



The Victorian Scottish Dancing Members Association Inc.

Proudly Presents

The 52nd
Australian Commonwealth
Championships

Saturday 18th February 2012

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RULES

VSDMAI Competitions are conducted under the rules of Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing as adopted by the Australian Board of Highland Dancing Inc.

- (1) All dancers compete at their own risk
- (2) All dancers must be currently registered with their State or Regional Committees to be eligible to dance in this competition. Registration cards must be presented at the competition to receive prizes. Prizes will be withheld until the card is produced.
- (3) "Any complaint made by an individual against the organisation or adjudication of an event must be in writing, giving the complainants full name and address, and shall be lodged with the organiser, if possible on the day of the event, certainly not later than 48 hours after the event. Such complaint to be accompanied by a fee as determined by the ABHDI which is refundable if protest is upheld" SOBHD "IX" P.45. Current fee \$5-ABHDI General No 152 2/3 5/09 pg6 7iii
- (4) The Committee reserves the right to alter or amend the program.
- (5) All VSDMAI competitions are conducted under the rules of SOBHD & ABHDI
- (6) Scrutineering points 88,56,38,25,16,10 are used when required.
- (7) The overall trophy rule must be observed if section age groups are to be compared for a trophy. There must be 6 competitors in any section before any comparison can be made.
- (8) Primary Section for Dancers under 7 years. A Dancer in this age section may only compete in events for a H.F. S.D. Pas de Basque and Pas de Basque and H.Cuts – 4 events maximum at one competition. Medals only may be presented.
- (9) The SOBHD Rule regarding the number of dances allowed per dancer at a competition must be observed.
- (10) No refunds will be given unless a request is made in writing, enclosing a medical certificate and received by the VSDMAI within 14 days of the competition. The decision will be made at the discretion of the VSDMAI committee.
- (11) If less than 4 competitors in an event, sections may be combined. An announcement will be made at the commencement of the competition advising of any alterations.
- (12) Premierships – Sections may be combined to enable sashes and/or trophies to be presented.
- (13) Dancers must "fill in" for reels if requested by the Organiser, if a competitor fails to fill in, unless for a medical reason, the organiser has the right to enforce Rule 1f, page 28D-judges SOBHD Rules & Regulations, which reads –"Provided due prominence is given to the fact in the programme or in a brochure by the Organiser, then during the course of this competition the comportment of the competitors may come under the jurisdiction of the judges, not only whilst dancing, but also when entering or leaving the platform and whilst waiting for the dance to start. Any unseemly behaviour on the part of a competitor or any misdemeanour likely to upset the decorum of the proceedings may be penalised by the judges and could lead to disqualification, but a full report of any such misconduct on the part of a competitor must be submitted by the judges to the organiser.
- (14) The Victorian Scottish Dancing Members Association Incorporated A0053290Y is affiliated with the Victorian State Committee of Highland Dancing Incorporated A0009626W.
- (15) Any rules pertaining to competition or championship released by SOBHD or ABHDI from the time of printing this schedule to the date of the competition or championship will be adhered to. Any changes to rules should be announced prior to the commencement of the Championship or competition.
- (16) The ABHDI direct that dancers use dressing rooms to change and that they dress fully, appropriately and respectably when in public at competitions. The ABHDI recommend that teachers and competition organisers advise the dancers to dress appropriately and modestly.
- (17) Age groups to be decided on entries received.

VSDMA PERPETUAL TROPHY AND VSDMA GLENGARRY SHIELD

VSDMA Perpetual Trophy and VSDMA Glengarry Shield are restricted to Premier dancers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the overall result of a Championship held in 2010, 2011 or 2012

VSDMA Perpetual Trophy –Premier with Restrictions Dancers Under 13 Years on 01/01/12

VSDMA Glengarry Shield - Premier with Restrictions Dancers 13 Years and over on 01/01/12

The Victorian Scottish Dancing Members Association Inc.

This Association is affiliated with Victorian State Committee of Highland Dancing Inc. No. A0009626W

Approved by Australian Board of Highland Dancing Inc.
Affiliated with Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing Edinburgh

Presents

The 52nd Australian Commonwealth Championships

Saturday 18th February 2012

Commencing at 8.00 am

at

Hungarian Community Centre

760 Boronia Rd

Wantirna, Victoria 3152

(Melways Ref 63 E5)

Adjudicators

Celia Orr, **SCOTLAND**

Craig Lindsay, **ACT**

Cheryl Roach, **NSW**

C3/2012

Australian Commonwealth Championship	7 – 12 years
Australian Commonwealth Championship	13, 14 & 15 years
Australian Commonwealth Championship	16, 17 & 18 years
Australian Commonwealth Championship	19 years & over

V4/2012

Premier Supporting Events

Tassie Green Perpetual Trophies - Restricted to Victorian Dancers
Victorian Scottish Dancing Premier Premierships
Victorian Scottish Dancing Premier with Restrictions Premierships
Premier with Restrictions Supporting Events

Pre-Premier Events

Primary
Victorian Scottish Dancing Beginners Title
Victorian Scottish Dancing Novice Title
Victorian Scottish Dancing Intermediate Title
Pre-Premier Supporting Events

SOBHD 2012 CHAMPIONSHIP STEPS

<u>7-9 YEARS:</u>	HIGHLAND FLING:	Intro, 1 st , 2 nd , 6 th , 8 th .
	SWORD DANCE:	Intro: Six count Bow (<i>Place on ½ Point</i>), 1 st , 4 th (<i>Arms 2nd pos. Bars 4, 8, 12, 16</i>), 8 th .
	SEANN TRIUBHAS:	Intro: Either, 1 st Alt (<i>Bars 1-3 sequence of Brushes 4,2,2,4</i>), 2 nd , 4 th , 10 th , Finish Method 1 (<i>1 leap</i>).
	STRATHSPEY & 1/2 TULLOCH:	Intro: Alt Method, Ending: Basic, 3 rd , 8 th Alt (<i>1 turn</i>) 1 st (<i>All dancers use Pas de Basque method</i>), 5 th (<i>4 times</i>), 3 rd (<i>1st Alt Method</i>), Last.
<u>10-15 YEARS:</u>	HIGHLAND FLING:	Intro, 1 st , 2 nd , 4 th , 6 th , 7 th (<i>Turn with Arms in 2nd pos</i>), 8 th
	SWORD DANCE:	Intro: Six count Bow (<i>Place on ½ Point</i>), 1 st , 5 th , 4 th (<i>Arms 2nd pos. Bars 4, 8, 12, 16</i>), 8 th .
	SEANN TRIUBHAS:	Intro: Either, 1 st Alt (<i>Bars 1-3 sequence of Brushes 4,2,2,4</i>), 2 nd , 4 th , 6 th Alt, 11 th , 10 th , Finish Method 1 (<i>1 Leap</i>).
	STRATHSPEY & 1/2 TULLOCH:	Intro: Alt Method, Ending: Basic, 3 rd , 8 th Alt (<i>1 turn</i>) 1 st (<i>All dancers use Pas de Basque method</i>), 5 th (<i>4 times</i>), 3 rd (<i>1st Alt Method</i>), Last.
<u>16 YEARS & OVER:</u>	HIGHLAND FLING:	Intro (<i>Arms by the sides</i>), 1 st , 5 th , 3 rd , 6 th , 7 th (<i>Turn with Arms in 2nd Position</i>), 8 th .
	SWORD DANCE:	Intro: Six count Bow (<i>Rise 7,8</i>), 1 st , 4 th (<i>Arms 2nd pos Bars 4, 8, 12, 16</i>), 5 th , 7 th .
	SEANN TRIUBHAS:	Intro: Either, 1 st Alt (<i>Bars 1-3 sequence of Brushes 4,2,2,4</i>) 3 Arm circles, 2 nd , 7 th Alt (<i>with travel</i>), 9 th , 12 th , 11 th , Finish: Method 1 (<i>1 Leap</i>).
	STRATHSPEY & 1/2 TULLOCH:	Intro: Alt Method, Ending: 2 nd Alt Method, 1 st , 7 th Alt 1 st (<i>All dancers use Pas de Basque method</i>), 2 nd Alt, 9 th , Last.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. This competition is registered with ABHDI C3/2012 and VSCHDI V4/2012 and will be conducted under the rules and conditions as set down by SOBHD and as adopted by ABHDI.
2. Teachers, interested parties or any other unauthorised person must not communicate with Judges during the Championships. All enquiries to the official table.
3. A competitor who has taken part in any so called Championship not recognised by the Board or any person who has acted as a judge at such an event, shall be ineligible to compete or judge in any recognised Championship or Competition under SOBHD rules until given permission to do so by the Board. Such permission may be withheld for as long as a Board may decide.
4. According to SOBHD rules, there must be at least six entries in advance of the competition date, and at least six of these must take part on the day for the Championship to go ahead. In the event of less than six competitors dancing in any one championship, section will be danced but the Championship will not be recognised. No certificate, trophy or sash will be presented, but individual prize money will be paid.
5. Competitors do not have to remain in the marshalling area but must return for the correct order of ballot. The onus is on the competitor to return in time for the correct order of ballot. (*ABHDI Technical 5/10/85 P 3 ratified ABHDI 6/10/85 P 8*).
6. Any complaint made by an individual against the organisation or adjudication of an event, must be made in writing giving the complainants full name and address, and shall be lodged with the Organiser, if possible, on the day of the event, certainly not later than 48 hours after the event. Such complaint to be accompanied by a fee as determined by the ABHDI which is refundable if protest upheld.
7. All placegetters in Championships are to be dressed in **KILT** for trophy presentation.
8. Judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. a) With the advent of video equipment there be no restrictions on the usage of video equipment provided permission is obtained from the organisers and judges and it does not interfere with the smooth organisation of the competition/championship or in any way restrict the view of the judge/s.
b) That judges and organisers should bear in mind that the judge's decision is final and cannot be subjected to a video replay.

Australian Commonwealth Championships and Supporting Events

Entry Fees

Cheques and money orders to be made payable to VSDMA Inc. and forwarded with entries
Entries not accepted by phone or without fees
Entries must be on official entry form and accompanied by fees
Please provide **ONE** stamped self-addressed envelope for return of receipt if required

Age groups will be decided on receipt of entries

Championships	\$30.00
Premierships	\$15.00
Pre-Premier Titles	\$15.00
Supporting Events - per dance	\$5.00
Tassie Green Perpetual Trophy	\$5.00

NB: The Tassie Green Perpetual Trophy Events are open to all Victorian Registered Premier Dancers

Send Entries To Dancing Secretary

Mrs R Watson Ph: 03 9726 0270 M: 0432 404 711 E: rhonwat@live.com.au
PO Box 54
Chirnside Park, VIC 3116

Entries Close

Monday 30th January 2012 – **Age groups will be decided on this date**
(Late entries must be received by Monday 6th February 2012)

**NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED UNLESS A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE
IS RECEIVED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE COMPETITION**

Pre-Premier Dancers

If you change levels after entering, please notify the Dancing Secretary immediately (must be prior to 14th February 2012)

Championship Entrants

**If withdrawing from Championship, please notify the Dancing Secretary on 0432 404 711 or 03 9726 0270
as a matter of courtesy, as soon as possible**

Dancers are to be dressed in complete costume, either Highland Dress - Kilt, Jacket or Vest (fastened) Hose and
Pumps, Traditional or National Costumes and wearing their Competitor Number for any presentation of prizes
CHAMPIONSHIP PLACE GETTERS MUST WEAR KILT

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The VSDMA Inc. rules apply to this program.
The Association reserves the right to alter the program and deal with any matter not covered in the rules.
The Association reserves the right to alter age groups on receipt of entries.
DANCERS COMPETE ENTIRELY AT THEIR OWN RISK. The Association accepts no liability.
AGE is as on the day of the competition.
No dancer may compete in more than 10 events.
All dancers must produce their SOBHD Registration card. No prizes will be given until card has been sighted.

2012 STEPS set by SOBHD for Junior Championships Under 16 Years to be used for

7 – 12 years Australian Commonwealth Championship
13, 14 & 15 years Australian Commonwealth Championship

2012 STEPS set by SOBHD for Adult Championships to be used for

16, 17 & 18 years Australian Commonwealth Championship
19 years & over Australian Commonwealth Championship

Australian Commonwealth Championship 7 – 12 years

- 1st – Sash, Trophy, \$125.00 and the Heather Cramer Challenge Perpetual Trophy
- 2nd – Sash, Trophy, \$100.00 and the Victorian Scottish Dancing Members Association Trophy
- 3rd – Sash, Trophy and \$75.00
- 4th – Trophy and \$50.00
- 5th – Trophy and \$30.00
- 6th – Trophy and \$25.00

The Kelso Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the Victorian Dancer with the highest Championship points
The Isle of Skye Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the runner-up of the Kelso Trophy (next Victorian)

Australian Commonwealth Championship 13, 14 & 15 years

- 1st – Sash, Trophy, \$125.00 and the Caledonian Perpetual Trophy
- 2nd – Sash, Trophy, \$100.00 and the Aberdeen Perpetual Trophy
- 3rd – Sash, Trophy and \$75.00
- 4th – Trophy and \$50.00
- 5th – Trophy and \$30.00
- 6th – Trophy and \$25.00

The Hebridean Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the Victorian Dancer with the highest Championship points
The Victorian Scottish Dancing Members Association Trophy is awarded to the runner-up of the Hebridean Trophy (next Victorian)

Australian Commonwealth Championship 16, 17 & 18 years

- 1st – Sash, Trophy, \$125.00 and the Tobermory Perpetual Trophy
- 2nd – Sash, Trophy, \$100.00 and the Burnett Perpetual Trophy
- 3rd – Sash, Trophy, \$75.00 and the Inverness Perpetual Trophy
- 4th – Trophy and \$50.00
- 5th – Trophy and \$30.00
- 6th – Trophy and \$25.00

The Doyle Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the Victorian Dancer with the highest Championship points
The Victorian Scottish Dancing Members Association Trophy is awarded to the runner-up of the Doyle Perpetual Trophy (next Victorian)

Australian Commonwealth Championship 19 years & over

- 1st – Sash, Trophy, \$125.00 and the Strathclyde Perpetual Trophy
- 2nd – Sash, Trophy, \$100.00 and the Argyll Perpetual Trophy
- 3rd – Sash, Trophy, \$75.00 and the Pitlochry Perpetual Trophy
- 4th – Trophy and \$50.00
- 5th – Trophy and \$30.00
- 6th – Trophy and \$25.00

The Huntley Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the Victorian Dancer with the highest Championship points
The Victorian Scottish Dancing Members Association Trophy is awarded to the runner-up of the Huntley Perpetual Trophy (next Victorian)

Individual Dance Prizes in all Championships

1st – \$20.00 2nd – \$15.00 3rd – \$12.00 4th – \$10.00 5th – \$8.00 6th – \$5.00

The Graham Burdett Memorial Perpetual Trophy Shield (decided on championship points) is awarded to the Victorian Dancer with the highest points in the Australian Commonwealth Championships (7 – 12 years, 13, 14 & 15 years, 16, 17 & 18 years and 19 years & over), all competitors are eligible provided they have been residents of Victoria for 3 months

The Ron Alcock Perpetual Trophy is awarded to the next eligible Victorian Dancer after the Graham Burdett trophy has been awarded

The Tassie Green Perpetual Trophy is open to all Victorian Registered Premier Dancers provided they have been residents of Victoria for 3 months

The Inverberg Perpetual Trophies are awarded to two interstate dancers (one under 16 years and one 16 years & over) with the highest points in the Australian Commonwealth Championships

All Perpetual Trophies must be returned **one month** prior to the next Australian Commonwealth Championships
Please return in good order and condition to: **Mrs R Watson, PO Box 54, CHIRNSIDE PARK, VIC 3116**
Perpetual Trophies won by a dancer residing outside Australia will be retained and engraved by the VSDMA Inc.

Premier and Premier with Restrictions – Age groups as stated when six or more in section, but may be altered or combined if insufficient entries are received

Premier Section – Tassie Green Perpetual Trophy* Restricted to Victorian Registered Premier Dancers

Under 16 yrs SL (4 steps)
16 yrs & over SL (4 steps)

* Tassie Green was instrumental in laying the foundation of the Victorian Scottish Dancing Association (now the VSDMA Inc.). She was the first teacher of Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing in Victoria and her legacy lives on. Dancers, teachers and adjudicators are indebted to Tassie for her outstanding dedication and promotion of the worldwide technique. It is with great pleasure the VSDMA Inc. present Perpetual Trophies in her honour.

Prizes

Premier 1st – \$10.00, 2nd – \$7.00, 3rd – \$5.00
Premiership trophies
Pre-Premier Medals
Title trophies (excluding Primary)

Victorian Scottish Dancing Premier Premiership**

12 years & under BB (4 steps) VM (4 steps) SH (4 steps)
13, 14 & 15 years BB (4 steps) VM (4 steps) SH (4 steps)
16, 17 & 18 years BB (4 steps) VM (4 steps) SH (4 steps)
19 years & over BB (4 steps) VM (4 steps) SH (4 steps)

Victorian Scottish Dancing Premier with Restrictions Premiership**

Restricted to dancers who have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the overall result of a Championship in 2010, 2011 and 2012

12 years & under BB (4 steps) VM (4 steps) SH (4 steps)
13, 14 & 15 years BB (4 steps) VM (4 steps) SH (4 steps)
16, 17 & 18 years BB (4 steps) VM (4 steps) SH (4 steps)
19 years & over BB (4 steps) VM (4 steps) SH (4 steps)

****Please Note:** Dancers may only enter the Premier Premiership or the Premier with Restrictions Premiership. They may not enter both

Premier with Restrictions Section (Age groups will be decided upon receipt of entries)

Dancers **NOT** entered in the Australian Commonwealth Championships may enter this section

HF (4 steps) ST (3 & 1)

Pre-Premier Sections (age groups will be decided upon receipt of entries)

Primary (age groups will be decided upon receipt of entries)

HF (4 steps) SD (2 & 1) PDB PDB & HC

Victorian Scottish Dancing Beginners Title

HF (4 steps) SD (2 & 1) SL (4 steps)

Beginners Supporting Events

ST (3 & 1) Flora (4 steps)

Victorian Scottish Dancing Novice Title

HF (4 steps) SD (2 & 1) SL (4 steps)

Novice Supporting Events

ST (3 & 1) Flora (4 steps)

Victorian Scottish Dancing Intermediate Title

HF (4 steps) SD (2 & 1) SL (4 steps)

Intermediate Supporting Events

ST (3 & 1) Flora (4 steps)

C3/2012 & V4/2012 Australian Commonwealth Championships and Supporting Events

Entries Close – Monday 30th January 2012 – Age groups will be decided on this date
Late entries Monday 6th February 2012

Entries To – Mrs R Watson
 PO Box 54
 Chirnside Park VIC 3116

Dancer Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Age on Day of Comp _____

Address _____

Phone No _____ Email _____

Reg. No _____ Level _____

Studio/Teacher _____ Teacher's Email _____

Permission To Be Photographed

I give the VSDMA Inc. permission to publish my photo for use in the promotion of Highland Dancing

Dancer's Name (please print) _____ Signed _____

Signed by parent/carer if dancer is under 18 years _____ Date _____

Australian Commonwealth Championship

Age Group _____ \$30.00 _____

Tassie Green Perpetual Trophy (Victorian Premier Dancers Only)

Age Group _____ \$5.00 _____

Victorian Scottish Dancing Premier Premiership

**Dancers cannot enter both Premierships

Age Group _____ \$15.00 _____

Victorian Scottish Dancing Premier with Restrictions Premiership

** Dancers cannot enter both Premierships

Age Group _____ \$15.00 _____

Premier with Restrictions Supporting Events Highland Fling

\$5.00 _____

Seann Truibhas \$5.00 _____

Victorian Scottish Dancing Beginners Title HF SD SL

\$15.00 _____

Beginners Supporting Events Seann Truibhas

\$5.00 _____

Flora \$5.00 _____

Victorian Scottish Dancing Novice Title HF SD SL

\$15.00 _____

Novice Supporting Events Seann Truibhas

\$5.00 _____

Flora \$5.00 _____

Victorian Scottish Dancing Intermediate Title HF SD SL

\$15.00 _____

Intermediate Supporting Events Seann Truibhas

\$5.00 _____

Flora \$5.00 _____

Primary Highland Fling

\$5.00 _____

Sword Dance \$5.00 _____

PDB \$5.00 _____

PDB & HC \$5.00 _____

Administration Fee (per dancer) \$5.00 \$5.00

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE Please make cheques/money orders payable to VSDMA Inc. _____

PLEASE INCLUDE **ONE** STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE FOR RETURN OF RECEIPT IF REQUIRED