

Scottish Country Dance Devisors' Competition



Details

The Scottish Country Dancing Club of Canberra's Scottish Country Dance Devisors' Competition aims to promote the composition of good contemporary Scottish Country Dances.

**Call for
entries!**

Conditions of Entry

- Entries for the 2018 Competition are to be received by **31 August 2018**.
- Entries shall be a complete written description of the dance in the usual Scottish Country Dancing format.
- The dance can be any of the traditional Scottish Dancing styles, reel, jig, strathspey or hornpipe.
- Each entry is to be the recent, original work of the entrant.
- A maximum of two entries shall be accepted from any entrant.
- Music for each entry shall be nominated by the entrant and can be in the form of CD or other recording.
- Submission of a dance grants permission to the Scottish Country Dancing Club of Canberra, at its own discretion, to publish the dance at some future date.

Format of Entries

All entries shall include the following:

- Name of the dance, devisor and date of composition.
- The devisor's address, email and phone number.
- A brief background of the dance, if relevant.
- Music which can be in the form of CD or other recording.
- The initial formation.
- Instructions are to be clear, complete and unambiguous.
- Bar counts are to be shown by the number of bars since the start of the dance, in the left hand column, in the usual format of Scottish Country Dance books.
- Diagrams (if supplied) are to be clearly labelled.

Assessment of Entries

- A subcommittee of the Scottish Country Dancing Club of Canberra will assess the submitted dances and may prepare a short list of dances. The compilation of any short list will be at the absolute discretion of the subcommittee.
- The dances will be taught at a dancing event nominated by Scottish Country Dancing Club of Canberra, by a teacher nominated by the Scottish Country Dancing Club of Canberra, using the music submitted by the devisor.
- The participating dancers will rate the dances in accordance with the criteria listed below. The ratings by the participating dancers will determine the winning dance.

Judging Criteria

- Enjoyment of the dance.
- Cohesion and flow of the dance.
- Suitability of the music for the dance, including suitability of the style and speed of the music for the formations, and accuracy and fit of the dance formations to the music.
- Clarity, accuracy and reliability of the written instructions.
- Originality or innovation of the dance.
- The dance can be taught and danced within a period of 20 minutes.



All entries for the 2018 Competition to be received at the following address by 31 August 2018:

8/10 Hyatt Park, Ashby Circuit, Kambah, ACT 2902, or by email to synnottd@yahoo.com

Any queries can be addressed to Derek Synnott on 0481123800 or synnottd@yahoo.com.