



2020 New Zealand Dancing Championship Covid Related Conditions

A majority of Centres have approved the Marlborough/Nelson application to host the 2020 New Zealand Dancing Championships. Some centres raised valid concerns and the Executive of the Piping and Dancing Association have agreed that the additional conditions below must be met to help address these concerns:

1. New Zealand must be at Covid Level 1 or below at the time of the competition.
2. Marlborough Highland Dancing Society must be demonstrably compliant with all Government regulations in place at the time of the competition.
3. Marlborough Highland Dancing Society must submit a detailed Health and Safety/Risk Management plan to the Piping and Dancing Association for both the conduct of the competition and for the competition venue, detailing how any L1 Covid related risks will be managed. The Piping and Dancing Association reserves the right to seek independent expert advice on the adequacy of this plan.
4. Marlborough Highland Dancing Society must schedule events in such a way as to minimise the number of competitors/spectators at the venue at any one time. Such scheduling would see individual age groups completed in the minimum amount of time, which would also help reduce expenses for attendees.
5. The Piping and Dancing Assn reserves the right to withdraw approval for Marlborough Highland Dancing Society to host NZCs on public health grounds at any time. Marlborough Highland Dancing Society will be consulted before any such action is taken.
6. Marlborough Highland Dancing Society must make all prospective participants aware that public health requirements may mean that the competition may be cancelled/NZC hosting rights withdrawn at any time. While entry fees would be refunded, any other losses (travel/accommodation etc) would be the participants risk.
7. The Marlborough Highland Dancing Society accepts the financial risk associated with possible withdrawal of NZC hosting rights and/or cancellation of the competition itself. The Piping and Dancing Association will not provide any additional funding or financial support, apart from the prize money stipulated in the Bylaws.
8. To allay any concerns a competitor may have, face masks may be worn while performing if the competitor chooses to do so.