

MARLBOROUGH/NELSON CENTRE PIPING & DANCING ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC)

conducted under the rules of the Piping & Dancing Association of New Zealand (Inc)



Invites you to compete at their:

Top of the South Championship Competition

13 – 15 June 2025

incorporating the

Highland Choreography Festival

to be held on Friday evening, 13 June 2025

Senior classes may start Friday evening depending on entries

ASB Theatre Marlborough

Cnr Hutcheson Street and Alfred Street
Blenheim

ADJUDICATORS:

Miss June Wright
Mrs Kimberley Mavor

Auckland
Oamaru

ENTRIES CLOSE Sunday, 13th April 2025

**PLEASE NOTE – For consideration of 50% refund (excluding admin and pipers fees),
a medical certificate must be received by 20th May 2025.**

Any withdrawals of entries after this date, or non-medical withdrawals, are unable to be refunded.

PDANZ - Permit	
Centre	Marlborough/Nelson
Competition	Top of the South
Approved	
Date Issued:	5 February 2025

COMPETITION SECRETARY

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6 Years & Under – Under 12 Years

13 – 15 June 2025

MARLBOROUGH/NELSON CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS - 6 YEARS & UNDER

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Entry Fee
Class 1 Highland Fling	\$8.00 & Sash	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Class 2 Sword Dance	\$8.00 & Sash	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Class 3 Irish Jig ST	\$8.00 & Sash	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$6.00

Classes 1 - 3: 1st Sash, Certificate 2nd – 4th Certificates

Trophies Marlborough/Nelson Championships 6 Years & Under

Most Points Events 1 - 3 Marlborough Highland Dancing Cup and Sash
Runner Up Events 1 - 3 Marlborough Highland Dancing Cup and Sash

MARLBOROUGH/NELSON CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS - UNDER 8 YEARS

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Entry Fee
Class 4 Highland Fling	\$8.00 & Sash	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Class 5 Sword Dance	\$8.00 & Sash	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Class 6 Irish Jig ST	\$8.00 & Sash	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Class 7 Sailors Hornpipe	\$8.00 & Sash	\$7.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$6.00

Classes 4 - 7: 1st Sash, Certificate 2nd – 4th Certificates

Trophies Marlborough/Nelson Championships Under 8 Years

Most Points Events 4 - 7 Vibert Tray and Sash
Runner Up Events 4 - 7 Agnew Sisters Cup and Sash

MARLBOROUGH/NELSON CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS - UNDER 10 YEARS

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Entry Fee
Class 8 Highland Fling	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Class 9 Sword Dance	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Class 10 Irish Jig ST	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Class 11 Sailors Hornpipe	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00

Classes 8 - 11: 1st Sash, Certificate 2nd - 4th Certificates

Trophies Marlborough/Nelson Championships Under 10 Years

Most Points Events 8 - 11 Sutherland Trophy and Sash
Runner Up Events 8 - 11 Beth Newman Cup and Sash

MARLBOROUGH/NELSON CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS - UNDER 12 YEARS

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Entry Fee
Class 12 Highland Fling	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Class 13 Sword Dance	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Class 14 Seann Truibhas	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Class 15 Highland Reel	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Class 16 Irish Jig ST	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Class 17 Irish Hornpipe	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Class 18 Sailors Hornpipe	\$10.00 & Sash	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$8.00

Classes 12 - 18: 1st Sash, Certificate 2nd - 4th Certificates

Trophies Marlborough/Nelson Championships Under 12 Years

Most Points Events 12 - 18 Helen Brown Cup and Sash
Runner Up Events 12 - 18 Rachel Cooper Trophy and Sash

Under 14 Years – Open

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MARLBOROUGH/NELSON CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS - UNDER 14 YEARS

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Entry Fee
Class 19 Highland Fling	\$12.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$8.00
Class 20 Sword Dance	\$12.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$8.00
Class 21 Seann Truibhas	\$12.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$8.00
Class 22 Highland Reel	\$12.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$8.00
Class 23 Reel O'Tulloch	\$12.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$8.00
Class 24 Irish Jig ST	\$12.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$8.00
Class 25 Irish Hornpipe	\$12.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$8.00
Class 26 Sailors Hornpipe	\$12.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$8.00

Classes 19 - 26: 1st Sash, Certificate 2nd - 4th Certificates

Trophies Marlborough/Nelson Championships Under 14 Years

Most Points Events 19 - 26 Booth Sisters Trophy and Sash
Runner Up Events 19 - 26 Jocelyn Douthett Studio Cup and Sash

MARLBOROUGH/NELSON CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS - UNDER 16 YEARS

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Entry Fee
Class 27 Highland Fling	\$15.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
Class 28 Sword Dance	\$15.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
Class 29 Seann Truibhas	\$15.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
Class 30 Highland Reel	\$15.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
Class 31 Reel O'Tulloch	\$15.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
Class 32 Irish Jig ST	\$15.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
Class 33 Irish Jig DT	\$15.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
Class 34 Irish Hornpipe	\$15.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
Class 35 Irish Reel	\$15.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$9.00
Class 36 Sailors Hornpipe	\$15.00 & Sash	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$9.00

Trophies Marlborough/Nelson Championships Under 16 Years

Most Points Events 27 - 36 Clement Trophy, Sash and \$50.00
Runner Up Events 27 - 36 Soper Sisters Cup, Sash and \$25.00

MARLBOROUGH/NELSON CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS - UNDER 18 YEARS

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Entry Fee
Class 37 Highland Fling	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 38 Sword Dance	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 39 Seann Truibhas	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 40 Highland Reel	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 41 Reel O'Tulloch	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 42 Irish Jig ST	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 43 Irish Jig DT	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 44 Irish Hornpipe	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 45 Irish Reel	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 46 Sailors Hornpipe	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00

Trophies Marlborough/Nelson Championships Under 18 Years

Most Points Events 37 - 46 Rachael Preston Cup, Sash & \$75.00
Runner Up Events 37 - 46 Simpson Sisters Cup, Sash & \$40.00

MARLBOROUGH/NELSON CENTRE CHAMPIONSHIPS - OPEN

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Entry Fee
Class 47 Highland Fling	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 48 Sword Dance	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 49 Seann Truibhas	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 50 Highland Reel	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 51 Reel O'Tulloch	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 52 Irish Jig ST	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 53 Irish Jig DT	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 54 Irish Hornpipe	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 55 Irish Reel	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00
Class 56 Sailors Hornpipe	\$20.00 & Sash	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$9.00

Trophies Marlborough/Nelson Championships Open

Most Points Events 47 - 56
Runner Up Events 47 - 56

Simmons Cup, Sash & \$100.00
Catherine Harman Trophy, Sash & \$50.00

EXTRA TROPHIES

Gail Dodson School of Dancing Cup
McNulty Sisters Cup

Basher Cup
NHDO Shield
Marlborough Dance Centre Cup

Most Points in own Age Group
Competitor Under 10 yrs portraying most enjoyment in performance of all dances (chosen by adjudicators)
Best Highland Work under 16 Years (chosen by adjudicators)
Best Irish Work Under 14 Years (chosen by adjudicators)
Best Department and Interpretation over all classes (chosen by adjudicators)

HIGHLAND CHOREOGRAPHY FESTIVAL

*All Choreography events to be held Friday 13 June 2025, commencing at approx. 4.00pm
final start time to be determined depending on entries.*

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Entry Fee
Class 57 Choreographed Solo Under 12 yrs	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Class 58 Choreographed Solo 12 yrs & Over	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$6.00
Class 59 Duo Under 12 yrs	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
Class 60 Duo 12 yrs & Over	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$8.00
Class 61 Trio Any Age	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Class 62 Group Any Age (4 or more dancers)	Category prizes will be awarded			No charge

Conditions for Choreographed Events

- All classes may be self-choreographed or taught by a teacher.
- Music, costumes and theme, own choice.
- Music to be provided to the Secretary on an iPod or phone prior to the commencement of the Championships clearly named. PLEASE NOTE – NO USBs or CD's!
- Classes may be amalgamated if insufficient entries at the Committee's discretion.
- Classes 57 to 62 inclusive are not conducted under the P & D Rules.
- Duos and Trios to be entered by one dancer only, with all dancer's names and item Title.
- Groups to be entered by one dancer only, with name of group and item title.

NOTES TO ALL PARENTS AND COMPETITORS – RULES AND CONDITIONS

Marlborough/Nelson Centre Championship Trophy Holders

All trophies remain the property of the Marlborough/Nelson Centre Piping & Dancing Association of New Zealand Incorporated. Trophies are held by the winners for one year only, or such time as the Centre may prescribe, and must be returned, whenever requested in good condition.

Please note that all trophies MUST BE returned to the Secretary by 1st of June 2025 unless prior arrangements have been made with the Secretary in writing. The trophies are required for promotional and advertising purposes.

1. All classes conducted under the Piping & Dancing Association of New Zealand Incorporated by-laws.
2. All entries are to be made via the online entry form and payment made via internet banking. All fees must be paid at time of entry. Please contact competition Secretary if you wish to make other arrangements. No refunds allowed after closing date of entries. No late entries will be accepted.
3. Account details for payment: Westpac Nelson 030599-0285558-025. Please use TOTS as reference and include competitor's name.
4. All competitors must be currently registered with P&D Association of NZ Inc. Failure to do so will incur payment of further fee prior to competing
5. All competitors compete at their own risk and the Marlborough/Nelson Centre Piping and Dancing Association of New Zealand Incorporated accepts no responsibility for accidents, mishaps or theft or misplacement of personal property. Only on these conditions is entry accepted.
6. In the event of a tie, rule 13 of the Piping & Dancing Association of New Zealand (Inc) by-laws will apply.
7. Prizes as stated on programme for each class. Ribbons VHC, HC, C for all classes at discretion of the adjudicator. 4th prize will only be awarded if 16 or more competitors in any one class. 5th prize will be awarded if 21 or more competitors in any one class and 6th prize will be awarded if 26 or more competitors in any one class.
8. Prizes awarded for most points will be awarded using rule 13B of the Piping & Dancing Association of New Zealand (Inc) by-laws
9. Loss or damage to any trophy is the full responsibility of the recipient.
10. Competitors must compete in order of programme or at board steward's discretion. All classes including Reels will be pre drawn and competitor order will be as per the programme.
11. Dancers must report to the Board Steward/Stage Manager immediately when called upon and be ready to dance or the right to compete in the event may be withdrawn.
12. Entry to competition gives Marlborough Nelson Piping and Dancing the right to record classes and publish names and results. If you elect not to grant the Association/Society the right to use your image, it is your responsibility to remove yourself from situations where photos are likely to be taken, such as at presentation time. The Association does not guarantee that your image will not be published as part of a larger group or performance photograph, and by participating in the competition or event you automatically waive your rights in respect of such images.
13. Events and presentations may be live-streamed on the Top of the South Championships Facebook page.
14. Entry to competition gives Marlborough/Nelson Centre Piping and Dancing Association of New Zealand Incorporated the right to record events and publish names and results. The taking of videos of any performance is strictly prohibited unless prior approval has been given by the Secretary. Please take videos and photographs of your child only.
15. Any person found damaging the Marlborough ASB Theatre will be liable for full restoration and if a competitor, may forfeit the right to compete.
16. In the event of insufficient entries championships will revert to normal classes. Prizes will be awarded as stated in schedule without the awarding of a sash. These classes will still be included in points total.
17. The competition will be run under the Government and The Piping and Dancing Association COVID 19 protocols / restrictions at the time of the competition.

Entry Fees

- As stated for each class
- Administration Fee \$20 per Dancer or \$30 per Family
- Piping Fee \$15.00 each
- Hard copy programme \$10.00 (posted to dance teacher)

Please note the change of the Bank Account number when paying with online banking 030599-0285558-025

https://www.cognitofrms.com/MarlboroughHighlandDancing/_2025TopOfTheSouthChampionshipCompetition