

GENERAL RULES HIGHLAND DANCING

1. Entries for Dancing Competitions to: **Sherryl Peter, 49 Combie Street, Oban PA34 4HS** Tel. 01631 564562

The Stewards reserve the right to restrict the number of competitors in order of receipt of entry forms.

No Entry Fee. Last to Enter – First to dance.

2. Intending competitors must give their names and full address, rank and name of unit or ship where relevant. Competitors entering for a Local Event must be (a) a native of, or (b) has been resident for the last two years in the County of Argyll and Bute or (c) is currently serving in the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, or (d) can satisfy the Stewards of comparably close links with Argyll.

3. All competitors must be ready to compete when called, otherwise they may be disqualified.

4. Any competitors mis-conducting themselves or acting contrary to the Rules of the Gathering or the orders of the Judges or the Stewards shall be excluded from the Competitions and Prizes, and may be removed from the Games Ground or competition halls.

5. Only Competitors taking part in the particular events in progress will be allowed inside the ropes at the Games ground.

6. There must be more Competitors or Teams than prizes or part of the prizes may be withdrawn. No 1st prize may be awarded unless there are at least 2 Competitors or Teams. If there are only 2 Competitors, no 2nd prize will be awarded, if there are only 3 Competitors, no 3rd prize will be awarded. This rule may however be varied at the discretion of the Stewards. Points awarded under such circumstance may not necessarily count towards the Argyllshire Challenge Medal or over- all Trophies.

7. All Competitors must appear and compete in Highland Dress or Uniform.

8. In all cases, the decision of the Stewards and Judges will be final, and they may postpone or abandon the competitions if necessitated by the weather or any other circumstance, or alter the timing of particular events or the order in which competitors compete. Extra events may be added to the programme at the discretion of the Stewards.

9. The number of steps which is written on the entry form may be varied at the Judges discretion on the day.

10. Local and Open events for Boys and Men. If entries are 2 or less, the Male Dancers will be asked to compete with the Female Dancers.

11. Points will be awarded as follows for over-all Trophies. 1st prize - 8 points, 2nd - 5 points, 3rd - 2 points, 4th - 1 point, 5th - half point and 6th - quarter point.

12. The Argyllshire Gathering Shield will be presented to the Competitor (excluding those over 16) who secures the greatest number of points in the individual dancing competitions.

13. The Alasdair Maclean Challenge Cup, to be held for 1 year. It will be presented to the best Armed Service team in the HM and Allied Armed Services Foursome.

14. The Poltalloch Cup, to be held for 1 year, awarded by the late Lt. Col. George Malcolm of Poltalloch, will be presented to the best individual Armed Service dancer in any of the competitions. Previous winners of the Cup are not eligible.

15. William McLennan Cup to be held for 1 year, will be awarded to the best male or female "Argyll" dancer competing at the Argyllshire Gathering who secures the greatest number of points in the individual dancing competitions.

16. The Farquhar Martin Memorial Trophy to be held for 1 year, presented by Mr William Purcell of Ontario, will be awarded to the best male or female Adult "Argyll" dancer competing at the Argyllshire Gathering who secures the greatest number of points in the individual dancing competitions.

17. Juvenile Argyll – Webster of Oban Trophy.

18. Junior Argyll – Kitchen Garden Trophy, presented by Mr Campbell-Gibson.

19. Stewart family trophy – Open Juvenile

20. Bruno Schroder Trophy – Open Junior

21. Bruno Schroder Trophy – Open Adult

22. Oban High School Shield – Dancer with the most points in Confined under 16 from Oban High School.

23. Argyllshire Gathering Shield – Open dancer with the most points 16 years and under.