



SCOTTISH OFFICIAL BOARD OF HIGHLAND DANCING

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CODE OF ETHICS ***“INTERIM MEASURE FOR 2012”***

FOR U.K. REGISTERED COMPETITIVE HIGHLAND DANCERS OF THE SOBHD

In this Code “Participant” means any organisation, body, association or individual with full or associate membership of the Board; any individual who is a member of an organisation, 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.

GENERAL BEHAVIOUR

1. Participants will display honesty, fairness and equality of opportunity in all relationships.
2. Participants will not engage in behaviour which undermines the status and esteem of Highland Dancing.
3. Participants will recognise the authority of judges and other officials and treat them with courtesy.
4. Participants will treat all other participants with respect, whether successful in competition or not.
5. Participants will not discriminate between other participants on the grounds of sex, ethnic background, religion or ability.
6. Participants should respect the competence of teachers and judges and should not engage in public criticism.
7. Participants will not compromise the integrity of any competition result by seeking to influence any judge's decision

WELL BEING OF DANCERS

Participants will seek to ensure the well-being of the dancer at all times. In particular, teachers will provide planned programmes of preparation and competition for all dancers. Their implementation will recognise the safety and well-being of the dancer and participants will recognise that the health of the dancer is always more important than competition results. Participants will not be exposed to adverse public criticism.

TEACHERS

Teachers will recognise a duty of confidentiality in their relationships with dancers.

Teachers will not compromise dancers by advocating an unfair advantage or by seeking to persuade them to change teachers.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERTISE

Teachers / Judges will maintain their qualifications and expertise.

LEGISLATION

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