing 8.45am SHARP

**7-11 years Championship
12&13 years Championship
14&15 years Championship
16-18 years Championship
19 years and over Championship**

***Ballot for NHDAI Championships to be drawn on Friday 23rd February 2024
Dancers entering Championships after ballot draw will then be last to enter first to
dance followed by the ballot order.***

2024 RSOBHD Championship Steps & Rules: <https://www.abhdi.com/dancers--teachers>

PRIZES: Perpetual Trophies for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places. Cash Prizes & Sashes for Overall 6 places.
Cash Prizes for Championship Dances per Age Group. A Highest placed Perpetual Trophy will be
awarded for the Premier with Restriction per Age group. Medals will be awarded for Championship
Dance points.

Entry Fees:

**Sections: \$6.00 per dance
All Championships: \$40.00 per dancer
Intermediate Trophy Dance: \$10**

Afternoon session commencing approximately 1.00pm

Primary: Pas de Basques, Pas de Basque & High Cuts, Highland Fling (4), Sword Dance (2&1)

Intermediate: Barracks Johnnie (4), Highland Laddie (4), Flora (4), Lilt (4), Jig (3&1)

Trophy Dance: Hornpipe (4 steps)

Premier: Barracks Johnnie (4), Highland Laddie (4), Blue Bonnets (4), Village Maid (4).

PRIZES: Medals given for Pre-Premier section dances. Trophies given for places for Pre-Premier Trophy Dance. Cash Prizes for Premier Section dances. Prizes for Pre-Premier and Premier will be determined by the number of dancers competing on the day of Competition.

*I agree to my child's photograph being used in the promotion of Highland Dancing **YES/NO***

Signature of Parent/Dancer over 18 years:

The New South Wales State Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. will be running the Highland Dance NSW Competition League in 2024.

The competition league is an aggregate system for NSW registered Highland Dancers with league points able to be earned at every registered NSW competition. Dancers can accumulate league points at each competition they enter throughout the calendar year.

The winners will be announced at the first NSW Competition the following year.

League Categories: Beginners, Novice, Intermediate, Premier with Restriction and Premier.

The more competitions the dancers compete in, the more points they earn.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. This Championship is registered with **ABHDI C04/2024** and will be conducted under the rules and conditions as set down by RSOBHD and as adopted by ABHDI.
2. Teachers, interested parties or any other unauthorised person must not communicate with Judges during the Championships. All enquiries to the official table.
3. A competitor who has taken part in any so-called Championship not recognised by the Board or any person who has acted as a judge at such an event, shall be ineligible to compete or judge in any recognised Championship or Competition under RSOBHD rules until given permission to do so by the Board. Such permission may be withheld for as long as a Board may decide.
4. According to RSOBHD rules, there must be at least six entries in advance of the competition date, and at least six of these must take part on the day for the Championship to go ahead. In the event of less than six competitors dancing in any one championship, section will be danced but the Championship will not be recognised. No certificate, trophy or sash will be presented, but individual prize money will be paid.
5. Competitors do not have to remain in the marshalling area but must return for the correct order of ballot. The onus is on the competitor to return in time for the correct order of ballot. (*ABHDI Technical 5/10/85 P 3 ratified ABHDI 6/10/85 P 8*).
6. Any complaint made by an individual against the organisation or adjudication of an event, must be made in writing giving the complainants full name and address, and shall be lodged with the Organiser, if possible, on the day of the event, certainly not later than 48 hours after the event. Such complaint to be accompanied by a fee as determined by the ABHDI which is refundable if protest upheld.
7. All place-getters in Championships are to be dressed in **KILT** for trophy presentation.
8. Judges' decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into.
9. a) With the advent of electronic recording equipment there be no restrictions on the usage of electronic recording equipment provided permission is obtained from the organisers and judges and it does not interfere with the smooth organisation of the competition/championship or in any way restrict the view of the judge/s.
b) That Judges and Organisers should bear in mind that the Judge's decision is final and cannot be subjected to an electronic recording equipment replay.
10. Child protection/Well-being of Dancers. All participants will seek to ensure the health & well-being of the dancer at all times. Organisers will have a child protection policy, adhere to national child protection policy, provide a safe environment, and suitable programming of events to ensure sufficient recovery time for the dancers.

RULES & CONDITIONS

1. This competition is registered with **NSW 04/2024** and conducted under RSOBHD Rules as adopted by ABHDI
2. Dancers must be registered with State or Regional committees to be eligible to dance in this competition.
3. Dancers must quote their reg. no. on their entry form, but registration cards must not be sent with entries. Registration must be brought to competition to be produced on request.
4. In accordance with an ABHDI ruling competitors may only enter eight dances on one day. Premierships and trophy dances must be included.
5. If necessary, events may be combined, and ages altered to suit entries received. Age groups for events will be determined upon receipt of entries.
6. Premier with Restriction ruling: dancers are not eligible if they have been placed first, second or third overall in a registered championship in the previous five years.
7. Age will be taken as at date of competition. Where age is in dispute registration card must be produced.
8. Competitors must dance in own age group and level only.
9. Competitors entering events when ineligible will forfeit their entry fee.
10. **ALL COMPETITORS COMPETE AT THEIR OWN RISK.**
11. Competitors not ready to compete when called forfeit their right to compete.
12. Any complaint made by an individual against the organisation or adjudication of an event must be made in writing, giving the complainant's full name and address and shall be lodged with the organiser within a period of 48 hours following the results being made public and accompanied by a fee of \$5.00 which is refundable if the protest is upheld.
13. The adjudicator's decision is final.
14. The committee reserves the right to alter or amend the rules as circumstances arise.
15. **FILL-INS FOR REELS.** If a competitor fails to fill in, unless for medical reason the organiser has the right to enforce the rule 1F page 28D- Judges RSOBHD RULES & REGULATIONS, which reads "Provided due prominence is given to the fact that 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 and leaving the platform and whilst waiting for the dance to start. Any unseemly behaviour on the part of the a competitor or any misdemeanour likely to upset the decorum of the proceedings may be penalised by the judges and could lead to disqualifying but a full report of any such misconduct on the part of a competitor must be submitted by the Judges to the organiser". (ABHDI 2 3/5/98 Page 11)
16. All prize winners must be in highland dress to receive prizes.
17. Any rules pertaining to competition, released by RSOBHD or ABHDI from the time of printing this syllabus/schedule to the date of the competition will be adhered to.
18. Prizes for Pre-Premier & Premier Competitors will be determined by the number of dancers who actually compete on the day of Competition.
19. Competition Dress Rules: In order to meet the requirements of the Child Protection Legislation, ALL competitors are to use the allocated dressing rooms to change in. ALL competitors must always be modestly attired; a T-shirt, or similar, must be worn if vest or jacket is removed.
20. Competitors 18 years and over, and Parents or Carers of those Competitors 17 years and under, must either sign the Permission to take Photographs section or tick the appropriate box during the on-line entry process.
21. **RSOBHD Position Statement on Child Protection Policy:**
June 2017 - Photography
Unauthorised use of cameras, imaging and digital devices are prohibited, including recording using mobile phones. It is prohibited to use any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images without the organiser's permission.
Following the awards parents may photograph their own child or other children with parental permission but be highly aware that there must not be other children in the shot whose privacy must be protected.
As Organisers of this event, we plan to photograph winning competitors for the purpose of posting on our website or Facebook page. If anyone wishes to opt out of this process, please let us know.
22. **COVID-19 Rules:** This event will follow the NHDAI COVID-19 Guidelines, the venue COVID-19 plan and the COVID-19 rules as set out by the State and Federal Governments at the date of the competition.
23. **COVID-19 Refund Policy:** Should a competitor be unable to attend due to border restrictions, entry fees will be refunded, less the HD Comps administration fee. It is the responsibility of all competitors to be aware and across the details of border restrictions within their own State and the State of NSW including how the restrictions may impact on their travel plans. NHDAI will not be responsible for any further costs incurred as a result of change of border restrictions.