

SQRCHDI
CODE OF ETHICS FOR HIGHLAND DANCING TEACHERS

These guidelines have been prepared by the Executive Committee of the South Queensland Regional Committee of Highland Dancing. They are intended to inform teachers parents, students and the public of the ethical standards expected by its members. They should be posted in a prominent place and distributed to all students concerned.

- A A dance teacher's responsibility is to provide a safe and healthy environment by ensuring that facilities conform to minimum safety and space requirements. Suitable, safe flooring, sufficient lighting should be provided as well as an appropriate sound system.
- B A dance teacher should clearly define the goals to be achieved including the number of lessons suggested to achieve them. This is in order to meet the students needs and expectations.
- C Physical contact should be professional and appropriate at all times during instruction, particularly in respect to correction of the body in certain positions and movements.
- D All teachers should possess the experience, knowledge and qualifications as required to instruct at each dance level defined in the SOBHD constitution.
- E A dance teacher should keep abreast of new developments and practices in the highland dancing industry in order to provide the highest quality dance instruction and education.
- F A dance teacher should never solicit business from another teacher or studio.

- G There should never be any discrimination based on race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical handicap or nationality.
- H All teachers should maintain a professional appearance by avoiding all forms of substance abuse whilst teaching and not smoking in inappropriate circumstances.
- I A dance teacher should use appropriate speech and be suitably attired for lessons.
- J A dance teacher using visiting coaches should supply these coaches with the SQRCHDI Code of Ethics.
- K All dance studios should have a Risk Management Strategy and Incident Report Form available for distribution. A copy of the strategy should be held by the Executive of the SQRCHDI to ensure that legislative requirements are met.
- L A dance teacher should ensure that they have the appropriate insurances in place.
- M All teachers are required to ensure all Blue Card requirements are met for their parents and volunteers.