

Competition Sections

SOLO SECTIONS

NOVICE All competitors who have not been awarded 1st place in any Festival or Competition in any city or country and who have not danced in an Open section for the given genre.

OPEN All competitors who have been awarded 1st place and/or who have danced in an Open section for the given genre. Encompasses 8 Years & Under through to Open Age Sections.

Solo Sections									
	4yrs & Under	6yrs & Under	8yrs & Under	10yrs & Under	12yrs & Under	14yrs & Under	16yrs & Under	18yrs & Under	Open Age
	Unclassified		Split into Novice & Open						
NB: The committee reserves the right to combine sections or split sections dependent on entry numbers									
Acrobatics			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Classical			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Contemporary				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Dance Abilities	Age split will be dependent on entries								
Demi-Character				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Hip Hop				✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Jazz		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lyrical		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mixed Genre	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓
National	Age split will be dependent on entries								
Neo Classical						✓			✓
Own Choreography					✓		✓		✓
Song & Dance			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Tap		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Theatrical Performing Arts			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓

DUO & TRIO SECTIONS

Duo & Trio Sections						
	8yrs & Under	10yrs & Under	12yrs & Under	14yrs & Under	16yrs & Under	Open Age
NB: The committee reserves the right to combine sections or split sections dependent on entry numbers						
Acrobatics			✓	✓	✓	✓
Contemporary			✓	✓	✓	✓
Hip Hop			✓	✓	✓	✓
Jazz	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lyrical			✓	✓	✓	✓
Mixed Genre				✓		✓
Song & Dance			✓	✓	✓	✓
Tap	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Theatrical Performing Arts		✓			✓	✓

TROUPE SECTIONS

Troupe Sections							
	6yrs & Under	8yrs & Under	10yrs & Under	12yrs & Under	14yrs & Under	16yrs & Under	Open Age
NB: The committee reserves the right to combine sections or split sections dependent on entry numbers							
Acrobatics			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Classical Ensemble (Mixed)					✓		✓
Contemporary				✓	✓	✓	✓
Dance Abilities	Age split will be dependent on entries, minimum of 4 members per troupe						
Hip Hop			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jazz		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lyrical			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mixed Genre	✓	✓					
Tap		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Theatrical Ensemble (Mixed)					✓		✓

1. All Troupe participants in 6 years and under & 8 years and under sections will receive a medal if their Troupe places 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.
2. All Troupes must have a minimum of 6 Competitors. No maximum applies. *This does not apply to the Dance Abilities section.*
3. No substituting of any entry in Troupes will be allowed.
4. Troupes are to use moderate use of voice/mime – approximate 16 Bars maximum, or closest cut of musical point.
5. All members of Tap Troupes must wear tap shoes.
6. Troupe Members cannot dance in 2 Troupes in the same section. For example - if a studio has entered 2 x 12 years and under Troupes, dancers cannot be in both Troupes entered. This rule will not apply if any age groups need to be combined by the Festival Committee.
7. Each participant in an Acrobatic Troupe must perform a minimum of 3 Acrobatic tricks.
8. **Theatrical Ensemble Troupes** are offered in 14 years and under and Open Age. A competitor may appear in 2 Troupes of different genres within this section. Genres may include Song & Dance, Musical Theatre, Cabaret or Production.
9. **Classical Ensemble Troupes** are offered in 14 years and under and Open Age. A competitor may appear in 2 Troupes of different genres within this section. Genres may include Classical, Neo-Classical, Demi-Character or National.
10. **Dance Ability Troupes** are offered for dancers with special needs. Minimum of 4 competitors in a troupe. Dancers must be able to perform without an aid or teacher assistance on stage.

CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND SECTIONS

1. Championship sections are open to all performers.
2. Different routines **MUST** be used in Championship sections to Solo sections. No routines can be repeated.

THE VALERIE HESTON TAP CHAMPIONSHIP - 14 YEARS AND UNDER

Competitor must perform a slow and fast Tap without leaving the stage.

*NB: The Competitor is **NOT** required to enter another Tap solo section.*

THE RON JENKINS TAP CHAMPIONSHIP - 16 YEARS AND UNDER

Competitor must perform a slow and fast Tap without leaving the stage.

*NB: The Competitor is **NOT** required to enter another Tap solo section.*

THE NOREEN MEADE OPEN TAP CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitor must have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a Tap Solo 16 years & over to be eligible for this Championship.

Competitor must perform a slow and fast Tap without leaving the stage.

*NB: The Competitor is **NOT** required to enter another Tap solo section.*

BORN TO PERFORM PETITE CLASSICAL CHAMPIONSHIP - 12 years & Under

Competitor must be an Open Competitor in at least one of genres they are performing in this Championship. Competitor must perform TWO routines.

1. Classical solo - Compulsory (no curtain allowed); and
2. Demi-Character or National or Neo-Classical solo (curtain may be used for Demi-Character routine only)

*NB: The Competitor is **NOT** required to enter another Classical solo section.*

THE HELEN MACKAY JUNIOR CLASSICAL CHAMPIONSHIP: 14 years & Under

Competitor must be an Open Competitor in at least one of genres they are performing in this Championship.

Competitor **MUST** appear in at least one other Classical Solo Section in his or her own age group.

Competitor must perform TWO routines.

1. Classical solo – Compulsory (no curtain allowed); and
2. Demi-Character or National or Neo-Classical solo (curtain may be used for Demi-Character routine only)

THE GAIL MEADE SENIOR CLASSICAL CHAMPIONSHIP: 15 years & Over

Competitor must be an Open Competitor in at least one of genres they are performing in this Championship.
Competitor **MUST** appear in at least one other Classical Solo Section in his or her own age group.
Competitor must perform TWO routines.

1. Classical solo – Compulsory (no curtain allowed); and
2. Demi-Character or National or Neo-Classical solo (curtain may be used for Demi-Character routine only)

THE NORMA ATKINSON OPEN MODERN CHAMPIONSHIP

Competitors who have previously placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the Open Age Jazz are eligible to dance this Championship.

Competitor **must** be eligible for 18 years and under or Open Age sections but **must not** be eligible for the 16 years and under sections.

Competitor **must not** dance in their own age Jazz section if entering the Championship.

THE BETTY TILLEY JUNIOR CSTD CUP – 15 years & Under

Competitor **must** be a minimum of 12 years of age.

Competitor **must** appear in at least 2 other solo sections in the current Festival.

Competitor must perform TWO different genre routines of their own choice (excluding Tap Medley).

THE BETTY TILLEY SENIOR CSTD CUP – 16 years & Above

Competitor **must** be a minimum of 16 years of age.

Competitor **must** appear in at least 2 other solo sections in the current Festival.

Competitor must perform TWO different genre routines of their own choice (excluding Tap Medley).

The winner of the Junior and Senior Cup must be available to dance one solo on the Final night.