

Nelson Highland Dancing Organisation Inc.  
**Competition Society Day**  
 Sunday 16 August 2026, commencing 9:30am  
 Venue: Richmond Town Hall, Cambridge Street, Richmond

Adjudicator: Ashleigh Simpson (Wellington)

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| <b>PDANZ</b>       |                                                                                     |
| <b>Centre</b>      | Marlborough/Nelson                                                                  |
| <b>Competition</b> | 2026 Competition Society Day<br>16 AUG 2026                                         |
| <b>Approved</b>    |  |
| <b>Date Issued</b> | 5-Jul-26                                                                            |

**Class Events**

1 Novice Highland Fling Under 14

*Competitors who have not won a first place in any dance – refer to rule 2.*

**6 & Under**

2 Highland Fling

3 Irish Jig

**Under 8 Years**

4 **NHDO Merit Award Highland Fling \*\***

5 Sword Dance \*\*

6 Irish Jig \*\*

7 Sailors Hornpipe \*\*

**Under 10 Years**

8 Highland Fling \*\*

9 Sword Dance \*\*

10 **NHDO Merit Award Irish Jig \*\***

11 Sailors Hornpipe \*\*

**Under 12 Years**

12 Highland Fling \*\*

13 Sword Dance \*\*

14 Irish Jig \*\*

15 **NHDO Merit Award Sailors Hornpipe \*\***

**Under 14 Years**

16 **NHDO Merit Award Sword Dance \*\***

17 Seann Triubhas \*\*

18 Highland Reel

19 Irish Jig \*\*

20 Irish Hornpipe \*\*

**Under 16 Years**

21 **NHDO Merit Award Reel O'Tulloch**

22 **NHDO Merit Award Sailors Hornpipe**

**Open**

23 Highland Fling \*\*

24 Sword Dance \*\*

25 **South Island Championship Highland Reel**

26 **NHDO Merit Award Irish Jig DT \*\***

27 Irish Hornpipe \*\*

28 Irish Reel (sub. Irish Jig ST)

**Restricted Under 14 Years**

*Class 29-31 Restricted to dancers who have not won more than 2 most points trophies.*

29 Highland Fling

30 Sword Dance

31 Irish Jig

**Trophies**

Class 1: Claire Webb School of Dance Cup

Most Points (Classes 4-7): Eleanor Patterson Cup

Runner Up: Murray Leitch Ch Cup

Most Points Local: Raye Leitch Cup

Class 4: Jane Wilson Cup

Most Points (Classes 8-11): A J Mackenzie Cup

Runner Up: Judith Kennedy Challenge Cup

Most Points Local: Murray Leitch Cup

Class 11: Gussey Challenge Cup

Most Points (Classes 12-15): Johnson Cup

Runner Up: Eleanor Patterson Cup

Most Points Local: Murray Leitch Cup

Class 12: Marilyn McDonald Cup

Most Points (Classes 16-20): Orma Smith Cup

Runner Up: Cherie Dyce Cup

Most Points Local: Raye Leitch Cup

Class 17: NHDO Challenge Cup

Class 18: Cherie Dyce Cup

Most Points (Classes 23-28): Etta Banks Ch Cup

Runner Up: Tanner Challenge Cup

Most Points Local: Raye Leitch Cup

Class 23: Barbara Moorhead Challenge Trophy

Most Points Classes 25 & 28: C N H P B Cup

Most Points (Classes 29-31): Takaka Drama Ch. Cup

Runner Up: Douthett Cup

**Extra Trophies:**

- Most points in own age group (Classes \*\* in each age): Murray Leitch Shield
- Most points local in own age group (Classes \*\* in each age): Lesley Mitchell Cup
- Male competitor gaining most points: Takaka Scottish Cup
- Most promising local competitor: Jocelyn Millar Challenge Cup
- Most points over two indoor competitions (classes \*\* in each age): Wadsworth & Dick Cup

- Most points local competitor over one year, classes \*\* from each competition (Trophy awarded Members Day 2027): Wadsworth & Dick Cup

## Rules and Conditions

1. All events conducted under the Piping & Dancing Association of NZ Inc By-Laws.
2. Novice Competitors are those who have never won first Place in any dance as per By-Law 40.
3. All entries must be accompanied by correct fees and entry will not be processed if fees not paid by closing date. Payment via internet banking preferred. No entry fee refunds after closing date of entries. Entries submitted after closing date will incur a \$15 late fee.
  - a. When a competitor is unable to compete due to serious injury or illness, the Nelson Highland Dancing Organisation Inc. committee will consider providing a refund upon receipt of a doctor's certificate.
4. All competitors must produce current P&D Registration card when uplifting number (photo evidence on phone is adequate). Failure to do so will incur payment of further fee.
5. All competitors dance at own risk and Nelson Highland Dancing Organisation Inc. accepts no responsibility for accidents or mishaps and entries are only accepted on these conditions.
6. Restricted Classes are not counted towards age group trophies unless stated.
7. Prizes awarded as follows:
  - Under 14 years:
    - Ordinary Classes: Medals 1st, 2nd and 3rd
    - Merit Award Classes: 1st Sash, Rosettes 2nd and 3rd.
  - Under 16 & Open classes:
    - Normal Classes and Merit Awards: 1st \$10.00, 2nd \$7.00, & 3rd \$5.00.
    - South Island Championship: 1st \$25.00, 2nd \$20.00 & 3rd \$15.00.
    - Sashes/Rosettes also awarded in all Merit and Championship classes.
    - Cards VHC, HC, and C in all classes at discretion of Adjudicator.
    - 4th placing only awarded if entries in class exceed 15.
    - South Island Championships will only be awarded if 5 or more competitors in class.
8. Most points prizes shall be calculated in accordance with Method A of Rule 13 P&D Bylaws. In the event of a tie, aggregate marks will be used in accordance with Rule 13 P&D Bylaws.
9. All trophies remain the property of Nelson Highland Dancing Organisation Inc. and must be returned upon request.
10. Local competitors are those residing in the Nelson Tasman Region and who are current financial members of the Nelson Highland Dancing Organisation Inc.
11. If insufficient entries received in Reel classes, substitute dances will be as stated on programme. In the case of reel classes being cancelled due to the Red Traffic Light Level, in accordance with the NZ Piping and Dancing Inc. Covid 19 guidelines, a refund will be provided to competitors if a substitute dance is not listed on the programme.
12. Competitors must be in attendance to draw for all Reels, Merit Awards, and Championships when called upon by board steward or forfeit right to compete.
13. If you elect not to grant the Association/Society the right to use your image, it is your responsibility to remove yourself from situations where photos are likely to be taken, such as at presentation time. The Association does not guarantee that your image will not be published as part of a larger group or performance photograph, and by participating in the competition or event you automatically waive your rights in respect of such images.
14. All participants to abide by current Covid 19 guidelines provided by P&D Assn of NZ Inc.

## Entry Fees

- Ordinary Classes \$4.00
- Merit Award Classes \$5.00
- South Island Championship \$6.00
- Administration Fee \$10.00 per dancer, \$5.00 for any additional family member, at a maximum of \$15 per family.
- Entries submitted after date below will incur a \$15 late fee.
- All entries to be made online. Please use following link:
  - [Competition Society Day 2026](#)
  - For internet banking our account number is: Nelson Highland Dancing Organisation  
BNZ Nelson 02-0704-0141653-000
  - Please include competitors name and **COMPSOC** as reference

## Entries Close 8 August 2026

For all enquiries please email: [entries.nelsonhighlanddancing@gmail.com](mailto:entries.nelsonhighlanddancing@gmail.com)

# Order of Events

*(Committee reserve the right to amend as necessary)*



|          |                                                                 |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class 1  | Novice Highland Fling Under 14 (No first placings in any event) |
| Class 13 | Sword Dance Under 12                                            |
| Class 4  | NHDO Merit Award Highland Fling Under 8                         |
| Class 23 | Highland Fling Open                                             |
| Class 17 | Seann Triubhas Under 14                                         |
| Class 8  | Highland Fling Under 10                                         |
| Class 18 | Highland Reel Under 14                                          |
| Class 5  | Sword Dance Under 8                                             |
| Class 21 | NHDO Merit Award Reel O'Tulloch Under 16                        |
| Class 30 | Restricted Sword Dance Under 14                                 |
| Class 25 | South Island Championship Highland Reel Open                    |
| Class 12 | Highland Fling Under 12                                         |
| Class 2  | Highland Fling 6 & Under                                        |
| Class 29 | Restricted Highland Fling Under 14                              |
| Class 16 | NHDO Merit Award Sword Dance Under 14                           |
| Class 9  | Sword Dance Under 10                                            |
| Class 24 | Sword Dance Open                                                |
| Class 11 | Sailors Hornpipe Under 10                                       |
| Class 22 | NHDO Merit Award Sailors Hornpipe Under 16                      |
| Class 15 | NHDO Merit Award Sailors Hornpipe Under 12                      |
| Class 7  | Sailors Hornpipe Under 8                                        |
| Class 27 | Irish Hornpipe Open                                             |
| Class 10 | NHDO Merit Award Irish Jig Under 10                             |
| Class 19 | Irish Jig Under 14                                              |
| Class 3  | Irish Jig 6 & Under                                             |
| Class 26 | NHDO Merit Award Irish Jig DT Open                              |
| Class 14 | Irish Jig Under 12                                              |
| Class 20 | Irish Hornpipe Under 14                                         |
| Class 6  | Irish Jig Under 8                                               |
| Class 28 | Irish Reel Open (sub. Irish Jig ST)                             |
| Class 31 | Restricted Irish Jig Under 14                                   |