

Scrutineering points with effect from 1st January 2017

At the meeting of the SOBHD held on Saturday 19th November 2016, a change was agreed with regards to the Rule VIII - Scrutineering.

Effective from 1st January 2017, all scrutineering points will change to the following:

1 st place	137 points
2 nd place	91 points
3 rd place	71 points
4 th place	53 points
5 th place	37 points
6 th place	23 points

The only change to the scrutineering system is to the value given to placings i.e. 137, 91, 71, 53, 37 and 23 replace 88, 56, 38, 25, 16 and 10 respectively. The scrutineering methodology remains unchanged.

With effect from 1st January 2017 the Scrutineering section of the Rule book will read as follows:

VIII – SCRUTINEERING

- a) When the ultimate placings in a competition are dependent on the results of heats finals then, for placings in those finals, points shall be awarded as follows:

1 st place	137 points
2 nd place	91 points
3 rd place	71 points
4 th place	53 points
5 th place	37 points
6 th place	23 points

In the event of a tie between two competitors for any specific placing, both competitors will receive the total points awarded for the relevant placing and the next lowest placing is omitted.

- b) When a heat embraces fewer than 50 competitors, there will be no necessity for a final therein, provided the scrutineer is able to select the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th placings from the judge's markings. However, if the scrutineer is unable to do so, or if the heat embraces 50 or more competitors, the scrutineer shall select a short leet to dance in a final.
- c) If, when the ultimate placings for a competition are being received from the results of heat finals, it is found that two competitors have the same number of points for 1st place then, if one competitor gained more first placings than the other, the competitor with the majority of such placings shall take first place in the competition proper and the other competitor will

take 2nd place. Should that procedure still result in a tie, the dance points awarded in the various heats will be taken into consideration and the competitor with the highest dance points total shall be the winner. Should there still be a tie when adding dance points then the placing will be awarded to the dancer with the greatest number of places by individual events (maximum of 12 places – 3 judges times 4 dances).

- d) Should the competition be carried out on different lines, i.e. without heat finals but with a short leet being selected from each heat to dance in a grand final embracing the dances concerned, then in the final for each dance, points shall be awarded as laid down in paragraph (a) above and in the event of a tie, the same procedure shall be followed as outlined in paragraph (c) above with each dance final being regarded as a heat final.
- e) The following Championship scrutineering system is the only acceptable method of scrutineering approved by the SOBHD. All Championship organisers must follow these scrutineering procedures. Where there are six or more championships there must be at least four scrutineers. Where heats and finals are involved, only the final marks are taken into consideration. Judges will mark competitors according to Section V – C Judges' Marking.

The following system must be carried out for each individual championship.

Step 1. Scrutineers should transfer the top six individual placings from each judge to the scrutineering sheet showing the results of each individual dance (See Example 1 Step 1 – Scrutineering Sheet)

Step 2. The result of each individual dance must be carried forward to the aggregate sheet, the totals of which will determine the 'Championship' winner. (See Example 1 Step 2 – Aggregate Sheet).

Step 3. From the aggregate sheet, rank the top six competitors (1st through 6th) with the most aggregate points. (See Example 1 Step 3 – Championship Results).

These results including the competitor's name and address must be recorded on the Championship report sheet (supplied by SOBHD office). The championship report sheet must be signed by the judges, completed by the organiser and all original copies forwarded to the office within 10 days of the Championship.

If a tie resulted from Step 3 (above) for any of the overall top six championship placings, the following methods must be used to break the tie.

Method 1. Total the number of 1st placings out of a possible 4 from the aggregate sheet. (See Example 2 Method 1). The competitor with the highest total wins the tie, then goes back to Step 3 above and records the result. If each competitor has the same total go to Method 2.

Method 2. Total the number of dance points from the scrutineering sheet (1st through 6th) out of a possible 12. (See Example 2 Method 2). The competitor with the highest number of dance points wins the tie, go back to Step 3 above and record the result. If each competitor has the same total go to Method 3.

Method 3. Total the number of individual judges' placings (1st through 6th) out of a possible 12. (See Example 2 Method 3). The competitor with the highest number of individual judges' placings wins the tie, go back to Step 3 and record the result. However, if each competitor still has the same number of places then it is considered 'tied' and no other methods can be used to break the tie. Go back to Step 3 above and record the tied result on the championship report sheet.

NOTE: Should any points arise not covered in the Scrutineering Rules, the matters shall be left for the judges to decide and their decision shall be final. Before arriving at a decision, the judges may consult with the organiser if they deem it advisable to do so.

Example 1

Step 1 - Scrutineering Sheet

Highland Fling

Judges' Placings						
Comp No	A	B	C	Dance Points	Results	Championship Points
134	137	91	71	299	2nd	91
135	91	137	137	365	1st	137
136	71	71	91	233	3rd	71
137	53	53	53	159	4th	53
138	37	37	23	97	5th	37
139	23	23	37	83	6th	23

Sword Dance

Judges' Placings						
Comp No	A	B	C	Dance Points	Results	Championship Points
134	137	137	91	365	1st	137
135	91	71	137	299	2nd	91
136	53	91	37	181	3rd	71
137	71	37	71	179	4th	53
138	37	53	53	143	5th	37
139	23	23	23	69	6th	23

Seann Truibhas

Judges' Placings						
Comp No	A	B	C	Dance Points	Results	Championship Points
134	137	137	137	411	1st	137
135	91	91	53	235	2nd	91
136	53	71	91	215	3rd	71
137	71	37	71	179	4th	53
138	23	23	37	83	6th	23
139	37	53	23	113	5th	37

Strathspey & Reel

Judges' Placings						
Comp No	A	B	C	Dance Points	Results	Championship Points
134	137	137	91	365	1st	137
135	91	91	137	319	2nd	91
136	53	37	23	113	5th	37
137	23	53	53	129	4th	53
138	37	23	37	97	6th	23
139	71	71	71	213	3rd	71

Step 2 - Aggregate Sheet

Comp No	Fling	Sword	Seann Truibhas	Strathspey & Reel	Total
134	91	137	137	137	502
135	137	91	91	91	410
136	71	71	71	37	250
137	53	53	53	53	212
138	37	37	23	23	120
139	23	23	37	71	154

Step 3 - Championship Results

The result of the Championship is therefore:

No 134 1st
No 135 2nd
No 136 3rd
No 137 4th
No 139 5th
No 138 6th

Example 2

Step 1 - Scrutineering Sheet

Highland Fling

Judges' Placings						
Comp No	A	B	C	Dance Points	Results	Championship Points
134	137	137	137	411	1st	137
135	91	91	91	273	2nd	91
136	71	53	53	177	4th	53
137	53	71	71	195	3rd	71
138	37	37	23	97	5th	37
139	23	23	37	83	6th	23

Sword Dance

Judges' Placings						
Comp No	A	B	C	Dance Points	Results	Championship Points
134	91	91	91	273	2nd	91
135	137	137	137	411	1st	137
136	71	71	37	179	3rd	71
137	37	37	53	127	5th	37
138	53	23	37	113	6th	23
139	23	53	71	147	4th	53

Seann Truibhas

Judges' Placings						
Comp No	A	B	C	Dance Points	Results	Championship Points
134	91	71	53	215	2nd	91
135	71	53	91	215	2nd	91
136	137	137	137	411	1st	137
137	53	37	37	127	5th	37
138	37	91	71	199	4th	53
139	23	0	0	23	6th	23
140	0	23	0	23	6th	23
141	0	0	23	23	6th	23

Strathspey & Reel

Judges' Placings						
Comp No	A	B	C	Dance Points	Results	Championship Points
134	23	23	91	137	3rd	71
135	0	0	137	137	3rd	71
136	137	137	71	345	1st	137
137	91	91	53	235	2nd	91
138	71	53	37	161	5th	37
139	53	71	23	147	6th	23
140	0	37	0	37		0
141	0	0	37	37		0

Step 2 - Aggregate Sheet

Comp No	Fling	Sword	Seann Truibhas	Strathspey & Reel	Total
134	137	91	91	71	390
135	91	137	91	71	390
136	53	71	137	137	398
137	71	37	37	91	236
138	37	23	53	37	150
139	23	53	23	23	122
140	0	0	23	0	23
141	0	0	23	0	23

Step 3 - Championship Results with a tie

The result of the Championship is therefore:

No 136 1st
No 134 2nd equal
No 135 2nd equal
No 137 4th
No 138 5th
No 139 6th

Method 1 (Determined from the Aggregate Sheet)

Comp No	Number of 1st Placings
134	1

135	1
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Method 2 (Determined from the Scrutineering Sheet - Dance Points)

Comp No	Fling	Sword	Seann Truibhas	Strathspey & Reel	Total
134	411	273	215	137	1036
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Method 3 (Determined from the Scrutineering Sheet - Individual Judges' Placings)

Comp No	Fling	Sword	Seann Truibhas	Strathspey & Reel	Total
134	3	3	3	3	12
135	3	3	3	1	10

Step 3 - Final Championship Results with the tie broken

The result of the Championship is therefore:

- No 136 1st
- No 134 2nd
- No 135 3rd
- No 137 4th
- No 138 5th
- No 139 6th