

# HIGHLAND DANCING SECTION



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**Adjudicator: Annabel McArthur (MNZAHND) Dunedin**

**Scottish Hall, Esk Street, Invercargill**

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

**Entries will only be accepted via the WE Development App Portal. [WE Developments Hub](#)**

## **SPECIFIC RULES – HIGHLAND DANCING (As per PDANZ)**

**Please ensure you also read and understand the General Rules**

1. All Highland & National dances to be run under the Rules of the Piping and Dancing Association of New Zealand Inc. Miscellaneous dances to be run under Society's own rules. PDANZ registration cards must be produced when numbers are collected.
2. Bonnets to be worn in accordance with the rules and regulations of PDANZ.
3. As per PDANZ Rules: Most Points will be calculated by using Method A: five for each first placing, three for each second and one for each third, from Rule 13 of the PDANZ bylaws. In the event of a tie, aggregate points may be used.
4. Merit Classes and Miscellaneous classes do not qualify for Most Points.
5. Junior competitors may dance in own age group and one above only.
6. In the case of insufficient entries for Reels – dances in brackets will apply.
7. Numbers worn by competitors must be in clear view of Adjudicator.
8. Most Points Under 16 and Under 18 will be awarded to the competitors in the Open age group, who fall into that age range on the day of the competition.

## **CUPS:**

All cups mentioned in the Syllabus remain the property of the Society but are held by the winners and must be returned by the dates specified.

Damage to cups is the responsibility of the competitor. Cups are to be returned in a **CLEAN AND UNDAMAGED** condition. Failure to comply may result in a fine of \$10.00 per trophy.

Cups won at our last competition in 2025 are to be returned on competition day or by **Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>** to: 114 Marama Avenue North, Otatara.

## HIGHLAND DANCING SYLLABUS:

<b>CLASS NUMBER</b>	<b>AGE GROUP</b>	<b>CLASS TYPE</b>	<b>TROPHY</b>
<b>818</b>	Under 7 years	Irish Jig	
<b>819</b>	Under 7 years	Highland Fling (Four steps)	
<b>820</b>	Under 8 years	Highland Fling (Four steps)	
<b>821</b>	Under 8 years	Sword Dance	
<b>822</b>	Under 8 years	Irish Jig	
<b>823</b>	Under 10 years	Highland Fling	
<b>824</b>	Under 10 years	Irish Jig	
<b>825</b>	Under 10 years	Sailors Hornpipe	
<b>826</b>	Under 12 years	Sword Dance	
<b>827</b>	Under 12 years	Highland Reel (Seann)	
<b>828</b>	Under 12 years	Highland Fling	
<b>829</b>	Under 12 years	Irish Jig	
<b>830</b>	Under 14 years	Irish Jig	
<b>831</b>	Under 14 years	Sword Dance	
<b>832</b>	Under 14 years	Seann Truibhas	
<b>833</b>	Under 14 years	Sailors Hornpipe	
<b>834</b>	Open	Sailors Hornpipe	

<b>835</b>	Open	Reel O'Tulloch (Seann)	
<b>836</b>	Open	Irish Jig Double Time	
<b>837</b>	Open	Sword Dance	
<b>838</b>	Open	Highland Fling	
<b>839</b>	Open	Irish Jig Single Time	

**MERIT AWARD CLASSES:**

<b>840</b>	<b>Under 8 years</b>	<b>Highland Fling</b>	Merit Awards – Sash for 1 <sup>st</sup> & Rosettes for place getters
<b>841</b>	<b>Under 10 years</b>	<b>Sword Dance</b>	
<b>842</b>	<b>Under 12 years</b>	<b>Sailors Hornpipe</b>	
<b>843</b>	<b>Under 14 years</b>	<b>Irish Hornpipe</b>	
<b>844</b>	<b>14 years &amp; Over</b>	<b>Irish Hornpipe</b>	

**MISCELLANEOUS CLASSES:**

<b>845</b>	<b>Under 12 years</b>	<b>Double Sword</b>	<b>Bruce Clark Trophy</b>
<b>846</b>	<b>12 years &amp; Over</b>	<b>Double Sword</b>	<b>Susan Gill School of Dance Trophy</b>
<b>847</b>	<b>Under 14 years</b>	<b>Highland Reel Team</b>	<b>Winton New World Trophy</b>
<b>848</b>	<b>14 years &amp; Over</b>	<b>Highland Reel Team</b>	<b>Diamond Jewellers Trophy</b>

849	Under 10 years	Waltz Clog	Ismay, Nigel & Elwyn Wilson Trophy
850	10 & Under 14 years	Waltz Clog	Tuatapere HP&D Society Trophy
851	14 years & Over	Waltz Clog	Sandra Kyle Trophy
852	Any age	Melbourne Clog or own choice of any Medal Test	Southland Teachers & Judges Assn Trophy
853	Under 10 years	Skipping Rope Dance	Tuatapere HP&D Society Trophy
854	10 & Under 14 years	Skipping Rope Dance	Kerryn & Angela McLean Trophy
855	14 years & Over	Skipping Rope Dance	Beverley Lockett Trophy
856	Any age	Skipping Rope Dance Duo	McLiskey Family Trophy

**SPECIAL AWARDS:**

<b>Adjudicator's Choice</b>	
Best Dressed in Kilt Local Competitor (30km's or closer)	John McEwan Challenge Cup
Most Promising Unplaced Dancer Under 10	Clan Lindsay Tray
Most Promising Unplaced Dancer 10 & Under 14	Clan Lindsay Tray
Hazel Christie - Southland Incentive Award	Hazel Christie Trophy
Competitor's effort, attitude, and demonstration of passion for their chosen art-form. Chosen from Southland based dancers only	Sash and Monetary Prize for Tuition  Paid directly to applicable Dance teacher/school.

<b>Other Awards</b>	
Most Points Under 7 years	Gore HP&D Society Trophy
Most Points Under 8 years	Heather Scott School of Dance Trophy
Most Points Under 10 years	Jean Macnicol Trophy
Most Points Under 12 years	Anita King Trophy
Most Points Under 14 years	Mary McHugh Trophy
Most Points Under 16 years	Waikiwi HP&D Society Trophy
Most Points Under 18 years	Ceilidh Society of Southland Trophy
Most Points Open	St Andrews Scottish Society of Southland
<p>All prize monies are subject to confirmation and at the discretion of each Artform which classes are applicable. Ribbons will be issued for placings from First to Commended where applicable.</p>	

**Entry Fees:**

Administration fee: \$15.00 per competitor. Includes Society Membership fee.

Family Door Pass: \$10.00 per family

Solo events: \$6.00

Double Swords: \$10.00 (to be paid by 1 competitor only)

Reel teams: \$10.00 (to be paid by 1 competitor only)

**Entries must be submitted via the WE Development App Portal & paid at the time of entry. Please arrange Double Sword and Reel teams prior to entering, then only submit 1 entry and payment per duo/team.**