



**March Open Competition
Saturday March 19, 2022**

Seven Oaks Performing Centre
711 Jefferson Ave., Winnipeg, MB

Judge: Kristin Stolarz, AB
C-MB-CO-22-14

Register Online: www.mbhighlanddance.com/Competitions.html

Provincial Public Health guidelines are currently transitioning, we will update the competition guidelines to reflect the most current Public Health changes and facility rules prior to the competition.

- PLEASE NOTE:**
1. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE REGULATED CHANGE FACILITIES, DANCERS ARE TO ARRIVE IN FULL COSTUME AND READY TO COMPETE IN THEIR FIRST DANCE AND WILL LEAVE IN THEIR LAST COSTUME OF THE DAY.
 2. DUE TO FACILITY CAPACITY LIMITS, SPECTATORS ARE LIMITED TO ONE PER REGISTERED DANCER.
 3. ALL ATTENDING WHO WERE BORN PRIOR TO MARCH 5, 2010 MUST SHOW PROOF OF FULL VACCINATION.
 4. MASKS ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. DANCERS CAN CHOOSE TO REMOVE THEIR MASKS WHILE ON STAGE UNLESS PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES PROHIBIT THE MASK BEING REMOVED.

Competition Events

PRE-PREMIER: REGISTRATION at 8:45 am and DANCE at 9:15 am (FACILITY OPENS NO EARLIER THAN 8:40 am)

Primary

1. 16 Pas de Basques
2. Pas de Basques & High Cuts
3. Highland Fling (4)
4. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
5. Demonstration Pas de Basques- No fee – see rule 12

Beginner

6. Highland Fling (4)
7. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
8. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)
9. Lilt(4)
10. Flora (4)
11. Special Fling (4)

Novice

12. Highland Fling (4)
13. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
14. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)
15. Lilt (4)
16. Flora (4)
17. Special Fling (4)

Intermediate

18. Highland Fling (4)
19. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
20. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)
21. Hornpipe (4)
22. Special Laddie (4)

PREMIER: REGISTRATION no earlier than 12:30 p.m. – entry to facility permitted only AFTER morning competitors have left the building; DANCING to follow 20 minutes after registration opens

Premier

23. Fling (6 – cut steps under 12 years)
24. Sword (3+1)
25. Sean Triubhas (4+ 2)
26. Highland Laddie (4)
27. Blue Bonnets (4)
28. Sailors Hornpipe (5- 4 steps for under 12 years)
29. Premier Special Event: Newland Sword (3+1)

Competition Rules & Regulations

1. All dancing events are governed by RSOBHD rules. All judges' decisions are final.
2. Registration is online only. Opening date for entries is Payment Received Online no earlier than **18:00h CDT Wednesday February 16th, 2022**. Any portion of an entry received online before this date/time will incur a 2-week hold. Closing date for entries and Payment Received Online no later than **23:59h CST Wednesday March 9th, 2022**. No courier, email or hand deliveries. Classes will be determined based on entries at the time of closing. Late entries, with an additional \$25 fee, will only be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Registrar. You may contact the Competition registrar at registration@mbhighlanddance.com with any questions.
3. The competition committee reserves the right to combine, split or delete classes according to registration.
4. Age is as of day of competition.
5. Dancers **MUST** present a current RSOBHD Registration Card at registration on the day of competition in order to dance. As per ScotDance Canada rules, if a current RSOBHD card cannot be provided, a \$10 fee will be charged and if the dancer wins medals or honoraria in lieu of medals, those awards will be withheld until the card is produced. Any cost associated with delivering awards to the dancer will be borne by the dancer.
6. Any change in dancer classification or additional dances must be emailed to registration@mbhighlanddance.com **prior to** the day of the competition, in accordance with the timing set out in rule #2.
7. Competitors will dance in reverse order of entry. Dancers not present when their class is called will only be permitted to dance out of order at the discretion of the Technical Advisor.
8. Dancers, Spectators and Volunteers are to read and comply with the Covid Protocols appearing in the appendix to this Registration Form
9. **Special Event** in Beginner/Novice/Intermediate classes is open to all Beginner, Novice and Intermediate dancers respectively and is not included in the calculation of aggregate awards. No set steps.
Newland Sword Special Event: First Place Winners in each premier class will dance off for the Newland Sword Trophy. This is a separate event and not included in the calculation of aggregate awards.
10. For each class, the overall winner is determined by the total aggregate points obtained over the individual events regardless of the number of competitors in each dance. If awarding an 'overall' trophy or award over a number of age groups, there must be at least six competitors who have competed in a dance before the aggregate points can qualify to determine the overall winner. If there are less than six competitors in any individual dance then points gained in that dance will not be included in the total aggregate points for any Overall Trophy or Award.
11. Medals, ribbons and trophies will be awarded for all classes, except Primary who receive medals and ribbons only. Honoraria, in lieu of medals and ribbons, will be awarded to Premier dancers 16 years and over. Honoraria are as follows: 1st: \$40, 2nd: \$35, 3rd: \$30, 4th: \$25, 5th: \$20, 6th: \$15. All Intermediate and Premier classes will be awarded a class aggregate trophy and a runner-up trophy. Dancers must remain in full costume to receive awards.
12. **Demonstration Pas de Basques:** No entry fees. All dancers receive a gift. Please submit entry form to determine numbers. Dancers may not have entered any prior competitive events.
13. All perpetual trophies remain the property of the MHDA. Recipients of a perpetual trophy have the trophy on loan until the equivalent competition next year. Recipients are responsible for name engraving and care of the trophy. Repairs, other than normal use, will be the recipient's responsibility. Any loss or damage must be reported to the MHDA as soon as possible.
14. For each class, the overall winner is determined by the total aggregate points obtained over the individual events regardless of the number of competitors in each dance.
15. Protests must be made in writing, signed and presented to the competition coordinator on the day of the competition accompanied by a \$25.00 fee, which is refunded if sustained.
16. **Entry Fees: \$8.00** per dance, plus provincial surcharge and processing fee. If you are not a FULL member of MHDA or another Provincial Highland Dance Association a \$30.00 surcharge will apply. Proof of membership may be requested. Refunds with a medical certificate only, however, a dancer who is unable to attend the competition due to Covid symptoms or isolation rules as per the current Manitoba Public Health guidelines may apply for a refund within two days of the competition. Competitor numbers will be picked up at the registration desk on the day of competition.
17. **Programs** will be delivered via email to all registered dancers and their teachers the night before the competition. There will be no printed programs available.

18. By submitting an entry, a competitor, or the parent/guardian on behalf of the competitor, makes the following acknowledgment: I am aware that participating in this MHDA Competition (the "Event") involves the potential for risks, dangers and hazards, including but not limited to:
- a) injury to myself/my child as a result of the physical nature of dance competition and performance; and
 - b) the taking and/or release of unauthorized photographs, video and/or other recordings of myself and/or my child, notwithstanding efforts to enforce Event policies;
 - c) the highly contagious nature of COVID-19 and I voluntarily assume the risk that I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) could be exposed or infected by COVID-19 by participating in the Event. Being exposed or infected by COVID-19 may particularly lead to injuries, diseases or other illnesses. I agree that I am giving up any legal rights to sue the MHDA, ScotDance Canada and their officers and directors, in the event that I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of), contracts the Covid-19 Coronavirus.
19. By submitting an entry, a competitor, or the parent/guardian on behalf of the competitor, agrees that:
- a) In consideration of my/my child's participation in the Event and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS against ScotDance Canada and the MHDA, their directors, agents, employees, executive members, volunteers and organizers of the Event (the "Releasees"), which I now have, or hereafter may have against the Releasees. In particular, but without limiting the foregoing, I agree to release the Releasees from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY for any illness, loss, damage, injury, or expense I / my child may incur as a result of my/my child's participation in or attendance at the Event. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from ANY ILLNESS, LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR EXPENSE, including legal costs, that the Releasees may incur due to my/my child's participation in or attendance at the Event, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, and whether caused to my child or otherwise. I understand that the Releasees will photograph and otherwise record the Event, its participants and attendees. I consent to and authorize such recording. I further consent to and authorize the Releasees to publish my/my child's image, likeness and information in any medium, including but not limited to photographs, videos, DVDs, and web-casts. I understand that this publication will take place in the public domain, including in printed materials, public announcements, and on the internet.
 - b) I specifically consent to the public release of the following information: 1. Name; 2. City, Province, Country of Residence; 3. Tartan; 4. Age; 5. Results.
 - c) I / my child will follow all requirements and recommendations of National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities and those special safety regulations put in place by the MHDA and ScotDance Canada pertaining to Covid-19.

I acknowledge that by submitting this entry, electronically or otherwise, that I have read this agreement carefully and fully understand it, and agree to all of the above terms and conditions.

PLEASE NOTE: In addition to the above terms, each person attending the competition venue will be required to complete a Covid declaration form by scanning the Canatrace QR code posted outside the facility and answering the questions sent in the link or by completing a paper form similar to the COVID form found here: <http://www.mbhighlanddance.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SDC-covid-declaration.pdf> before entry is permitted. Proof of double vaccination with identification will also be required for those born prior to March 5, 2010.

***If you encounter difficulties with the online site when registering/paying, please do not re-register but contact registration@mbhighlanddance.com. You will not lose your place in the registration order.

MHDA would like to invite sponsorship of the class awards or trophies. Please consider supporting our dancers by adding a sponsorship of \$25, \$40 or any amount.

Registration is online only. The following information will be required for registration: Name, Address, Postal Code, Phone, Email, Age (on March 19, 2022), Birthday (M/D/Y), Dancing Classification, RSOBHD Card #, Teacher, Dances

APPENDIX

This event is being held in compliance with all provincial health and safety orders as well as facility requirements for Covid-19. As provincial health regulations are transitioning, we will be reviewing these rules and policies in the coming weeks and consulting with the host facility about any changes to its rules. If there are changes, we will notify all registrants.

Our goal is to allow our dancers to compete in a safe, calm, inclusive and positive environment. We appreciate unexpected situations will arise on the day that may require action that is meant to protect our dancers, judges, volunteers and other participants.

If you or your dancer have any Covid-like symptoms **within 24 hours** of the event, please do not attend. If you are well but have been identified as a close contact or had a positive test result in the last 10 days, please refer to the decision tree located [here](#). If you have any questions at all regarding being safe to attend, please feel to contact: registration@mbhighlanddance.com

Please be respectful of all requests or you will be escorted from the facility.

Rules for attending MHDA Competitions:

- On the competition day, entry into the competition venue will be allowed **only** after MHDA's designated COVID declaration form (whether electronic or paper) has been completed and proof of identity together with vaccination status have been provided to the satisfaction of the entry screeners. Please bring your own pen.
- All over 11 years of age must be fully vaccinated.
- Masks are required to be worn at all times by ALL in attendance. The only exception is for competitors while on stage competing (unless required by Public Health Guidelines). A bag will be provided to each competitor in which they can place their mask while on stage.
- Physical distancing is strongly encouraged at all times while within the facility.
- Only one spectator is allowed in the facility with each dancer as crowd size capacity limits are in effect.
- All competitors and their spectators are required to exit the facility once their competition events are completed. An exception is where a person may be volunteering, and even then, they must exit once their duties have been completed. If a family has a dancer in the morning and a dancer in the afternoon, please make arrangements to have the morning dancer picked up at the end of the morning and the afternoon dancer dropped off for the afternoon.
- There will be one costume change for pre-premier dancers and two costume changes for premiers. The dedicated space provided for costume changes that must be used. Dancers are to arrive in their first costume, prepared to dance, hair done and make-up applied. Please bring your own safety pins to affix number to dance costume. Dancers are to leave in their last costume.
- Limited personal items will be allowed within the facility when crowd size capacity restrictions are in place. This will include dance mats. Once the number of dancers has been determined, rules on the number of dance mats, if any, permitted will be sent out. Please leave unnecessary items in your car.
- As crowd size capacity restrictions are in place, dancers will be called to the marshalling (line-up) area in small groups almost immediately prior to competing. Dancers who do not arrive when called may forfeit their opportunity to compete for that event.
- Awards will be *announced* at the end of the dancing (dancers will be on stage but socially distanced) but they will *collect* their awards after they exit the stage.
- Washroom facilities will have limited occupancy depending on number of cubicles while maintaining physical distancing requirements. Please limit use as much as is possible. Washrooms are not to be used for changing, only dedicated spaces are to be used.
- These rules may change up to, and including on or during the date of competition, dependent upon public health concerns.
- This event may be cancelled at any time up to, and including on or during the date of competition, dependent upon public health concerns.
- Dancers and parents must respect the ScotDance Canada Risk Management Guidelines, local health authority directives, and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.