

2008 STEP DANCING **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. Contestants may enter only ONE SOLO class.
2. A step dance GROUP will consist of a minimum of three dancers. A dancer may dance in only one group per class.
3. A maximum time limit of four minutes will apply to all entries.
4. NEW: (a) SOLO DANCERS must dance to the music and fiddler provided by the Dance Association.
(b) GROUP DANCERS may bring own fiddler or use house fiddler.
(Old tyme fiddle, country and western music to be used.)
5. Junior, Intermediate and Canadian Open steppers must dance a clog, jig and reel in that order without stopping. Tiny Tot, 19 & Over and Old Tyme Traditional steppers must only dance a reel.
6. Group step dancers may use any routine, not necessarily a clog, jig or reel.
7. Dancers may signal before change of time.
8. In the event the musicians make an error sufficient to throw the step dancers off time or an accident beyond the control of the dancer(s) or musicians or compulsory caller, the dancer(s) may be permitted to repeat the routine at the discretion of the judges.
9. (a) Individuals and groups will be judged on timing and accuracy, quality and variety of steps, overall performance and audience appeal and poise.
(b) In addition, groups will also be judged on attitude, spirit and enjoyment, uniformity, style, dress and neatness.
10. To qualify as a Junior Group the average age must be under 14 years. Divide total ages of dancers by the number of dancers in the group: i.e. 13.9 is considered 13 and under.
11. Send names and ages with the entry form. Proof of age may be requested.
12. Any decision or ruling pertaining to eligibility made by the committee is final.
13. No stage props, other than supplied by the Dance Association, are allowed. Only items related to the costume may be used.
14. Dancers must remain on site, in a dance costume, until after the winners in their category are publicly declared or face disqualification.
15. Step Dancing shoes must not be worn in the arena except at the stage area or on the stage.
16. Any decision made by the judges is final. Judges are not required to explain standings.
17. Each judge will score each set out of 300 points (100 points when it is the reel only) for the routines and then must rank the entry 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. 1st place receives 1 point, 2nd receives 2 points, 3rd receives 3 points and so on. These points are then totalled for each entry and the entry with the lowest points total is first, next lowest is 2nd and the next lowest is 3rd, etc.
18. The summing of points will be used to break any ties.
19. At the discretion of the judges step dancers may be called on to dance again due to a tie or other circumstances.
20. If, in the opinion of the judges, an individual or group does not conform to the rules and regulations of the competition, the judges will place that individual or group in last place of the class in which they competed. No prize money in any amount will be awarded that individual or group.
21. Each entry will be mailed a copy of their score sheets after the competition.
22. Entries close Friday, June 13, 2008. Late entries will be charged regular admission in addition to the entry fee and will not appear on the printed program.
23. Contestant passes will be mailed prior to the competition. Preregistered contestants must check in at the admission table to confirm entry.
24. Late entries and contestants registering at time of competition will be required to dance in class entered before pre-registered contestants.
25. Contestants must be registered before the class being entered commences.
26. Contestants must report to the Contestant Coordinator (at stage area) on arrival to confirm entry.
27. Competition commences on:
Friday evening, June 20, 2008 at 7 p.m.
Saturday afternoon, June 21 at 1 p.m.
Saturday evening, June 21 at 7 p.m.
28. Junior and Intermediate step dancing classes will be Friday evening, June 20, 2008.
29. Tiny Tot and Junior Group step dancing classes will be Saturday afternoon; 19 & Over, Old Tyme Traditional and Canadian Open step dancing classes will Saturday evening, June 21, 2008.
30. Winners are declared the afternoon/night danced.
31. Stage is approximately 20' x 20'.

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