

# Highland Dancing Competition Rules and Regulations

## Athena Caledonian Games      Athena Oregon

1. All events are governed by the rules of the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.
2. Athena Caledonian Games Highland Dance Competition organizers reserve the right to combine or divide classes and/or cancel any event if deemed in the best interest of the competition.
3. Competitors may dance only in the group to which they have been assigned by the competition organizers, based on their age and proficiency level on the day of the competition.
4. Entry is by mail only. Competitors will dance in reverse order of receipt of registration (first entry received is last to perform).
5. Competitor numbers will be assigned as registration forms are received and may be picked up at the registration table on competition day.
6. **FUSTA CARDS:** Dancers are required to present their FUSTA cards when they check in on the day of the competition. A dancer who does not have a card in hand will be allowed to compete. However, that dancer **MUST** produce his/her registration card to the dance organizer **WITHIN 10 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE COMPETITION**, even if no award was won. FUSTA requires that the name and address of any dancer who competes without a registration card in hand at the time of the competition be reported to the national registrar within 10 days of the competition.
7. Awards/prizes won by a dancer without a FUSTA card in hand will be held until the dancer's FUSTA card is produced. Winner may collect awards by presenting the card to the competition organizers along with \$10 to cover shipping costs of having the awards/prizes sent to him/her (unless presenting the card in person).
8. Competitors must dance using the swords and pipers provided by the competition organizer(s).
9. A competitor who does not respond when his/her number is called will forfeit entry in that event.
10. Contestants and their teachers, parents and families may not approach the judge, piper, or scrutineers during the competition.
11. Good sportsmanship is expected of all contestants, teachers, parents and families.
12. If an event has only one or two entrants, medals will be awarded at the judge's discretion. If there are at least three eligible entries, a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> may be awarded.
13. **JUDGE'S DECISIONS ARE FINAL.** All protests must be written, signed and submitted to the competition organizers with a \$20 Inquiry Fee no later than one (1) hour following the end of the competition. If the protest is upheld following an investigation, the Inquiry Fee will be returned.
14. All medals, prizes, and aggregate awards will be presented on stage the day of the competition. Winners must remain in costume with numbers on to receive their awards.
15. Medals will be awarded to all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners of each dance, and certificates will be given to the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place winners. Cash awards may also be given to Premier aggregate winners.
16. **AGGREGATE AWARDS:** An aggregate award will be presented to the high point winner in each of the Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Premier categories. Points are earned according to placement in each dance: 1<sup>st</sup> – 88; 2<sup>nd</sup> – 56; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 38; 4<sup>th</sup> - 25, 5<sup>th</sup> - 16, 6<sup>th</sup> - 10. In event of a tie, the competitor with the greatest number of first place awards shall win. If a further tie, first and second place awards will be counted to determine the winner. A contestant does not have to compete in every event in his/her category to qualify.