

**NATIONAL YOUNG PERFORMER AWARDS
2023 CRITERIA FOR HIGHLAND AND NATIONAL DANCING**



- A. Competitors shall be 14 and under 21 years as at 1st October 2023.
- B. Each competitor shall perform in three classes during the preliminary round, in the following order:
1. Choice of one solo Highland dance; Highland Fling, Seann Triubhas, Sword Dance
 2. Choice of one solo Irish step dance; Irish Jig Single Time, Irish Jig Double Time, Irish Hornpipe
 3. Sailors Hornpipe
- C. There will be a semi-final of up to eight competitors who will repeat either B1, B2 or B3 at the discretion of the Adjudicator. Competitors will be chosen based on their marks in the Preliminary round(s).
- D. For the Final Award Concert three performers will be recalled and shall repeat an item from B, but not the item performed in the semi-final.
- E. The marks from the preliminary and semi-final rounds, will NOT be carried over to the final performance

NB: FOR THE NATIONAL COMPETITION

Please note that the Highland Competition WILL NOT run in 2023 if there are fewer than 12 Competitors.

SOCIETY NOMINATION

Each Society, which is a financial member of PACANZ, may nominate up to two competitors, who shall be selected by the adjudicator, based on a performance as outlined in A-B (above).

The adjudicator will determine that a competitor has displayed a sufficient standard of performance to competently represent that society at the National Young Performer Awards.

The standard required will be at the absolute discretion of the adjudicator but will include;

- A demonstration of adequate preparation
- An authority of performance
- A performance with a level of maturity commensurate with a national final competition of this age group.

If the adjudicator considers that sufficient standard has NOT been reached by any competitor, then NO nomination will be made.

The Nominating Society is responsible for paying part of the entry fee to the National Young Performer Awards, which is \$75.00 incl gst.

The Nominee is responsible for paying their portion of the entry fee to the National Young Performer Awards, which is \$175.00 incl gst.

DIRECT NOMINATION

If the adjudicator considers that more than two competitors have reached a sufficient standard, the adjudicator may report to the committee that those competitors should be given the option of a DIRECT NOMINATION.

The DIRECT NOMINATION competitor will be responsible for paying the full entry fee, which is \$250.00 incl gst.