Nelson Highland Dancing Organisation Inc.

Nelson A&P Show Competition

Saturday 21 November 2026, commencing 9.00am

Venue: A&P Showgrounds Queen St, Richmond (Use Gum Tree Gate entrance)

Wet Weather Venue: Richmond Town Hall, 9 Cambridge Street, Richmond

Adjudicators: Crystal Hartley (Christchurch)
Cathy Harman (Nelson)

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Centre	Marlborough/Nelson
Competition	2026 NHDO Nelson Show
Approved	
Date Issued	26-Oct-26

Class	Events	Trophies
1	Novice Highland Fling Under 14	Class 1: Patterson Challenge Cup
	Competitors who have not won a first place in any dance – refer to rule 2.	
Under 8 Years		
2	Highland Fling **	Most Points (Classes 2-5): Wilkins & Field Cup
3	Sword Dance **	Runner Up: Millennium Cup
4	Irish Jig **	Most Points Local: Lilyvale Challenge Cup
5	Sailors Hornpipe	
Under 10 Years		
6	Highland Fling **	Most Points (Classes 6-9): Dawn Duncan Cup
7	Sword Dance**	Runner Up: N.H.D.O. Cup
8	Irish Jig **	Most Points Local: Wells Trophy
9	Sailors Hornpipe	
Under 12 Years		
10	Highland Fling **	Most Points (Classes 10-13): Wright Stephenson Cup
11	Sword Dance**	Runner Up: C M Douthett Plate
12	Irish Jig **	Most Points Local: Cathy Harman Cup
13	Sailors Hornpipe	
Under 14 Years		
14	Highland Fling **	Most Points (Classes 14-18): Richmond Sports Assn Ch Cup
15	Highland Reel (sub. Sword Dance)	Runner Up: Kearns Challenge Cup
16	Seann Triubhas **	Most Points Local: Lucy Selwood Memorial Trophy
17	Irish Hornpipe **	Class 16: Celtic Gathering Cup
18	Sailors Hornpipe	
Open		
19	Highland Fling **	Most Points (Classes 19-24): Sandra Brown Ch Cup
20	**South Island Championship** Highland Reel	Runner Up: Peter Setka Cup
21	Reel O'Tulloch (sub. Seann Triubhas)	Most Points Local: Vibert Cup
22	Irish Jig ST**	Class 22 & 23: Dion Brown Memorial Cup
23	Irish Reel (sub. Irish Jig DT)	
24	Sailors Hornpipe **	
Restricted Under 14 Years		
	Class 25-27 Restricted to dancers who have not won more than 2 most points trophies.	
25	Highland Fling	Most Points (Classes 25-27): Wadsworth & Dick Cup
26	Sword Dance	Runner Up: Nelson Challenge Cup
27	Irish Jig	
Special Classes		
28	Double Sword Under 14	Class 28: Clan Johnstone Cup
29	Waltz Clog Open (6 half or 3 whole steps)	Class 29: Nancy Thomson Cup

Extra Trophies:

- Most Points in Own Age Group (Classes ** in each age): Jean Hunter Shield
- Nelson A&P Show Champion Dancer and Reserve Champion Dancer (Adjudicators Choice)

Trophies awarded over two shows (Nelson and Motueka)

- Most Points 12 & Over classes**: Jacqui McKay Challenge Cup
- Most Points Under 12 classes**: Helen McLeod Challenge 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, except classes 28 and 29.
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. Special Events and Restricted Classes are not counted towards age group trophies unless stated.
7. Prizes awarded as follows:
    All classes, except Class 20: Nelson Show Cards 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
    Cards VHC, HC, and C in all classes (except class 20 with ribbons) at discretion of Adjudicator.
    4th placing only awarded if entries in class exceed 15.
    Class 20: 1st $25 and Sash, 2nd $20 and rosette, 3rd $15 and rosette
    Nelson Show Ribbons (Most Points 1st to 4th) in all age groups.
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 Province 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.
12. Competitors must be in attendance to draw for all reels 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. Double Sword: Each competitor can only enter once. Partners name to be shown on entry form.
15. All participants to abide by current Covid 19 guidelines provided by P&D Assn of NZ Inc.

Important Note:
The Nelson A&P Association have kindly offered our organisation adult entrance tickets at a cost of $10.00 per adult (normally $20.00). These tickets are only available to adults accompanying their child(ren) to our competition and only available when purchased with entry fees to the competition. Please include your payment with your entry form. Tickets will be distributed after entries have closed but prior to the competition.

Entry Fees

- Ordinary Classes $4.00
- South Island Championship $7.00
- Administration Fee $10.00 per dancer, $5.00 for any additional family member, at a maximum of $15 per family.
- Nelson A&P Show pass (non-competitors) $10.00 each
- Entries submitted after date below will incur a $15 late fee.
- All entries to be made online. Please use following link: Nelson A&P Show
    - For internet banking our account number is: Nelson Highland Dancing Organisation
      BNZ Nelson 02-0704-0141653-000
    - Please include competitors name and **NELSHOW** as reference

Entries Close 14 November 2026

For all enquiries please email: entries.nelsonhighlanddancing@gmail.com

Order of events

(Committee reserve the right to amend as necessary)

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

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