



# 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 4pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2026** at the NYC Tartan Week Mòd venue. This is the **Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church**, Madison Avenue at 73<sup>rd</sup> street, 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 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**.
- 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 vocal harmony 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 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2026.** Any entries received in any other form will not be accepted.
- 5** Vocal harmony groups can be of any size, from small ensembles to choirs. All are welcome!
- 6** Competitors must give consent to being photographed, recorded and filmed for marketing, promotion and media purposes of the event.
- 7** Note that there is an age restriction — all competitors must be 16 years of age, or older on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2026. **Any potential participants under the age of 16 should email the committee [mod@nyctartanweek.org](mailto:mod@nyctartanweek.org) to request a special entry.**
- 8** No accompaniment is allowed — all songs must be sung unaccompanied.
- 9** Competitors may not refer to music or words during performance.
- 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 2026 New York City Tartan Week Mòd Champion and win a prize of \$125, sponsored by the New York Caledonian Club. They will also receive an invitation to sing at the Pre-Parade Ceilidh and at Bryant Park the morning of the parade.  
**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 \$125, sponsored by the New York Caledonian Club. They will also receive an invitation to perform at the Pre-Parade Ceilidh and at Bryant Park before the parade, with Joy Dunlop.
- 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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