

CHANGE OF RULE FROM 1ST JANUARY 2016

At the Annual General Meeting of the SOBHD held on Saturday 14th November 2015, the following Rule changes took place:

This will affect Beginners, Novice and Intermediate dancers

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2. BEGINNERS:

Rule change affecting Beginner dancers registering from 1st January 2016

This status is held until the competitor either a) gains a first, second or third prize in SIX separate Beginner's competitions, or b) until **twelve** months following the first beginners stamp whichever 'a' or 'b' is the later, after which that competitor is classified as a Novice dancer and is not eligible to enter a Beginner's event.

NOTE: *Beginner dancers with PART of the SIX months remaining, can continue for one year from the date of the first stamp. Beginners stamp for Highland only. Beginner dancers whose SIX months have expired but who have less than six stamps as yet, may continue until all Six stamps are achieved.*

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3. NOVICE

Rule change affecting Novice dancers registering from 1st January 2016

This status is held until the competitor either a) gains a first, second or third prize in SIX separate Novice competitions, or b) until **twelve** months following the first novice stamp whichever 'a' or 'b' is the later, after which that competitor is classified as an Intermediate dancer and is not eligible to enter a Novice event.

NOTE: *Novice dancers with PART of the SIX months remaining, can continue for one year from the date of the first stamp. Novice dancers whose SIX months have expired but who have less than six stamps as yet, may continue until all Six stamps are achieved*

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4. INTERMEDIATE

Rule change affecting Intermediate dancers registering from 1st January 2016

4. INTERMEDIATE: This status is held **until the competitor either a) gains a first, second or third prize in SIX separate Intermediate competitions, or b) until twelve months following the first intermediate stamp which ever 'a' or 'b' is the later**, after which that competitor is classified as a Premier dancer and is not eligible to enter an Intermediate event.

Note: *Intermediate dancers registering between now and 1st January 2016 have their start date marked on the back of the card and the year commences from then. E.g. for start dates 1st December 2015 year starts 1st December 2015. Whereas if start date is 1st January 2016, they will also have a six stamp section on their card.*