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2024



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MELBOURNE 2024



**Victorian State Committee of Highland Dancing Inc
Presents**

**City of Melbourne Highland Dancing Championships
Victorian Challenge Event**

Garden State Premier with Restrictions Titles

Supporting Events

Saturday, 30th March, 2024

Commencing 8.30 am

C 02 /2024 and V 01 /2024

**Champion of Champions Championship of Australia
Victorian Challenge Event**

Royal Park Premier with Restrictions Titles

Royal Park Pre-Premier Titles

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To be conducted under the rules of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing
as adopted by the Australian Board of Highland Dancing Inc

Adjudicators

Jennifer Coffey, WA

Justine Daly, NSW

Kathy Ferguson, Qld

Maureen Fyffe, NSW

Christine Lacey, Scotland

Rachel McLagan, Scotland

Natalie Quick, Canada

Melissa Rankin, Vic

Janene Simpson, Qld

Master of Ceremonies

Jodie Frederickson

Entries

Enter through www.hdcomps.com or the HD Comps App

Closing Date: Monday, 26th February, 2024

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City of Melbourne Highland Dancing Championships

Age Groups:	7, 8 & 9 Years	16, 17 & 18 Years
	10 & 11 Years	19, 20 & 21 Years
	12 & 13 Years	22 Years & Over
	14 & 15 Years	
Dances:	Highland Fling Sword Dance Seann Triubhas Reel	
Steps:	2024 Championship steps as set by RSOBHD	
Individual Dance Prizes:	Medals	
Overall Prizes:	Sashes 1 st to 6 th & Cash	

Ballot for City of Melbourne Highland Dancing Championships to be drawn on 18 February 2024

Dancers entering Championships after ballot draw will then be last to enter first to dance followed by the ballot order.

Victorian Challenge Event Heats

Age Groups:	7, 8, 9 & 10 Years	11 Years	12 Years
<i>First three (3) placegetters in each of these age groups qualify for Final danced Sunday, 7-12 Years age group</i>			
	13 Years	14 Years	15 Years
<i>First three (3) placegetters in each of these age groups qualify for Final danced Sunday, 13, 14, 15 Years age group</i>			
	16 Years	17 Years	18 Years & Over
<i>First three (3) placegetters in each of these age groups qualify for Final danced Sunday, 16 Years & Over age group</i>			

Dance: Scottish Lilt (5 Steps)

Garden State Premier with Restrictions Title

Open to all registered Premier dancers not competing in the City of Melbourne Championship event and who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the overall result of a registered RSOBHD/ABHDI Championship since 1st January 2023.

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	SL (4 Steps) BB (4 Steps) VM (4 Steps)
Individual Dance Prizes:	Medals
Overall Prizes:	Trophies

Supporting Events:

Premier

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	HL (<i>4 Steps</i>) BJ (<i>4 Steps</i>)
Prizes:	Medals

Pre-Premier Primary

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	Pdb Pdb & HC HF (<i>4 Steps</i>) SD (<i>2 & 1</i>)
Prizes:	Medals

Pre-Premier Beginner

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	HF (<i>4 Steps</i>) SD (<i>2 & 1</i>) ST (<i>3 & 1</i>) SL (<i>4 Steps</i>)
Prizes:	Medals
Trophy Dance:	Trophy HF (<i>4 Steps</i>)
Prizes:	Trophies

Pre-Premier Novice

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	HF (<i>4 Steps</i>) SD (<i>2 & 1</i>) ST (<i>3 & 1</i>) SL (<i>4 Steps</i>)
Prizes:	Medals
Trophy Dance:	Trophy HF (<i>4 Steps</i>)
Prizes:	Trophies

Pre-Premier Intermediate

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	SD (<i>2 & 1</i>) ST (<i>3 & 1</i>) HL (<i>4 Steps</i>) BJ (<i>4 Steps</i>)
Prizes:	Medals
Trophy Dance:	Trophy HF (<i>4 Steps</i>)
Prizes:	Trophies

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Age Groups:	7 to 11 Years	12, 13, 14 & 15 Years	16 Years & Over
Dances:	Highland Fling Sword Dance Seann Triubhas Reel		
Steps:	2024 Championship steps as set by RSOBHD		
Individual Dance Prizes:	Medals		
Overall Prizes: 7-11 Years	1 st	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$300.00	
	2 nd	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$250.00	
	3 rd	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$200.00	
	4 th	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$150.00	
	5 th	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$100.00	
	6 th	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$ 50.00	
Overall Prizes: 12-15 Years	1 st	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$400.00	
	2 nd	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$300.00	
	3 rd	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$250.00	
	4 th	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$200.00	
	5 th	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$150.00	
	6 th	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$100.00	
Overall Prizes: 16 Years & Over	1 st	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$500.00	
	2 nd	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$400.00	
	3 rd	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$350.00	
	4 th	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$300.00	
	5 th	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$250.00	
	6 th	Perpetual Trophy, Sash, Prize to the value of \$150.00	

Eligibility Ruling re Champion of Champions Championship of Australia

Entrants must have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an ABHDI or RSOBHD recognised Championship to be eligible.

Proof of eligibility to be forwarded to vschdi1@bigpond.com

Sashes donated by the Australian Board of Highland Dancing Inc

Special Awards

Frank Cleves Perpetual Trophy Awards

Donated by Mrs M Reichelt and awarded to the highest placed Australian dancer in each of the three Champion of Champions Championship of Australia events.

RSOBHD ruling covering qualification by birth or by residency applies to the above-mentioned award.

(Competitor must have been resident in Australia for six months immediately prior to event).

Teacher Awards

The Australian Board of Highland Dancing Inc provide \$100.00 to be presented to the Teacher of the Winner of each of the three age groups in the Champion of Champions Championships of Australia.

OzScot Australia Award

The Teacher of the Winner of the 16 Years and Over Champion of Champions Championship of Australia will be presented with the OzScot Australia Perpetual Trophy

Victorian Challenge Event Final

Age Groups:	7 to 12 Years	13,14 & 15 Years	16 Years & Over
Dance:	Blue Bonnets (5 Steps)		
Prize:	1 st Prize in each section to the value of \$100.00 All Finalists will be presented with a framed certificate.		

Royal Park Premier with Restrictions Title

Open to all registered Premier dancers not competing in Champion of Champions Championship of Australia 2024 event

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	HF (4 Steps) SD (2 & 1) Reel as per 2024 Championship Reel
Individual Dance Prizes:	Medals
Overall Prizes:	Trophies

Royal Park Pre-Premier Beginners Title

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	HF (4 Steps) SD (2 & 1) ST (3 & 1)
Individual Dance Prizes:	Medals
Overall Prizes:	Trophies

Royal Park Pre-Premier Novice Title

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	HF (4 Steps) SD (2 & 1) ST (3 & 1)
Individual Dance Prizes:	Medals
Overall Prizes:	Trophies

Royal Park Pre-Premier Intermediate Title

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	HF (4 Steps) SD (2 & 1) ST (3 & 1)
Individual Dance Prizes:	Medals
Overall Prizes:	Trophies

Supporting Events:

Premier

Dancers can choose to dance in Premier supporting events, or Premier with Restrictions supporting events, but cannot enter both.

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	ST (3 & 1) SH (4 Steps)
Prizes:	Medals

Premier with Restrictions

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Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	ST (3 & 1) SH (4 Steps)
Prizes:	Medals

Pre-Premier Primary

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	Pdb Pdb & HC HF (4 Steps) SD (2 & 1)
Prizes:	Medals

Pre-Premier Beginner

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	SL (4 Steps) FM (4 Steps)
Prizes:	Medals

Pre-Premier Novice

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	SL (4 Steps) FM (4 Steps)
Prizes:	Medals

Pre-Premier Intermediate

Age Groups:	To be decided on receipt of entries
Dances:	SL (4 Steps) FM (4 Steps)
Prizes:	Medals

2024 Championship rules and step sheet will be displayed in a prominent place at the Championships without alteration. These will be available via the ABHDI and/or State/Regional Committee websites.

VSCHDI Generic Rules for Competition Syllabi

The Victorian State Committee of Highland Dancing Inc A0009626W

Affiliated with the Australian Board of Highland Dancing Incorporated

(Royal Scottish Official Board Highland Dancing)

1. This Competition is registered under RSOBHD rules as adopted by ABHDI.
 2. Any rules pertaining to competition or championship released by RSOBHD or ABHDI from the time of printing this schedule to the date of the competition or championship, will be adhered to. Any change to rules should be announced prior to commencement of the competition or championship.
 3. The eight (8) dance rule must be observed. No Premier dancer may compete in more than eight (8) dances at any one competition.
 4. Dancers must be registered and quote their current registration number when entering competitions and present registration card at competition. Prizes cannot be given until card is sighted.
 5. Competitors dance at own risk.
 6. Competitors must be ready when called, otherwise they render themselves liable to forfeit dance.
 7. Dancers must "fill in" if requested by the organiser. If a competitor fails to fill in unless for a medical reason the Organiser has the right to enforce Rule 1g) D Judges, RSOBHD Rules and Regulations, which reads: "During the course of a competition the comportment and behaviour 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. A full report of any such conduct on the part of a competitor must be submitted by the Judge to the Organiser. In serious cases, the Judge should also provide a report of any such conduct on the part of the competitor to the Organiser and to the RSOBHD.
 8. All Trophy winners must be dressed in Kilt or National costume for presentation and be wearing their competitor's number.
 9. The ABHDI direct that dancers use dressing rooms to change and that they dress fully, appropriately and respectably when in public at competitions. The ABHDI recommend that teachers and competition organisers advise the dancers to dress appropriately and modestly.
 10. Any complaint made by an individual dancer against the organisation or adjudication of an event must be 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 complaint to be accompanied by a set fee which is refundable if the protest is upheld. Current fee is \$5.00.
 11. Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
 12. There are no restrictions on the usage of electronic recording equipment, provided permission is obtained from the organisers and judges and it does not interfere with the smooth organisation of the competition / championships or in any way restricts the view of the judge/s.
 13. Judges and organisers should bear in mind that the judge's decision is final and cannot be subjected to an electronic recording replay.
 14. Teachers, interested parties or any other unauthorised person must not communicate with judges during the competition. All enquiries to the official table.
 15. The Scrutineering system as set in RSOBHD booklet is to be strictly adhered to at all competitions in Australia. Points shall be awarded as follows: 1st 137, 2nd 91, 3rd 71, 4th 53, 5th 37, 6th 23. Titles and aggregates will be scrutineered to the number of prizes being awarded in individual/overall events.
 16. The Committee/Association reserves the right to alter the program if deemed necessary.
 17. The Committee reserves the right to deal with any matter not covered by these rules.
 18. Unauthorised use of cameras, imaging and digital devices is prohibited, including recording using mobile phones.
 19. It is prohibited to use any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images without the organiser's permission.
 20. Following the awards parents may photograph their own child or others with parental permission but be highly aware that there must not be other children in shot whose privacy must be protected.
 21. As organisers of this event, we plan to photograph winning competitors for the purpose of posting on our Website or Facebook page. If anyone wishes to opt out of this process, please let us know.
 22. **The Committee/Association will monitor and adhere to current COVID19 Government requirements as set out on <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au>**
- Please note: The Organiser has the right to choose one of the following –**
- If age groups are advertised there must be a disclaimer on the schedule to cover changing of ages due to entries received OR
 - If advertising age groups without disclaimer, competition organiser must stay with the age groups advertised.
- Updated 13.12.22

Additional Rules –

23. The organiser reserves the right to alter age groups if deemed necessary
24. Refunds will only be given on production of a medical certificate dated on the day of/or prior to the date of the competition received by the Competition Secretary within 14 days of the event.
25. If after submitting an entry a competitor changes in classification, the Competition Secretary must be notified PRIOR to competition day.
26. **ENTRIES close Monday, 26th February, 2024.** Late entries will be accepted until Monday, 18th March, 2024 and will incur a late fee of **\$20.00**. No entries will be received at the competition with the exception of the Champion of Champions Championship of Australia which will not incur a late fee. Any competitor gaining a 1st, 2nd or 3rd placing in an ABHDI or RSOBHD recognised Championship after the closing date and prior to the event, will be eligible to enter. Please notify Competition Secretary in writing if eligible to enter after closing date.
27. **NOT PERMITTED: Non-slip agents or water for shoes, or heeled shoes on courts/stages**

Additional Rules - Saturday

28. Eligibility Ruling re Garden State Premier with Restrictions Titles

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Additional Rules - Sunday

29. Eligibility Ruling re Champion of Champions Championship of Australia

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30. Eligibility Ruling re Royal Park Premier with Restrictions Title

Open to all registered Premier dancers not competing in Champion of Champions Championship of Australia 2024 event.

31. Eligibility Ruling re Premier with Restrictions Supporting Events

Open to all registered Premier dancers not competing in Champion of Champions Championship of Australia 2024 event and who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the overall result of a registered RSOBHD/ABHDI Championship since 1st January 2023. Dancers can choose to dance in Premier supporting events, or Premier with Restrictions supporting events, but cannot enter both.

32. Ruling re Premier Supporting Events

If dancer chooses to enter Premier Supporting Events, he/she cannot compete in Premier with Restrictions Supporting Events.

Entry Fees

Saturday, 30TH March, 2024

Premier Sections Fees					
City of Melbourne Highland Dancing Championships					\$40.00
Victorian Challenge Event					\$10.00
Garden State Premier with Restrictions Titles <i>(Eligibility ruling, No 28 Rules, Saturday)</i>					\$35.00
Supporting Events: Premier	HL	BJ			\$ 8.00 Per Dance
Pre-Premier Section Fees					
Supporting Events: Primary	Pdb	Pdb & HC	HF	SD	\$ 8.00 Per Dance
Supporting Events: Beginners/Novice	HF	SD	ST	SL	\$ 8.00 Per Dance
	Trophy HF				\$12.00
Supporting Events: Intermediate Intermediate	SD	ST	HL	BJ	\$ 8.00 Per Dance
	Trophy HF				\$12.00

Sunday, 31st March, 2024

Entry Fees

Premier Section Fees					
Champion of Champions Championship of Australia <i>(Eligibility Ruling, No 29 Rules Sunday)</i>					\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 7-11 Yrs. <input type="checkbox"/> 12, 13,14,15 Yrs. <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Yrs & Over					
Royal Park Premier with Restrictions Titles <i>(Eligibility Ruling, No 30 Rules Sunday)</i>					\$35.00
Supporting Events: Premier <i>(Refer Ruling, No 31 Rules Sunday)</i>	ST	SH			\$ 8.00 Per Dance
Supporting Events: Premier with Restrictions <i>(Eligibility Ruling, No 31 Rules Sunday)</i>	ST	SH			\$ 8.00 Per Dance
Pre-Premier Sections Fees					
Royal Park Pre-Premier Beginners Title:	HF	SD	ST		\$25.00
Royal Park Pre-Premier Novice Title:	HF	SD	ST		\$25.00
Royal Park Pre-Premier Intermediate Title:	HF	SD	ST		\$25.00
Supporting Events: Primary	Pdb	Pdb & HC	HF	SD	\$ 8.00 Per Dance
Supporting Events: Beginners	SL	FM			\$ 8.00 Per Dance
Supporting Events: Novice	SL	FM			\$ 8.00 Per Dance
Events: Intermediate	SL	FM			\$ 8.00 Per Dance

Entries through: www.hdcomps.com or **HD Comps App**

Entries close: **Monday, 26th February, 2024**

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