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# Atholl Dancing Association

## Constitution and Rules

1. The name of the Association shall be the **ATHOLL DANCING ASSOCIATION**, hereby known as the Association.
2. The objects of the Association shall be
  - a) To organise at least one dancing competition each year under the rules of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.
  - b) To keep members in touch with developments in dancing and organisation of dancing competitions through membership of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.
  - c) To organise fund raising activities in aid of the competition.
  - d) To organise an outing annually for members of the Dancing School.
3. Membership of the Association shall be open to
  - a) parents of dancers attending the Jean Swanston School of Dancing
  - b) dancers attending the Jean Swanston School of Dancing age 16 years or over.
  - c) adults, resident in Highland Perthshire, who have a genuine interest in Highland Dancing, at the discretion of the committee.
4. The policy of the Association shall be conducted by an Executive Committee consisting of eight members
  - a) Honorary Chairman, who shall preside at all meetings, but, in the event of his/her absence from any such meeting, the Honorary Vice-Chairman shall preside.
  - b) Honorary Vice-chairman, who shall take the place of the Honorary Chairman in event of his/her absence
  - c) Honorary Treasurer, shall
    - i) have care of all the books and papers relating to all monies concerning the Association and be responsible for the Association funds which are held in The Atholl Dancing Association bank account with the Bank of Scotland. (Two signatures are required from the three named signatories to authorise payments)
    - ii) when required, render a true account of all monies received and paid by him/her on behalf of the Association
    - iii) when required, pay over all the funds remaining in his/her hands along with all books and papers belonging to the Association to current Honorary Chairperson or Competition Organiser
    - iv) prepare the accounts for the AGM

- d) Honorary Minute Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings which will be confirmed at the following Association meeting. He/she will notify all members of the date of each meeting giving appropriate notice.
  - e) Honorary Competition Organiser shall take the lead in organising any Highland Dancing competition which the Association may organise.
  - f) Three other general committee members
5. The Chairman at any Committee or General meeting shall not vote but shall have a casting vote where there is equality of voting.
  6. The AGM of the Association shall take place in February each year. The Honorary Minute Secretary or Honorary Competition Organiser shall give two weeks' notice through members of the dancing class (es) and social media page.
    - a) Any motion to be considered at the AGM shall be in writing and signed by the Proposer and Seconder and be sent to the Honorary Minute Secretary not less than ten days before the meeting.
    - b) No alteration in the Constitution and Rules shall be made except by the vote of 2/3 members present and voting at an AGM.
    - c) All committee members shall be elected annually at the Annual General meeting
    - d) All retiring members shall be eligible for re-election
    - e) A Delegate and a Depute Delegate to the RSOBHD shall be elected annually
    - f) A Child Protection Officer shall be elected annually
  7. To deal with urgent matters, the committee shall have the power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting.
  8. The committee shall have the power to fill temporarily any vacancy among office-bearers or to co-opt new members of the committee.

## **Committee 2021-2022**

Honorary Chairman	Elizabeth Douglas
Honorary Vice-Chairman	Suzie MacDonald
Honorary Treasurer	Linda Chisholm
Honorary Minute Secretary	Jane Kennedy
Honorary Competition Secretary	Jean Swanston
Committee Members	Donna Robertson, Cally McAdam, Aimee MacDonald
RSOBHD Delegate	Elizabeth Douglas
RSOBHD Depute	Jane Kennedy
Child Protection Officer	Elizabeth Douglas

*Constitution updated and passed at the AGM held on 16 February 2022*