

2011 STEP DANCING **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- Entrants may enter only ONE solo class.
- A step dance group will consist of two or more members. A dancer may enter in ONE group per class. Each group may enter only ONE class.
- A maximum time limit of four minutes will apply for each entry.
- Solo and group dancers may use a house fiddler or their fiddler of choice. Country and Western or Old Tyme fiddle music is to be used.
- Step dancing categories will be 9 & Under Solo, 10-13 Solo, Under 13 Group, 14-18 Solo, 19 & Over, Old Tyme Traditional, Canadian Open and Canadian Open Group.
- 10-13 Solo, 14-18 Solo, and Canadian Open steppers must dance a clog, jig and reel in that order without stopping. 9 & Under Solo, 19 & Over, and Old Tyme Traditional steppers must dance only a clog, jig OR a reel.
- Group step dancers may use any routine, not necessarily a clog, jig or reel.
- Dancers may signal before change of time.
- In the event the house musicians make an error sufficient enough to throw the step dancer(s) off time or an accident beyond the control of the dancer(s) or musicians, the dancer(s) may be permitted to repeat the routine at the discretion of the judges.
- a) Individuals will be judged on timing and accuracy, quality and variety of steps, overall performance, and audience appeal and poise.
b) In addition, groups will be judged on attitude, spirit and enjoyment, uniformity, style, dress and neatness.
- Average age of the group is obtained by dividing the total ages of all dancers by the number of dancers in the group. To qualify as a Junior group, the average age must be under 14 by June 30th (13.9 is considered under 14).
- Send names and ages with the entry form. Proof of age may be required.
- Any decision or ruling pertaining to eligibility made by the Dance Association is final.
- No stage props, other than those supplied by the Dance Association, are allowed. Only items related to the costume may be used.
- Step dancing shoes must not be worn in the arena except at the stage area or on stage.
- Any decision made by the judges is final. Judges are not required to explain standings.
- Each judge will score each set out of 300 points (100 points when only a reel is danced) for the routines and then must rank the entry 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. 1st place receives one point, 2nd receives 2 points, 3rd receives 3 points and so on. These points will be totaled across judges for each entry and the entry with the lowest points total is first, next lowest is second, and next lowest is 3rd etc.
- The summing of points (out of 300 or 100) will be used to break any ties.
- At the discretion of the judges, step dancers may be called on to dance again due to a tie or other circumstances.
- If, in the opinion of the judges, an individual or group does not conform to the rules and regulations of the Festival, the judges will place that individual or group in last place of the class in which they entered. No prize money will be awarded to that individual or group.
- Each entry will be provided with a copy of their score sheets after the Festival.
- Entries close on Friday June 17th, 2011. Late entries will not appear in the printed program AND **will be charged regular admission** in addition to their entry fee.
- Late entries will be required to dance in the class entered before pre-registered entrants.
- Pre-registered entrants must check in at the admission table AND **must report** to the Entrant Co- Ordinator located in the stage area upon arrival to confirm entry.
- Entrants **must be registered** before the class being entered commences. A schedule for the day can be found at www.dundalkdance.com by Wednesday June 22nd. Times are approximations only so please plan to check in at least 1 hour before your class is scheduled to commence.
- The competition portion of the festival commences on Saturday June 25th at 9am. **All classes will perform on Saturday.**
- Winners are to be declared at an awards ceremony upon completion of all performances on Saturday evening. Estimated time for the awards ceremony is 8pm.
- Dancers must be present, **in a dance costume**, by the beginning of the awards ceremony Saturday evening or **may face disqualification.**
- Dancers in the 9 & Under Solo class will perform before 12 noon on Saturday. A separate awards ceremony for the 9 and Under dancers will take place at approximately 12 noon.
- Stage is approximately 20' x 20'.