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PIPING & DANCING ASSOCIATION OF
NEW ZEALAND INC
OTAGO CENTRE

**114th Annual Highland & National Dancing
Championships**
featuring

3 x South Island Championships

18 x Otago Championships

9 x Otago Centre Awards

KING'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND
30 - 31 May 2026

**College of Education Auditorium
145 Union Street East, Dunedin**

Adjudicators:

**Pamela Fleming NZAHND, Auckland
Lynda Duncan NZAHND, Lumsden**

Emergency – Shiobhan Smith NZAHND, Dunedin

Pipers:

**Leighton Terry
Neil Baxter**

Entry closing date – 10 April 2026

EVENTS MARKED WITH AN * QUALIFY FOR THE JOHNSTON SCHOLARSHIPS (JUNIOR AND SENIOR)

OPEN

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Entry
1	Sword Dance* – <i>South Island Championship</i>	\$65	\$45	\$25	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$10.00
2	Highland Fling* – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
3	Highland Reel – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
4	Irish Hornpipe – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
5	Irish Jig Single Time* – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
6	Irish Reel – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
7	Sailors Hornpipe – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50

UNDER 18 YEARS

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Entry
8	Irish Reel – <i>South Island Championship</i>	\$45	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8.00
9	Sword Dance* – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
10	Highland Reel – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
11	Irish Jig Single Time* – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
12	Highland Fling*	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.50
13	Seann Triubhas	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.50
14	Sailors Hornpipe	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.50

UNDER 16 YEARS

		1st	2 nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	Entry
15	Seann Triubhas – <i>South Island Championship</i>	\$45	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8.00
16	Sword Dance* – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
17	Reel O'Tulloch – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
18	Sailors Hornpipe – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7.50
19	Highland Fling*	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.50
20	Irish Jig Double Time	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.50
21	Irish Jig Single Time*	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.50

12 & Under 14 Years								
		1st	2nd	3rd	4 th	5th	6th	Entry
22	Highland Fling* – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.00
23	Irish Hornpipe – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.00
24	Irish Jig*	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.00
25	Sword Dance*	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
26	Highland Reel	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
27	Seann Triubhas	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
28	Sailors Hornpipe – <i>Otago Centre Award</i>	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	\$5.00
10 & Under 12 Years								
29	Seann Triubhas – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.00
30	Highland Reel – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$20	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6.00
31	Highland Fling*	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
32	Sword Dance*	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
33	Irish Jig*	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
34	Irish Hornpipe	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
35	Sailors Hornpipe	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
11 years old only								
36	Sailors Hornpipe – <i>Otago Centre Award</i>	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	\$5.00
10 years old only								
37	Sailors Hornpipe – <i>Otago Centre Award</i>	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	\$5.00
8 & Under 10 Years								
38	Sailors Hornpipe – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5.00
39	Irish Jig* – <i>Otago Centre Award</i>	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	\$5.00
40	Highland Fling*	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
41	Highland Reel	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
42	Sword Dance*	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
9 years old only								
43	Sword Dance – <i>Otago Centre Award</i>	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	\$5.00
8 years old only								
44	Sword Dance – <i>Otago Centre Award</i>	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	\$5.00
Under 8 Years								
45	Irish Jig* – <i>Otago Championship</i>	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$7	\$6	\$5.00
46	Highland Fling* – <i>Otago Centre Award</i>	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	\$5.00
47	Sword Dance*	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
48	Irish Jig	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
49	Sailors Hornpipe	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50
7 years old only								
50	Highland Fling – <i>Otago Centre Award</i>	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	\$5.00
6 Years & Under								
51	Highland Fling – <i>Otago Centre Award</i>	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	Rosette	\$5.00
52	Irish Jig	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal	\$4.50

Otago Centre Challenge Trophies

Open:		
Classes 1 – 7	Most Points	Joy McLeod-Lewis Cup
Classes 1 – 7	Runner Up	R & Z Goodfellow Trophy
Classes 4 – 6	Most Points	Casey Sisters Cup - Irish Dances
Class 1	Winner	Enid Johnston Cup – South Island Championship (Sword Dance)
	Winner	Mr & Mrs Geo Dickson Cup – Reel O’Tulloch (<i>no Reel O’Tulloch 2026</i>)
Classes 2 – 7	Most Points	Clan McLeod Cup – over all Otago Championships
Classes 1 – 7	Highest aggregate	Teachers Shield and Scott Cup – Male competitor
Class 2	Winner	Marie McKenzie Cup – Highland Fling
Class 7	Winner	Eileen McCarthy Trophy - Sailors Hornpipe
Classes 1 – 7	Most Points	Joan Renton Cup and Speight Rose Bowl – 18 & Over competitor
Class 2	Most Points	Dewar Cup - Highland Fling 18 Years & Over competitor
Under 18:		
Classes 8 – 14	Most Points	Harry Boyer Cup and Thistle Cup
Classes 8 – 14	Runner Up	Heather and Anne Thomas Cup
Classes 9, 10, 12, 13	Most Points	Hurring Highland Four Cup (Highland)
Classes 8, 11, 14	Most Points	Foley Sisters Cup (Step)
	Winner	Beckie Rout Cup – Major Championship (Highland)
Class 8	Winner	Fulton Hogan Tray – Major Championship (Step) Irish Reel
Class 9	Winner	H M Wilson Cup - Sword Dance
Under 16:		
Classes 15 – 21	Most Points	Otago Centre Cup
Classes 15 – 21	Runner Up	Jackie McBride Cup
Classes 15, 16, 17, 19	Most Points	J Hurring Rose Bowl (Highland)
Classes 15, 16, 17, 19	Runner Up	St Andrew Society Inc. cup (Highland)
Classes 18, 20, 21	Most Points	Caledonian Society Cup (Step)
Class 15	Winner	Major Championship (Seann Triubhas) – Daisy Horrell Tray
Class 15	Winner	Major Championship (Seann Triubhas) – Shiobhan Smith Medal
Classes 15 – 21	Most Points Local	Keyosk Trophy – Highest Aggregate Local Competitor
12 & Under 14 Years:		
Classes 22 – 28	Most Points	Stewart Rose Bowl
Classes 22 – 28	Runner Up	Marilyn Frew Cup
Class 22	Winner	Deidre Glover Cup – Otago Championship (Highland Fling)
Class 27	Winner	Strong Cup – Seann Triubhas
Classes 22 – 28	Most Points Male	Bridger Cup and Bon Accord Cup – Highest Aggregate Male dancer
Classes 22 – 28	Most Points Local	Diana Shepherd Cup – Highest Aggregate Local Competitor
10 & Under 12 Years:		
Classes 29 – 35	Most Points	Austen Memorial Cup
Classes 29 – 35	Runner Up	Roy Walker Cup
Classes 29, 30, 31, 32	Most Points	Clan McFarlane Trophy (Highland)
Class 31	Winner	Jennifer Meek Cup (Highland Fling)
Class 35	Winner	Robert Shepherd Cup (Sailors Hornpipe)
Classes 29 – 35	Most Points Male	Millie Baxter Cup and KP Cup – Highest Aggregate Male Dancer
Classes 29 – 35	Most Points Local	Otago Centre – Highest Aggregate Local Competitor
8 & Under 10 Years:		
Classes 38 – 42	Most Points	Jacqueline Osborne-Jones Cup
Classes 38 – 42	Runner Up	Mary Johnston Cup
Class 38	Winner	Marshall Family Challenge Trophy (Otago Championship)
Class 42	Winner	Pat Campbell Cup (Sword Dance)
Class 40	Winner	Jean Stevenson Cup (Highland Fling)
Class 39	Winner	Alex Anderson Cup (Irish Jig)
Classes 38 – 42	Most Points Male	David Nunn Cup and Bryan Plimmer Cup – Highest Aggregate
Classes 38 – 42	Most Points Local	Craig Peterson Trophy – Highest Aggregate Local Competitor

Under 8 Years Challenge Cups:		
Classes 45 – 49	Most Points	Norma Marshall Cup
Classes 45 – 49	Runner Up	Andre Tobin Cup
Classes 46, 47	Most Points	Dalgety Cup (Highland)
Class 45	Winner	Gallacher Sisters Challenge Cup (Otago Championship)
Class 46	Winner	Peter Shepherd Cup (Highland Fling)
Classes 45 – 49	Most Points Male	Neville Mann Cup – Highest Aggregate Male Dancer
6 Years & Under Challenge Cups:		
Classes 51 – 52	Most Points	Mitchell Cameron Challenge Cup
Classes 51 – 52	Runner Up	Gordon McColl Cup
Class 51	Most Points	Peterson Shield – Competitor Under 6 with most points

Additional Otago Centre Trophies and Awards

Julie Campbell Trophy – Youngest Competitor

Robert Wright Cup – Youngest Male Competitor

Campbell Trophy – Most correct Highland Dress (up to and including under 14 years qualify)

Jacqui Seque Medal – Most Outstanding Performance (up to and including under 14 years qualify)

Scott Marshall Trophy – Most Outstanding Highland Performance (up to and including Under 18 Years qualify)

Janice and David Wood Challenge Trophy - Best Department and Presentation of Work 18 Years and Over

Margaret O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship – Awarded by the adjudicators to a local competitor 10 & under 14 years. \$150 scholarship to attend a New Zealand Academy of Highland and National Dancing Summer School within the subsequent 12-month period. Cannot be won by the same dancer in consecutive years.

Otago Jubilee Foundation Summer School Tuition Fees Prize – Awarded by the adjudicators to a non-prize winner 14 years and over who shows commitment and dedication that the adjudicators feel attendance at summer school would make a positive difference. To be eligible dancers must be registered in the Otago Centre.

Please submit your entry on-line

<https://form.jotform.com/240216356173047>

PAYMENT

Payment must be made by the closing date or entries will not be accepted.

Piping & Dancing Association of NZ Otago Centre

03-0903-0388202-00

Entry Closing Date: Friday 10 April 2026

Media Agreement

By entering this competition or event, I agree to hereby grant the Piping and Dancing Association of New Zealand (Association) the right to use my name, image, photograph, picture or video captured performance in connection with the Association. This includes granting the Association all rights to reproduce, edit, exhibit or otherwise exploit my name, image, photograph, picture or video captured performance, in whole or in part, in any media publication, Association website or materials, or other Association publication.

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.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help sponsor a Junior Event	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help sponsor a Junior Otago Centre Award	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help sponsor a Junior Championship Event	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help sponsor a Senior Event	\$75.00
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help sponsor a Senior Championship Event	\$90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to help sponsor a South Island Championship Event	\$150.00

Please indicate below if you would like to sponsor a specific event:

(if the event you have requested has already been sponsored, we reserve the right to allocate your sponsorship to another event, thank you)

Name of sponsor/s:

Alternatively, I wish to make a general donation of \$_____ and/or donate to the Otago Piping and Dancing Jubilee Foundation** \$_____

**The Jubilee Foundation provides funds to help young Otago pipers and dancers further their tuition in their chosen art.

Otago Centre Bank Account: 03-0903-0388202-00

Please state Surname, Sponsor in the payment reference.

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All sponsors will be acknowledged in the programme.

Thank you.

COMPETITION TERMS & CONDITIONS

- All events will be conducted under the rules of the Piping & Dancing Assn. of N.Z (Inc).
- All competitors compete at their own risk. Otago Centre accepts no responsibility for accidents, mishaps, theft or misplacement of personal property.
- Entries will not be accepted if payment has not been received by the entry closing date of **10 April 2026. There will be no refunds if competitors do not compete.**
- All entry fees will be refunded if the competition is cancelled due to Government restrictions.
- The administration fee of \$50 per family is compulsory and goes towards running the event including venue hire, admission, and miscellaneous administrative costs.
- All competitors must be registered with the Piping & Dancing Assn. of N.Z (Inc) for the 2025/2026 year.
- All South Island and Reel events will be pre-drawn and danced in the order listed in the programme.
- In the event of a tie, aggregate marks will be used in accordance with By-law 13 of the Piping & Dancing Association of NZ Inc.
- Prizes for **Classes 1 – 52** will be awarded as follows:
 - 3 entries 1 placing
 - 5 entries 2 placings
 - 7 entries 3 placings
 - 12 entries 4 placings
 - 15 entries 5 placings
 - 20 entries 6 placings
- Cup points will be calculated using Method A. Otago Centre Awards will not count towards most points trophies.
- Local Competitors must reside within 30 km of The Octagon.
- The taking of photographs and videos of any performance is strictly prohibited unless prior consent has been granted by the Centre.
- Dancers must report to the Board Steward/Stage Manager immediately when called upon and be ready to dance or the right to compete in the event may be withdrawn.
- Any person found damaging the College of Education property will be liable for full restitution; and any competitors found damaging the facilities may forfeit their right to compete.
- To comply with our venue's conditions, jig shoes may be inspected to ensure they do not have loose nails and/or toe and heel plates.
- Competitors must produce their birth certificate if called upon to do so.
- The Otago Centre Executive Committee reserves the right to make any changes deemed necessary prior to the competition or during the competition.