

RULES GOVERNING SCOTTISH NATIONAL DANCE PREMIERSHIPS (As of June 2011)

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1. Application, Approval and Renewal of Premierhips

a) ScotDance Canada is the national governing body of the 'Scottish National Dance Premierhips' or 'Premierhips' as they may be abbreviated to. Premierhips are subject to the laws of Canada and must also follow the rules set out for such events by ScotDance Canada. Furthermore, Premierhips are governed by the current SOBHD Constitution and Rules.

b) Organizers wishing to host a Premierhip event must apply to ScotDance Canada for an event in the following calendar year. Application due date will be set by the National Competition Organizer. An organizer may apply to hold a Premierhip after successfully running a regular competition for the 3 years preceding.

c) Each application must be accompanied by the full registration fee which is set forth each year by ScotDance Canada. Applications not accompanied by the full fee will not be accepted.

d) Organizers will be able to suggest 3 possible titles for their Premierhip event. One will be selected by ScotDance Canada. That title will be granted only to the requesting organization until that organization, as indicated in writing, wishes to discontinue renewal of their Premierhip. Premierhips titles may only be utilized once in a calendar year.

e) Titles of Premierhips are limited to the following 4 classes:

1. National – Covering a whole country.

2. Area – Covering a large geographical area of the country such as North, South, East, West or Midlands, in which case the boundary of the proposed area Premierhip must be clearly defined by the organizers and receive the approval of SDC.

3. Provincial – Covering one geographical province or a combination of provinces.

4. Additional Titles – Selected as appropriate, e.g. Maple Leaf Open Premierhip

f) Premierhips may be categorized as Open or Closed where, similar to SOBHD sanctioned Championships, Open Premierhips occurring on the same day must be separated by 1200kms and the boundaries of Closed Premierhips occurring on the same day must not include the same area or competitors.

g) Results including the top 6 winners of each age group must be sent to ScotDance Canada within 1 week of the event. Judges marking sheets and results should also be retained for the period of 1 year. Judges sheets may be called in at random by SDC.

h) No competition in Canada may hold to title of 'Premierhip' without the sanction of ScotDance Canada. A competitor who has taken part in any so called Premierhip not recognized by ScotDance Canada may be deemed by SDC ineligible to compete in any SDC registered event until further notice. Permission to compete may be withheld for as long as the ScotDance Canada Board of Directors deems appropriate.

2. Premierhip Event Details

a) Premierhips must be advertised as 'Recognized by ScotDance Canada'. Organizers must display their registration number on the entry form and registration certificate at the event itself.

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b) Premierships are open to Premier dancers of age 7 and up only. Organizations not adhering to this rule risk ScotDance Canada not renewing their event as a Premiership.

c) Similar to SOBHD Championships, ScotDance Canada's Scottish National Dance Premiership steps will be selected for two categories: Junior (7 – Under 16 Years) and Senior (16 Years and Over).

d) Premiership classes can be divided after the event's registration closing date at the discretion of the organizer and the Technical Advisor listed on the organizer's Premiership application. 6 dancers constitute a class. Classes combining Junior (7 & Under 16 Years) and Senior (16 Years and Over) dancers is not permitted. Withdrawal of entrant(s) due to injury or illness incurred during the event does not nullify the Premiership.

e) Four dances will be included in Premierships and such dances as well as their steps will be decided upon each calendar year by the ScotDance Canada Advisory Committee. Dances may include the Irish Jig, Sailor's Hornpipe and any of the following Scottish National Dances: Flora MacDonald's Fancy, Scottish Lilt, Blue Bonnets Over the Border, Village Maid, Scotch Measure, The Earl of Errol, Wilt Thou Go to the Barracks Johnnie? and Heilan' Laddie. Number of steps will be determined by the Advisory Committee but 4 or 5 steps (where appropriate) is encouraged.

f) Dancers participating in a Premiership must dance the dances and steps as given by SDC Advisory Committee for that calendar year. Dancing a non-Premiership step in a Premiership will lead to disqualification.

g) 1 or 3 judges must simultaneously judge a Premiership. If for any unforeseen reason a 3rd appointed judge is unable to officiate and it is found impossible to fill his/her place with an eligible judge, the remaining judges shall act. The circumstances shall be announced to the competitors prior to the competition and an explanation must be sent to ScotDance Canada.

h) The use of live pipers or musicians is strongly recommended for Premierships.

3. Premiership Steps Selection & Technical Inquiries

a) Choosing Premiership dances for that calendar year as well as the mandatory steps for each dance will be included in the mandate of the SDC Advisory Committee. These dances and steps will be decided upon no later than July 1st of the calendar year preceding. The process of selecting the dances and steps is at the full discretion of the committee.

b) Any technical inquiries arising from Premiership steps or other will be directed to the SDC Advisory Committee.