

# RULES OF THE GAMES

## SHGA RULES PLUS THE FOLLOWING:

1. These games shall be open to all comers except where otherwise stated.
2. Competitors in open events must be 16 years of age or over unless otherwise stated.
3. No entry money will be charged for events, except the Clay Pigeon Shooting. However, all competitors must pay admission to the field.
4. Competitors in Caithness events must either be born in Caithness or resident in Caithness for at least 6 months preceding the day of the Games.
5. In all competitions, there must be more competitors than prizes; otherwise prize money may be withheld at the discretion of the Association. All prize money will be awarded at the close of each event.
6. The Captain of Sports reserves the right to alter the order of events, but will endeavour to comply with appropriate times as per the programme.
7. All track and field athletes (cyclists included) must report to the registration desk within the arena **prior to 12 noon to complete registration details**. Once registered, athletes **must** then display the official HHGA identification number provided. Failure to wear number may result in disqualification.
8. Only competitors, pipe band members, officials and members of the press will be allowed inside the arena.
9. Special prize money will be awarded in certain Heavy and Track & Field Events (as specified in the programme) for any new record created on the completion of the event. For all new categories of Records, distances will be recorded in 2018 and available for competition from 2019. If, throughout the competition, the existing record is broken by more than one competitor, the special prize will be awarded to the competitor who creates the most credible record (i.e. The first prize winner on completion of the competition).
- 10a Piobaireachd Competition – Entries to Secretary by **9pm** on evening prior to Games. Draw for sequence of play at 10am at the piping ring prior to 10.30am start. **All competitors must be present at the draw** and subsequently make themselves available at the appropriate times throughout the competition. Failure to comply with sequence of play results in disqualification. **Three Piobaireachds to be submitted to judge(s) by all competitors.**
- 10b Other piping competitions – entries accepted at piping ring throughout afternoon. Three tunes to be submitted to judges before each competition, **except in event 78 which is competitor's own choice**. The first placed prize winner only in Events **79, 80 and 81** will be allowed to compete in "Senior" Piping Events (**75-78**).
11. Farmer's Walk - Entries to Secretary prior to 3pm on day of Games. Draw for order to take place immediately prior to 4pm competition start.  
Entrants must carry, by hand, two identical weights – approximately 250lbs each – along designated course as far as possible. Deviation from course nullifies attempt. No straps or gloves allowed. Resin and/or chalk is permitted on hands. When either weight contacts ground attempt ends-no pick-up allowed. Achieved distance will be measured from rearmost part of weight closest to start line.  
Competitors allowed three attempts but may, at their discretion, decline their second and/or third attempt. There is no time limit.
12. Competitors in heavy events (1 to 9 inclusive) must wear kilt and tabards provided.
- 13a In De'il tak the Hindmost, competitors will be withdrawn according to the rearmost part of the last bicycle to cross the line. After one free lap, a cyclist is withdrawn on subsequent laps until there are four competitors left. They will complete a lap, receive the bell, and race to the finish. If less than 8 competitors start the race, after one free lap the riders will be withdrawn according to the rearmost part of the bicycle to cross the line until the race winner remains.
- 13b Any Handicap given in Cycling events will be limited to a maximum of 1 lap.
14. Points will be awarded as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3 points, 4<sup>th</sup> – 2 points, 5<sup>th</sup> – 1 point.  
**To be eligible for Overall Points Prize Money in any category, Competitors must participate in three or more events**
15. The decision of the Judges and ultimately the Captain of Sports will be final.

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