

MHDA Closed Pre-Premier Competition & 2022 Closed Championship and Selection Meet



Saturday May 7, 2022

Venue TBD – Email to be sent out week of April 11

Judges: Elizabeth Johnston, British Columbia
Jacqueline Smith, Ontario
Jennifer Thompson, British Columbia

C-MB-CO-22-147

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

This event is being held in compliance with all provincial health and safety orders in effect at the relevant time and in accordance with any facility requirements for Covid-19.

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.** SPECTATORS ARE LIMITED TO THREE PER REGISTERED DANCER. **3.** MASKS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO BE WORN BY ALL SPECTATORS AND BY DANCERS WHEN THEY ARE NOT ON STAGE. DANCERS CONTINUE TO HAVE A CHOICE WHETHER TO WEAR A MASK WHILE COMPETING.

Competition Events

PRE-PREMIER: REGISTRATION at 8:30 am and DANCE at 9:00 am (FACILITY OPENS NO EARLIER THAN 8:25 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 23

Beginner

6. Highland Fling (4)
7. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
8. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)
9. Scottish Lilt(4)
10. Flora (4)
11. Beginner Special Fling (4) (Rule #22)

Novice

12. Highland Fling (4)
13. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
14. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)
15. Scottish Lilt (4)
16. Flora (4)
17. Novice Special Fling (4) (Rule #22)

Intermediate

18. Highland Fling (4)
19. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
20. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)
21. Strathspey & Highland Reel (2 & 2)
22. Scottish Lilt(4)
23. Flora (4)
24. Special Irish Jig (3 & 1) (Rule #22)

PREMIER: REGISTRATION no earlier than 12:00 p.m. – entry to facility permitted only AFTER morning competitors have left the building; DANCING to follow 30 minutes after registration opens

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Manitoba Closed Championship and Selection Meet

Highland Fling	Sword Dance	Seann Triubhas	Strathspey & Highland Reel
2022 Championship Steps to be performed			
Championship Classes (age as of July 1, 2022)			
7 & under 10 Years (reduced steps)		10 & under 12 Years (reduced steps)	
12 & under 14 Years		14 & under 16 Years	
16 & under 18 Years		18 & under 21 Years	
21 Years & over			

General Rules

- All dancing events are governed by RSOBHD and ScotDance Canada. All judges' decisions are final.
- This event can be cancelled any time up to and including the date of the competition based on public health concerns.
Registration is online only. Opening date for entries is no earlier than **18:00h CDT Thursday, April 7th, 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 CDT Wednesday, April 27, 2022**. No courier, email or hand deliveries. 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.
- Refunds with a medical certificate or if requested within 48 hours of the Competition because dancer is not attending by reason of Covid or Covid symptoms.
- 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.
- 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 #3.
- Dancers must fill in for Reels as requested.
- Dancers, Spectators and Volunteers are to read and comply with the Covid Protocols appearing in the appendix to this Registration Form
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Dancers and parents must respect the ScotDance Canada Risk Management Guidelines, local health authority directives, and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.
- By submitting an entry, a competitor, or the parent/guardian on behalf of the competitor, acknowledges that they have fully read and understood the all documents appearing as appendices to this document, and in

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particular:

A) the Good Health Declaration:

B) the SCOTDANCE CANADA Competition Waiver and Release Form: and

C) the Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/Covid-19

and agrees to all of the terms and conditions which may be found in these documents in exchange for entering, attending and participating in this event. My or my child's attendance and participation at the event will serve as a signature on any of the documents set out in the appendices.

Pre-Premier Competition Rules

14. The competition committee reserves the right to combine, split or delete classes according to registration.
15. Age is as of day of competition.
16. All entrants must be M.H.D.A. members in good standing.
17. 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.
18. Medals, ribbons and trophies will be awarded for all classes, except Primary who receive medals and ribbons only. Intermediate classes will be awarded a class aggregate trophy and a runner-up trophy.
19. Entry Fees: \$8.00 per dance plus provincial surcharge and processing fee.
20. Special Dance in Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate classifications is open to all Beginner, Novice & Intermediate Dancers respectively and are not included in the calculation of aggregate awards. No set steps.
21. Demonstration Pas de Bas: No entry fee. Please submit entry form to determine numbers. Dancers may not have entered any prior competitive events.

Championship/Selection Meet Rules & Regulations

22. Competitors must report promptly to the dance area when called or risk disqualification.
23. Up to three dancers may be selected to represent Manitoba at the Canadian Championships regardless of the number of dancers competing on the day of the selection meet. Only representatives who are fully paid members of MHDA are eligible for any funding which may be available to assist with expenses.
24. Championship Entry Fee: \$50.00 plus provincial surcharge and processing fee.
25. The Manitoba Closed Championships and Selection Meet is sanctioned and governed by the rules & regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing and ScotDance Canada. All dancers must show a current RSOBHD Dancer Registration card to register.
26. AGE: Age is to be taken as of July 1 for determining the age classification in which dancers would enter the Canadian Championship. Thus, in preliminary championships or competitions used to select provincial representatives, dancers would compete according to their age on July 1 of that year.
27. ELIGIBILITY: For eligibility to compete in the Canadian Championship, a dancer must qualify in a Closed Provincial Championship or Selection Competition. The competitor must qualify by residency first, having been a resident for six (6) months immediately prior to the event. Should a competitor not qualify first by the residency requirement, that competitor may enact the birth qualification in the province they were born. Residency will be determined by the residence of the dancer's legal guardian. If a dancer moves to a new province, that dancer retains residency in the previous province for the purpose of determining eligibility first by residency, until 6 months residency takes place in the new province.
RESIDENCY DEFINITION: Dancers moving to another province and remaining in that province for 6 consecutive months immediately prior to that province's selection meet would qualify by residency to compete in that province's selection meet. If a dancer moves back to the province they previously resided in and remain there immediately prior to that province's selection meet, that dancer would qualify by residency to compete in that province's provincial selection meet, provided they previously resided in that province for 6 consecutive months. In the case of multiple moves, whichever province the dancer had previously resided in for 6 consecutive months prior to moving from that province, would be the province where that dancer would qualify by residency to compete in that province's selection meet.
28. All dancers must dance the 2022 RSOBHD Championship steps. The 7 & under 10 Years class and the 10 & under 12 Years class will dance cut steps as set out by the RSOBHD. Championship steps must be danced regardless of whether or not there are sufficient numbers in the section to qualify as a championship. If a

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championship class is cancelled due to insufficient entries, all dancers age 12 and over must dance the 2022 RSOBHD Championship steps - no cut steps.

29. To constitute a championship class, there must be a minimum of six dancers.
30. Dancers will compete in reverse order of entry for the Reel. All other dances will be by random draw.

***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 for pre-premier and as of July 1st for Premier), Birthday (M/D/Y), Dancing Classification, RSOBHD Card #, Teacher, Dances

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APPENDICES

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

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.

This event is being held in compliance with any provincial health and safety orders, as well as facility requirements for Covid-19.

1. Public Health requirements will be continuously evaluated, and participants will be informed of any Covid-19 protocols prior to the event through social media and email.
2. In the absence of any Public Health Order mandates, Manitoba Highland Dance Association strongly encourage participants to:
 - a. Wear a mask for your own protection and the protection of others (dancers continue to have a choice whether to wear a mask while competing)
 - b. Maintain physical distancing wherever possible
 - c. Perform frequent hand hygiene
 - d. Stay home if you feel sick
3. Upon registering for this event and immediately prior to the event, you agree to the requirements and recommendations of any National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities as well as any requirements from facility hosting the event which may be in effect at the time of the event, as it pertains to the Covid-19 Coronavirus and to adopt all necessary measures to those effects.

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

Rules for attending MHDA Competitions:

- Three spectators are allowed in the facility with each dancer
- 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.
- 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. Designated change rooms are available for costume changes.
- Limited personal items will be allowed within the facility when crowd size capacity restrictions are in place. This will include dance mats. Please coordinate with your dance school to limit the number of mats. 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 may have limited occupancy depending on number of cubicles while maintaining physical distancing requirements. Washrooms are not to be used for changing, only dedicated spaces are to be used.

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GOOD HEALTH DECLARATION

We all need to take responsibility for providing the highest level of safety and protection against Covid-19. Your health and safety, and that of all participants at our sanctioned events are our primary concern.

By registering for this event, you agree:

- ❖ That if you or anyone in your household travelled outside of Canada within 14 days prior to the start of this event and have been asked to quarantine by governmental health officials, you may not attend the event.*
- ❖ That on the day of the competition, if you are feeling unwell, experiencing COVID-like symptoms (including fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory illness, or difficulty breathing), or have tested positive for Covid-19 and/or have been in contact with a person who, to your knowledge had symptoms of Covid-19 or has tested positive for Covid-19 and you have not yet been cleared to discontinue isolation in accordance with applicable criteria communicated by Public Health officials (awaiting results), or are currently subject to a quarantine or self-isolation order by Public Health officials, we respectfully request that you do not attend.*

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SCOTDANCE CANADA COMPETITION WAIVER FORM

*I am aware that participating in the **MHDA Closed Pre-Premier Competition & 2022 Closed Championship and Selection Meet** (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.

*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, its 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 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 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.*

***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.*

I acknowledge that by signing and 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.

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Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/Covid-19

This waiver & declaration must be completed prior to or upon visiting (name of facility of event) and before participating in any activity.

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is known to spread mainly by contact from person to person. Consequently, local, provincial and federal governmental authorities recommend various measures and prohibit a variety of behaviors, in order to reduce the spread of the virus.

The Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association (The MHDA's) and ScotDance Canada and its members commit themselves to comply with the requirements and recommendations of National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities, and to put in place and adopt all necessary measures to that effect. However, The MHDA and ScotDance Canada cannot guarantee that you (or your child, if participant is a minor/ or the person you are the legal guardian of) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Activities could increase your (or your child, if participant is a minor/ or the person you are the legal guardian of) risk of contracting COVID-19, despite all preventative measures put in place.

By signing this document, or by attending this competition, I acknowledge 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 MHDA's /ScotDance Canada's activities. Being exposed or infected by COVID-19 may particularly lead to injuries, diseases or other illnesses.

I declare that I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) am participating voluntarily in The MHDA's /ScotDance Canada's activities.

I declare that neither I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) nor anyone in my household, have experienced in the last 48 hours prior to the date of The MHDA's /ScotDance Canada's event, cold or flu-like symptoms (including fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory illness, difficulty breathing).

I declare that neither I (or my child, if participant is a minor/or the person I am the legal guardian of) have tested positive for COVID-19, and have not yet been cleared to discontinue isolation in accordance with applicable criteria communicated by public health officials (awaiting results); have been in close contact with a person who, to my knowledge, had symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19, and have not yet been cleared to discontinue isolation in accordance with applicable criteria communicated by public health officials; or am currently subject to a quarantine or self-isolation order for any reason, including travel.

