



ROYAL SCOTTISH OFFICIAL BOARD OF HIGHLAND DANCING Code of Ethics

In this Code “Participant” means any organization, body, association or individual with full or associate membership of the Board; any individual who is a member of an organization, body, or association with full or associate membership of the Board; any individual who is registered with the Board; any person directly connected to a body or individual who is registered with the Board. This includes Judges, Teachers, Organizers, Parents, Dancers & all parties connected with dancers.

General Behavior

1. Participants will display honesty, fairness and equality of opportunity in all relationships in association with Highland Dancing, this includes but is not limited to social network communication, e.g. Facebook
2. Participants will make themselves aware of Social Media guidance provided by RSOBHD.
3. Participants will not engage in behavior which undermines the status and esteem of Highland Dancing.
4. Participants will recognize the authority of judges and other officials and will treat them with courtesy and respect.
5. Participants will treat all other participants with courtesy and respect, whether successful in competition or not.
6. Participants will not discriminate between other participants on the grounds of sex, ethnic background, religion or ability.
7. Participants will respect the competence of teachers and judges and will not engage in public criticism; nor will participants be exposed to adverse public criticism. This includes but is not limited to verbal, textual or social networking communication.
8. Participants will not compromise the integrity of any competition results by seeking to influence any judge’s decision.
9. Participants will not actively persuade dancers to change teacher nor will participants seek to influence other participant’s choice of teacher.
10. Participants are responsible to maintain trophies and return them in the same condition as received.
11. Participants will dress appropriately and modestly when in public at competitions.
12. Participants are reminded of the rules regarding Joint School choreographies

Child Protection and Well-Being of Dancers

All participants will seek to ensure the health & well-being of the dancer at all times. In particular, the RSOBHD recommends that the teacher will comply with the disclosure requirements as applicable in the country/countries in which they are teaching and will provide planned programs of preparation and competition for dancers; Organizers will have a child protection policy, adhere to national child protection policy (US Center for Safe Sport), provide a safe environment, and suitable programming of events to ensure sufficient recovery time for the dancers.

Teachers/Judges

Teachers/judges must be suitably qualified and will have a responsibility to maintain their qualification and expertise. Teachers/judges must behave in a professional manner at all times and will not compromise dancers by advocating an unfair advantage.

Legislation

Participants, who do not adhere to the above, will be subject to a penalty decided by the Board.

Name (Print name)

Date.....

Signature.....

address.....

Zip Code.....

Tel:email.....