



# MÒD

## Rules of the New York City Tartan Week Mòd

### ENTRY

- 1** All competitors must be available to appear at the competition, in person, between the hours of **1pm and 5pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025** at the NYC Tartan Week Mòd venue. This is **The Tailor Bar & Kitchen**, 505 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York, NY 10018. It is the responsibility of the entrants to arrange their own travel and accommodation to attend the event.
- 2** All entries must be submitted via [www.nyctartanweek.org/mod](http://www.nyctartanweek.org/mod) by **midnight Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**.
- 3** Each entry must indicate in which competition they intend to compete, by emailing [mod@nyctartanweek.org](mailto:mod@nyctartanweek.org). They should also attach a copy of the Gaelic lyrics/poetry, a copy of the sheet music (for song competitions) and a translation of the song/poem.
- 4** **These three documents should be emailed in PDF format, and marked with the competitor's name, to [mod@nyctartanweek.org](mailto:mod@nyctartanweek.org) by midnight Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.** Any entries received in any other form will not be accepted.
- 5** Competitors must give consent to being photographed, recorded and filmed for marketing, promotion and media purposes of the event.
- 6** Note that there is an age restriction — all competitors must be 16 years of age, or older on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2025. If competitors are under the age of 21, they must be accompanied by an adult as the venue is a family friendly licensed Bar & Kitchen.
- 7** No accompaniment is allowed — all songs must be sung unaccompanied.
- 8** Competitors may not refer to music or words during performance.
- 9** The version of the melody provided on prescribed sheet music should be sung as written but the rhythms of the notes can be sung taking account of Gaelic stresses and Gaelic dialect variations.
- 10** Competitors should notify the organizers as soon as possible if they withdraw from the competition.
- 11** Adjudicators' decisions are final.
- 12** The first prize winner of the competitions will be asked to take part in press and promotion following the event. They will also receive the following:  
**Solo singing competition:** The winner will be crowned 2025 New York City Tartan Week Mòd Champion and win a prize of \$100, as well as an invitation to sing at the Pre-Parade Ceilidh; sponsored by the New York Caledonian Club.  
**Poetry Recitation competition:** The winner of this competition will receive a 12 month subscription to WeeBox, sponsored by WeeBox.  
**Vocal Harmony Competition:** The winner of this competition win a prize of \$150, sponsored by the New York Caledonian Club. They will also receive the chance to perform with Joy Dunlop in Bryant Park before the parade and other performing opportunities during the week.
- 13** There is no strict dress code for the Mòd, however entrants are of course encouraged to dress smartly and remember that it is NYC Tartan Week — so, tartan is encouraged!

Any other information on rules or changes to rules will be communicated via the website [www.nyctartanweek.org/mod](http://www.nyctartanweek.org/mod).

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