

RULES FOR COMPETITION SCHEDULES

For Championships:

1.	The Championship Rules + Step Sheet issued with the ABHDI Championship package must be either included in all championship schedules/syllabi without alteration or displayed in a prominent place at the championship concerned without alteration. (<i>ABHDI Gen No 153 3-4/10/09, P10 9.1.3</i>)
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Required by ABHDI	
1.	"Any rules pertaining to competition or Championship, released by SOBHD or ABHDI from the time of printing this schedule to the date of the Competition or Championship, will be adhered to."
2.	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 if possible on the day of the event and certainly not later than 48 hours after the event. Such a complaint to be accompanied by a set fee as determined by the ABHDI which is refundable if protest is upheld. Current Fee is \$5.00 (<i>ABHDI Gen No 152 2-3/5/09, P6 7iii</i>)
3.	"Provide due prominence is given to the fact in the programme 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 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, but a full report of any such misconduct on the part of a competitor must be submitted by the judges to the organiser".
4.	This Competition is registered with the South Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. (Reg. No. SQC /), and will be conducted under the rules and conditions as set down by SOBHD and as adopted by ABHDI.
Suggestions (but not required) by SQRCHDI	
5.	Dancers compete entirely at their own risk.
6.	Dancers entering sections when ineligible shall forfeit their entry fee.
7.	Competitors arriving late for a section will not be allowed to compete if the dance has been completed. Alternatively, competitors may not pre-dance prior to the commencement of the section.
8.	The Committee reserves the right to refuse section entries, substitute a Judge and/or alter the programme at their discretion.
9.	For the presentation of prizes, dancers must be in Kilt or National costume. Numbers must be worn for the prize-giving ceremony.
10.	If, after submitting an entry, a competitor changes in classification, the Entries Secretary must be notified prior to competition day.
11.	No smoking allowed in competition venue.
12.	Dancers are requested to dress appropriately and modestly at all times.
13.	Added to this list would be closing date and entry particulars (address and payments). If including Titles, Premierships or Restricted Dances, please list own rulings.

Only if Required:

1.	If age groups are advertised there must be a disclaimer on the schedule to cover changing of ages due to entries – eg ages to be decided on entries. If advertising age groups without disclaimer, competition organisers must stay with the age groups advertised. Competition organisers are encouraged to always add disclaimer in the schedule
2.	<p>Aggregates & Overall Awards</p> <p>When three prizes are awarded, 137, 91, 71 should be counted. When four prizes awarded 137, 91, 71, 53 should be counted. The method to be used in awarding the trophy should be shown on the programme. Aggregate points are awarded only where prizes are given.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Aggregate and overall trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Competition Organiser. Rules pertaining to how the trophy will be awarded should be shown on the programme. Please refer to ABHDI Rules and Regulations p23-24 for further details</p>
3.	<p>Clarification for conducting “dance off” Award – (SOBHD Liaison Meeting - ABHDI Direct Delegate’s Report 2004)</p> <p>The “dance off” would be a specific and separate event and has nothing to do with the aggregate “overall” trophy or award. The “dance off” for an “overall” award may be the chosen method for the “dancer of the day” award or a “special” dance award. The dance would be decided by the organiser for the competition and listed in the schedule with the conditions also specified in the program. There would be no need for each section to have 6 competitors. e.g. The competition organiser may have a set of Swords for a prize so the dance selected may be the “Swords”. The successful dancers (1st or 1st and 2nd or even 1st, 2nd and 3rd) in each of the section age groups in one classification would then compete in the “Dance Off” for the prize. All conditions must be printed in the competition schedule.</p>
4.	Premier with Restriction Rule

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2.	<p>Heats and Finals</p> <p>Only the scrutineering sheet containing the Final Championship results would be posted for public display.</p>
3.	This Championship is registered under SOBHD rules as adopted by ABHDI” and quote the ABHDI registration number
4.	Scrutineering sheets can only be displayed with placing of 1 - 6 for each adjudication, but no marks can be displayed

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1.	This competition is registered under SOBHD rules as adopted by ABHDI” and quote the ABHDI registered number for Championships and the relevant State or Regional Registered number for non Championship competitions. (<i>ABHDI 24/10/82 P5</i>)
2.	Throughout Australia, Premierships/Titles Scrutineering sheets must be displayed at competition venue. (<i>ABHDI 1-2/5/93 P10-4 - CIRCSR93.12</i>)
3.	Where a trophy of any description covering a single dance, overall or combined awards, then ADVANCE notice must be provided by the organiser giving details of how the award will be decided. It is preferred that these details be publicly displayed on the day of the competition. (<i>SOBHD 16/9/84 P2</i>)