

HIGHLAND DANCING ASSOCIATION OF TARANAKI INC.

CONSTITUTION

Revised 24th November 2020

Name

Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated

Registered Office

The address shall be that of the current president

Objectives

- To actively promote the syllabus of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD) in New Zealand
- To encourage participation in Highland Dancing national and international competitions
- To conduct Highland dancing competitions and championships in Taranaki
- To apply for funds from community grants and other sports and cultural funding agencies
- To support funding opportunities for RSOBHD dancers to compete in RSOBHD competitions within New Zealand and worldwide
- To distribute funds from grants and fundraising activities to the benefit of dancers who are registered with the RSOBHD.
- To manage and use funds in a sustainable manner to ensure the long-term future of Highland Dancing in Taranaki.

Membership

Membership to the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki is open to any person that resides in the Taranaki Region of New Zealand and meets the requirements for either "Senior or "Junior Membership", is appointed to "Life Membership" or is accepted as an "Associate Membership." Membership of the Executive Committee must be a "Senior Member", or "Associate Member" and a financial member of the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki incorporated.

Membership of the Executive Committee will comprise of at least three "Senior Members" or "Associate Members" and up to TWO "Junior Members" of 15 years of age or older, may be elected on to the Executive Committee, and be a financial member of the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki incorporated.

The two "Junior Member" positions of the Committee will be elected to the committee by a ballot of all "Junior Members." Votes can be placed for any nominated "Junior Member" candidate who is 15 years of age or older. The two candidates with the highest votes will be elected to the committee. The elected Junior Members will hold the position "Elected Junior Members"

“Senior Membership,” “Associate Membership” and “Elected Junior Members” will have full voting rights when electing the “Executive Committee” or “Committee Members” or “Life Membership”

“Junior Membership” will only have voting rights to elect the “Elected Junior Members” and will have no other voting rights for electing the “Executive Committee” or “Committee Members” or “Life Membership”.

Senior Membership

Senior Membership is anyone of the age of eighteen years and over who meets one of the following criteria: -

- A member of an affiliated “Examining Body” of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD)
- A member of an “Affiliated Members” Body of the RSOBHD
- A “Register Dancer” of the RSOBHD
- A “Student/Pupil” of a dance teacher who is a member of an affiliated “Examining Body” or an “Affiliated Members” Body of the RSOBHD
- A “Parent/Guardian” or “Grandparent” of:
 1. A member of an affiliated “Examining Body” of the RSOBHD
 2. A member of an “Affiliated Members” Body of the RSOBHD
 3. A “Register Dancer” of the RSOBHD
 4. A “Student/Pupil” of a dance teacher who is a member of an affiliated “Examining Body” or an “Affiliated Members” Body of the RSOBHD.

Junior Membership

Junior Membership is anyone under the age of eighteen years who meets one of the following criteria: -

- A “Register Dancer” of the RSOBHD
- A “Student/Pupil” of a dance teacher who is a member of an affiliated “Examining Body” or an “Affiliated Members” Body of the RSOBHD
- A “Sibling” of a “Register Dancer” of the RSOBHD
- A “Sibling” of a “Student/Pupil” of a dance teacher who is a member of an affiliated “Examining Body” or an “Affiliated Members” Body of the RSOBHD

Associate Membership

Anyone 18 years of age or older, not included in the criteria of “Senior Membership” may be accepted at the discretion of the committee of the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki.

Life Membership

Life membership may be appointed by members of the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated in recognition of their services in furthering the interests of Highland Dancing.

Terminating Membership

Resignation must be made in writing and be accepted by the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated.

Members will cease to be members of Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated when:

- Not paying annual membership by a set date
- Inappropriate behavior has resulted in bringing discredit to the Association

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will comprise of the elected members of the committee for the following positions of responsibility:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Marketing/Fundraising coordination
- Competitions
- Competitions Assistant

The term on the Executive Committee shall be a minimum of two consecutive years.

The Executive Committee will have the power to act in the following situations:

- Emergency
- Dispute
- Guidance

For the Executive Committee to act at least three members of the Executive Committee must be present (either in person or via technology).

A Patron position may be invited by the Executive Committee to provide support, but the position will be outside of the elected Executive Committee.

Committee

Membership on the Executive Committee or Sub-Committees of the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki is optional for all members who feel that they can contribute to fulfilling the objectives of the Association.

Composition of the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated

- The Executive Committee
- Committee Members
- Other paid members

Elections

All positions will be elected at the Annual General Meeting once the Office Holder has fulfilled their two-year term, or they have otherwise resigned their position.

Meetings

- Shall have regular meetings of at least four a year
- Proxy – a proxy vote will be accepted for each meeting but must be in Document form and received 24 hours prior to the meeting
- Quorum - No less than five committee members of Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated must be present at each meeting to pass motions
- Attendance can be via technology where possible
- Organising committee can make decisions on the running of the events without a quorum present
- To effect change a majority of members must vote in favour of the proposed change
- Annual General meeting – an Annual General Meeting of the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated will be held in November each year.

Conduct of Members

Conduct of members at meetings and events must be in line with the expectations set down in the manual

Common Seal

The Common Seal of the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated will be held by the Secretary of the Association.

The Common Seal may be used at the direction of the President on official documents issued by the Association

Finances

Subscriptions

- Annual membership fees and structure will be set at the Annual General Meeting of the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated.

Property and funds

- All funds and assets acquired on behalf of the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated shall belong to the Highland Dancing Association of Taranaki Incorporated