

# **RULES for MID-ATLANTIC JUGEND EINZELPLATTELN**

*(January 2013)*

## **I. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

1. The age groups of the dancers shall be:  
Group I - Up to (and including) 9 years old;  
Group II - 10 to 13 years old;  
Group III - 14 to 17 years old; and  
Group IV – 18 to 20 years old
2. Each Verein should make an attempt to register their dancers as a couple, however, a child may dance more than once if needed, but will only be judged the first time they dance. A child may dance with a partner outside his/her age group. A child may dance with a partner outside his/her Verein.
3. Minimum Tracht requirement:  
Boys: Black shoes, knee or split socks, leather pants with suspenders, white shirt, hat (required for age groups III and IV) and tie (if appropriate to Verein).  
Girls: Black shoes, white stockings, a Trachten Dirndl, blouse and apron.  
NOTE: If "Festracht" is worn, then bloomers, Mieder, hat, etc. must be worn to make Tracht complete.

## **II. COMPETITION SET-UP**

1. Only one (1) couple at a time will dance and the boy and girl will be judged/critiqued separately. The order in which they dance will be decided by the hosting Verein. However, the line up should be to have the dancers grouped by age as best as possible and those who are ranked would be scored first. Certificates will be presented to all competitors and prizes will go to the top two (2) boys and girls in each age category.
2. Six (6) judges will preside over the competition. Three (3) will judge the boy, and three (3) will judge the girl. The Mid-Atlantic Jugend Chairman will be responsible for maintaining a pool of qualified judges. Each participated Verein must submit at least 2 names for the judges pool.
3. Each dancer shall gain points by being ranked between 1 and 3 or 1 and 6 in each of the categories of the score sheet. One (1) is the lowest possible point and three (3) or six (6) is the maximum for an exceptional performance. The middle score would be an average score. The points will be totalled for a final score for each individual. The maximum score would be 84. If a section of the dance would be skipped, each dancer would receive zero points for those categories.
4. Live music (accordion, zither, hachbrett) only will be allowed in the competition. The host Verein will provide a musician, if necessary.

### III. THE DANCE

1. The dance performed for the Einzelplatteln shall be the Haushammer, Haitauer or Reit in Winkler. The dance that each couple will perform shall be determined at time of registration by the Verein of the dancers.
2. The dance must include, the Ausdrehen, Einstampf, Eingangs Plattler, Einholen and Rundtanz 1, Durchplattler, Einholen and Rundtanz 2 and Schlussfigur.
3. The boy's Platteln and the girl's Drehen is to take place in a four meter (twelve foot) circle. An "X" will be in the middle of the circle.
4. At least two Hochspruenge, at least one of them with Bodenfigur (down position) are required for the Eingang and Ausgang. During each Hochsprung, the tip of the shoe must be touched with the hand.
5. After being introduced the couple will walk to the middle of the circle. The boy will be asked "(Boys name), are you ready?" When he replies yes, the music will begin.
6. If necessary the couple may start over once during the Eingangs Plattler. The boy would indicate this by stepping outside the circle.
7. The boy will face the girl during the Plattler either in the center of the circle or along side the girl while dancing to the timing of the music.
8. The attached score sheets indicate for what the judge(s) will be looking. The judge will critique the children in a positive manner as well as giving helpful hints to improve their dancing.

## **MID-ATLANTIC EINZELPLATTELN COMPETITION**

### **BOY'S SCORING GUIDE**

#### **TRACHT** (*maximum of 12 points*)

Attire: black shoes, no plastic pins, hat (required for age groups III and IV) tie (if required), Trachten socks, everything fits properly

Appearance: hair is neat, Tracht is clean, neat, ironed, shirt is tucked in, socks are up, polished shoes, no chewing gum

#### **AUSDREHEN und EINSTAMPFEN** (*maximum of 6 points*)

Posture: facing partner at start, head held erect, proper arm position, relaxed in appearance, appear to enjoy the dance, smiling

Timing: turning with music, stamp with the proper beat, starting with the music, smooth motion, letting go of girl on time, stamp on time

#### **PLATTLER (2)** (*maximum of 15 points each time*)

Posture: hands/arms held in proper position, head held erect (not tilted to side or looking up/down), back straight, facing girl throughout Plattler sequence

Timing: hits in time with the music (not too fast or too slow), starting Plattler on time, even and strong hits and stomps with the music

Presentation: smooth motion, not choppy, hand hitting shoe on the Hochsprung, knee touching the floor on the Bodenfigur, 2 Hochspruenge, socks not slipping, relaxed, appear to enjoy the dance, smiling

#### **EINHOLEN und RUNDTANZ (2)** (*maximum of 15 points each time*)

Posture: back straight but not rigid, facing partner, not looking at the floor, head held erect

Timing: steps in time with the music, catch & turnout at proper time, smooth continuous motions

Presentation: steps are not too large, smooth dancing, not swaying or bouncing, smooth catch, not switching steps, full use of the circle, appear to enjoy the dance, smiles

#### **SCHLUSSFIGUR** (*maximum of 6 points*)

Posture/Presentation: back straight, looking at partner when finished, smiles, shows enjoyment of the dance

Timing: turn out on time, maintaining partner's hand during turn-out, ending with the music

## **MID-ATLANTIC EINZELPLATTELN COMPETITION**

### **GIRL'S SCORING GUIDE**

#### **TRACHT** (*maximum of 12 points*)

Attire: black shoes, apron, no plastic pins, everything fits properly

Appearance: hair is neat, long hair is braided or in bun, Tracht is clean, neat, ironed, apron is tied, polished shoes, no chewing gum,

#### **AUSDREHEN und EINSTAMPFEN** (*maximum of 6 points*)

Posture: facing partner, head held erect, proper arm position, relaxed, appear to enjoy the dance, smiling

Timing: starting & turning with the music, steps with the beats, smooth motion, letting go of partner on time, step out on time, continuous spinning,

#### **DREHEN during PLATTLER (2)** (*maximum of 15 points each time*)

Posture: head held erect (not tilted to side or looking up/down), hands/arms in proper position (waist/apron), relaxed

Timing: spinning with music, no wobble, small even steps, nice bell of skirt

Presentation: smooth motion, continuous spinning, even circle/travel, effortlessly spinning, appear to enjoy the dance, smiling

#### **EINHOLEN und RUNDTANZ (2)** (*maximum of 15 points each time*)

Posture: back straight but not rigid, facing partner, head held erect,

Timing: step in time with the music, catch & turnout at proper time, smooth continuous motions

Presentation: steps are not too large, smooth dancing, not swaying or bouncing; appear to enjoy the dance, smiles

#### **SCHLUSSFIGUR** (*maximum of 6 points*)

Posture/Presentation: back straight, but not rigid, looking at partner when finished, , smiles, shows enjoyment of the dance

Timing: turn out on time, maintaining partners hand during turnout ending with the music