



RULES GOVERNING SCOTTISH NATIONAL DANCE PREMIERSHIPS

1. Application, Approval and Renewal of Premierships

- a. FUSTA is the national governing body of the 'Scottish National Dance Premierships' or 'Premierships' as they may be abbreviated to. Premierships must follow the rules set out for such events by FUSTA in this document. Furthermore, Premierships are governed by the current SOBHD Constitution and Rules.

NOTE: The SOBHD is performing a trial on Scottish National Dance Premierships and will likely take over management of these events starting in 2016. FUSTA has been advised by the SOBHD to follow the rules and steps set by ScotDance Canada for 2015, except for the modification in the U12 category to insure only 4 steps per dance.

- b. Organizers wishing to host a Premiership event must apply to FUSTA for an event in the following calendar year. Application due date will be set by the National Competition Organizer. An organizer may apply to hold a Premiership after successfully running a regular competition for 3 years preceding the Premiership.
- c. Each application must be accompanied by the full registration fee which is set forth each year by FUSTA. Applications not accompanied by the full fee will not be accepted.

NOTE: FUSTA is not charging a fee to hold a Premiership in 2015.

- d. Organizers may suggest 3 possible titles for their Premiership event, one of which will be selected by FUSTA. That title will be granted only to the requesting organization until that organization, as indicated in writing, wished to discontinue renewal of their Premiership. Premiership titles may only be utilized once in any calendar year.
- e. Titles of Premiership are limited to the following 4 classes:
 - i. National – Covering a whole country
 - ii. Area – Covering a large geographical area of the country such as North, South, East, West , in which case the boundary of the proposed area Premiership must be clearly defined by the organizers and receive the approval of FUSTA.
 - iii. Regional – Covering one geographical region as defined by FUSTA.
 - iv. Additional Titles – Selected as appropriate, e.g. Motor City Open Premiership
- f. Premierships may be categorized as Open or Closed, following the same SOBHD rules defining Open and Closed Championships. Open Premierships may be held on the same day provided the venues are separated by 750 miles. A Closed Premiership may be held on the same day as an Open Premiership event provided the venues are separated by 750 miles. Two Closed Premiership events may be held on the same day regardless of distance separating them providing the boundaries of one Closed Premierships does not encompass the boundaries of the other.

- g. Results including the top 6 winners of each group must be sent to FUSTA within 10 days of the event. Judges marking sheets and results should also be retained for the period of 1 year. Judges sheets may be called in at random by FUSTA.
- h. No competition in the United States may advertise the title of 'Premiership' without the sanction of FUSTA.

2. Premiership Event Details

- a. Premierships must be advertised as 'Recognized by FUSTA'. Organizers must display their registration number on the entry form.
- b. Premierships are open to Premier dancers aged 7 and up only. Organizations not adhering to the rule risk FUSTA not renewing their event as a Premiership.
- c. Similar to SOBHD Championships, FUSTA's Scottish National Dance Premiership steps will be selected for three categories: Juvenile (7 Years— Under 12 Years), Junior (12 Years – Under 16 Years) and Senior (16 Years & Over).
- d. Premiership classes can be divided after the event's registration closing date at the discretion of the organizer and the Technical Advisor listed on the organizer's Premiership application. Six (6) dancers constitute a class. Classes combining Juvenile and Junior (7 Years & Under 16 Years) dancers with Senior (16 Years & Over) dancers is not permitted. If absolutely necessary, Juvenile and Junior classes can be combined, in which case Junior steps are danced for that class. Withdrawal of entrant(s) due to injury or illness incurred during the event does not nullify the Premiership.
- e. Each dance in a Premiership is scrutineered to 6 places and prizes are awarded to 6th place. The prizes awarded to the overall winner and runner-ups are at the discretion of the organizer.
NOTE: No certificates for aggregate winners will be distributed by FUSTA in 2015.
- f. Four (4) dances will be included in Premierships. These four dances, as well as their steps, will be decided upon each calendar year by the FUSTA Advisory Committee. Dances may include the Irish Jig, Sailor's Hornpipe and any of the following Scottish National Dances: Flora MacDonald's Fancy, Scottish Lilt, Blue Bonnets Over the Border, Village Maid, Scotch Measure, Earl of Errol, Wilt Thou Go to the Barracks, Johnnie? and Heilan' Laddie.
- g. Dancing a non-Premiership step in a Premiership will lead to disqualification.
- h. Three (3) judges must simultaneously judge a Premiership. If for any unforeseen reason one of the 3 appointed judges is unable to adjudicate and it is found impossible to fill his/her place with another eligible judge, the two (2) remaining judges shall judge. The circumstances shall be announced to the competitors prior to the competition and an explanation must be sent to FUSTA.
- i. The use of live pipers or musicians is strongly recommended for Premierships.
- j. Duplicate judges' mark sheets must be used.
NOTE: In 2015, FUSTA will provide duplicate judges' mark sheets free of charge for premierships by request to the National Competition Organizers Chair. This policy may change in future years.