



## Northern Ireland Festival 2019

The Associated Board of Dance is a recognised 'Awarding Body' and is a member of the:  
BDC - British Dance Council | BDQT - Board of Dance Qualifications & Training  
SARA - Sports and Recreation Alliance - TDCI - Theatre Dance Council International  
GQAL - Graded Qualifications Alliance



## Sat 19th ABD & TDCI Championships Sun 20th Troupes - October 2019 - Belfast

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### VENUE LOCATION

**Queens Hall, West St, Newtownards, Belfast, BT23 4EN.**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ENTRY FORMS**

**ABD Championships & Troupes Entries** must be submitted to the ABD Office on the **Excel Spreadsheet ONLY**, that can be downloaded from the ABD website or requested from the ABD Office.

**TDCI Championship Entries** have a separate entry form and you will also need a valid TDCI Registration Card. You will find links to both of these forms on the ABD website or they can be requested from the ABD Office.

TDCI Championship winners will be invited to attend the TDCI Champion of Champions Event in January 2020 with the opportunity to win a bursary and other prizes.

## **ENTRY FEES**

ABD CHAMPIONSHIPS	£ 6.00
TDCI CHAMPIONSHIPS	£ 10.00
Troupes/Groups (PER DANCER)	£ 3.50

## **SUBJECTS**

### **TDCI CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Modern / Song & Dance / Acrobatic  
**(Junior & Senior Only)**

### **ABD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **Baby & Juvenile**

Ballet / Tap / Modern / Song & Dance / Acrobatic

#### **Junior & Senior**

Ballet / Tap

### **TROUPES/GROUPS**

Cabaret / Classical / Acrobatic

## **AGE GROUPS**

### **ABD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Baby (UNDER 6)

Juvenile (6-9)

### **TDCI CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Junior (10-13)

Senior (14-17)

## **Troupes/Groups**

Baby – 5 years and under

Primary – 6/7 years

Jnr - 8/10 years

Inter - 11/14 years

Snr - 15 years and over

## TDCI & ABD Championship Rules

TDCI – All competitors must hold a current TDCI registration Card

**Baby Sections in Championship Events** – All babies must be registered. Babies may re-dance if a lapse of memory occurs.

**Time Limits** – are to be taken as the maximum. A bell will ring at the end of the allotted time at which point the competitor must acknowledge the adjudicator/s and leave the stage **immediately**. This will not incur any disqualification. However, if the competitor continues to dance, a disqualification **will** take place.

**Music** – it is essential to provide a backup copy of music in an alternative format and be immediately available.

**Props** – Due to health and safety regulations no large props will be permitted in TDCI or ABD Championship events. **Hand held props only**. The competitor or someone of a similar age may carry the prop onto the stage.

**Registration** – Competitors must report at the registration desk with their music and current TDCI registration card 30 mins before the start of the championships.

No allowance can be made for the late arrival of a competitor.

Dancing out of section is not permitted in Championships.

**Re-Dance** – is **not** permitted in Championships, technical and equipment failure being the exception.

**Photography DVDs & Video** – Photography and recording of competitors by the general public is not permitted. LIVE STREAMING IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TDCI AND ABD CHAMPIONSHIP.

**If the above rule regarding photography and recording is broken it will result in the disqualification of the competitor on stage at that time.**

The full TDCI Championship rules can be found / downloaded from the TDCI website.

### **ASSOCIATED BOARD OF DANCE – GENERAL FESTIVAL RULES**

- Fees must accompany entry forms with the names of the competitors en bloc from the teacher. All cheque payments must be made to ABD Ltd.
- Non ABD schools may enter ABD Festivals at the discretion of the organiser.
- Organisers have the right to refuse late entries and ABD requests that they adhere to this rule.
- Timing must be strictly adhered to. A bell will be used to signify the time limit.
- No pointe work is permitted in A, B and C in open festivals and Junior Championships.
- Candidates may only enter once in any one solo section.
- A competitor's age will be taken on the first day of the festival. In groups and troupes the eldest child determines the age group of the routine.
- 5 competitors or more constitutes a troupe/group.
- When entering groups and troupes please write descriptive titles on the entry forms as these sections can also be split according to subjects at the organiser's discretion.

- The organisers reserve the right to change, alter or combine parts of the programme as necessary. In these cases the combined sections will be adjudicated separately.
- The running order will not be changed. Should candidates fail to appear at their specified time the entry could be forfeited save unforeseen circumstances.
- Competitors are required to be at the Festival at least 30 minutes before their section is due to perform. Organisers have the right to continue the running of the Festival up to 30 minutes early.
- Only competitors are allowed on the side of the stage. Teachers are allowed side of the stage in baby sections only.
- The Association can offer no guarantee as to the day or time at which a section will be presented, once the final programme has been drawn up this must be adhered to.
- Recorded music and sound equipment are permitted in ABD festivals.
- Piano or instrumental music must be used in song and dance sections however, vocals are allowed within the dance section.
- Each teacher is responsible for their own PPL and PRS licences at any ABD Festival.
- Character dances must be based on classical technique.
- Jinks taps are not permitted.
- The adjudicator's decision is final, the organisers will not be drawn into any discussions regarding this.
- No video cameras will be permitted under any circumstances. Flash photography is not allowed.
- No fees are returnable.
- ABD accepts no liability for any item of equipment or clothing etc. that may be damaged or stolen at any time during the festival.
- Birth certificates may be asked for if the need arises.
- Certificates may only be collected by the teacher or an assistant.
- Any trophy collected by a pupil or teacher may be kept for 11 months and must be returned 1 month before the next festival. Teachers are responsible to ensure that trophies are returned on time and in good order.
- Failure to do so will result in a charge of £30.00 per trophy payable to ABD.
- Teachers are responsible for their students' behaviour at all festivals both in the dressing rooms and in the case of abuse of other people's property. The teacher is responsible for checking the dressing rooms, to ensure everything is in order before leaving the premises.
- A candidate cannot be entered into a section where the dance has been set by the person adjudicating the section. In cases where the adjudicator is not known at time of entry, it is the Teacher's responsibility to withdraw that person if the aforementioned situation arises. A full refund will be given on these occasions.
- Eating and drinking in the hall is forbidden with the exception of teachers and working staff and organisers.

- No visible coaching is allowed.
- Teachers or professional dancers may not compete in the Festival.
- Any parent/third party found evading the admission fee will be barred for the duration of the Festival.

In the case of entrants using the organisers sound equipment, please ensure every candidate has a separate tap/CD, The candidate/ teacher must ensure the tape is cued in and ready to play when given in to the tape player. Musical bows are not allowed with the exception of Troupes.

