

Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association
Provincial Closed Championship & Pre-Premier Competition



Saturday May 6, 2023
Seven Oaks Performing Arts Center
 711 Jefferson Ave, Winnipeg, MB

Judges: Barbara Yorke, Prince Edward Island
Mary Munroe, British Columbia
Gillian MacDonald, Ontario

C-MB-CO-23-159

Entries Open: March 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. CDT Entries Close April 23, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. CDT

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

Competition Events

PRE-PREMIER REGISTRATION 9:00 a.m., COMPETITION STARTS at 9:30 am (venue opens at 8:45 a.m.)

Primary

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| 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 24 |
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Beginner

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| 6. Highland Fling (4)
7. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
8. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1) | 9. Lilt (4)
10. Flora (4)
11. Trophy Fling (4) –see rule 23 |
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Novice

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| 12. Highland Fling (4)
13. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
14. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1) | 15. Lilt (4)
16. Flora (4)
17. Trophy Fling (4)- see rule 23 |
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Intermediate

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| 18. Highland Fling (4)
19. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
20. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1) | 21. Strathspey & Half Tulloch
22. Lilt (4)
23. Flora (4) |
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PREMIER REGISTRATION NO EARLIER THAN 12:00 p.m. COMPETITION TO BEGIN 30 MINUTES AFTER REGISTRATION OPENS

Manitoba Provincial Closed Championship and Selection Meet

2023 Championship Steps to be performed

Highland Fling	Sword Dance	Seann Triubhas	Strathspey & Half Tulloch
Championship Classes (age on July 1, 2023)			
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 Competition Rules & Regulations

1. All dancing events are governed by RSOBHD and ScotDance Canada. All judges' decisions are final
2. This event can be cancelled any time up to and including the date of the competition based on public health concerns.
3. Registration is online only. Opening date for entries is **18:00h CDT Wednesday March 29, 2023**. 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 Sunday, April 23, 2023**. 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.
4. 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.
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 #3.
7. Dancers must fill in for Reels as requested.
8. Competitors must report promptly to the marshaling area when called or risk being disqualified.
9. Dancers, Spectators and Volunteers are to read and comply with appendices and rules outlined by ScotDance Canada.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. **Programs** will be available by pre-purchase for \$5.00. There will be no programs available on the day of the competition for purchase.
13. Dancers and parents must respect the local public health directives and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.
14. 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 particular the *Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Participation in a ScotDance Canada Sanctioned Event (competition/workshop), including Covid-19/other contagions of concern as identified by the World Health Organization/local/provincial/federal government authorities*.
By submitting an entry, I also agree 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.
15. **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:** This event is being held in compliance with all provincial health and safety orders in effect at the time of the entry being posted, as well as facility requirements for Covid-19.
Our goal is to provide a safe, calm, inclusive and positive environment for all participants. We appreciate unexpected situations could arise on the day that may require action that is meant to protect our dancers, judges, volunteers and other participants.
 - 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.
 - For all participants attending our sanctioned events, generally, there will be 4 guidelines we encourage participants to follow in the absence of any local, provincial or national government health orders:
 - wearing a mask for your own protection and of others
 - maintain physical distancing wherever possible

- sanitizing hands often
- staying home if you feel sick
- 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 Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre 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.
- Participants are required to agree to the *SDC COVID-19/Other Contagions General Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability* at the time of registration.

Pre-Premier Competition Rules

16. The competition committee reserves the right to combine, split or delete classes according to registration.
17. Age is as of day of competition.
18. All competitors must be current full members of the MHDA. Proof of membership may be requested.
19. Competition numbers will be picked up at registration desk on day of competition.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. Entry Fees: \$9.00 per dance plus provincial surcharge and processing fee.
23. **Trophy Fling:** Is open to all Beginner and Novice dancers respectively and is not included in the calculation of aggregate awards. No set steps.
24. **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.

Championship/Selection Meet Rules & Regulations

25. 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.
26. Championship Entry Fee: \$50.00 plus provincial surcharge and processing fee.
27. The Manitoba Provincial 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.
28. AGE: Age is to be taken as of July 1, 2023 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, 2023.
29. **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.
30. All dancers must dance the 2023 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 championship class is cancelled due to insufficient entries, all dancers age 12 and over must dance the 2023 RSOBHD Championship steps - no cut steps.
 31. To constitute a championship class, there must be a minimum of six dancers.
 32. 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 to your dancers registration.

Registration is online only. The following information will be required and will be useful to have on hand to help you with registration: Name, Address, Postal Code, Phone, Email, Age (on date of competition), Birthday (M/D/Y), Dancing Classification, RSOBHD Card #, Teacher, Dances



Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Participation in a ScotDance Canada Sanctioned Event (competition/workshop), including Covid-19/other contagions of concern as identified by the World Health Organization/local/provincial/federal government authorities.

This waiver and declaration must be completed by the Organizer of the sanctioned event and provided either by email, via online participant registration or at the event. Participants are required to acknowledge (participant definition meaning dancer of legal age/parent/guardian/volunteer/professional, judge, piper).

Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association (MHDA) 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, ***MHDA*** 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/other contagions. Further, attending the Event 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/other contagions, despite all preventative measures put in place.

By signing this document,

*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 **Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association Provincial Closed Championship & Pre Premier Competition**.*

I am aware that participating in the competition involves the potential for risks, dangers and hazards, including but not limited to:

- (a) Covid 19/other contagions; and,*
- (b) injury to myself / my child as a result of the physical nature of dance competition/workshop and performance; and*
- (c) 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.*

*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 Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association Provincial Closed Championship & Pre Premier Competition**. Covid-19/other contagions symptoms (as identified by public health authorities).*

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/other contagions, 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/other contagions or has tested positive for COVID-19/other contagions, 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.

I (or my child, if participant is a minor/or the person I am the legal guardian of) declare that I have not been required to self-isolate under timelines set out by public health authorities (except for essential school or work activities).

*If I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) experience, or if anyone in my household experiences any Covid 19/other contagions symptoms after submitting this declaration, I (or my child, if guardian of) will not attend any of **Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association** programs or services until no longer required to self-isolate or for 48 hours after symptoms resolve or as directed by public health authorities.*

*I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) agree to the requirements and recommendations of National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities and to those special safety regulations put in place by **the Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association** as it pertains the Covid-19/other contagions and to adopt all necessary measures to those effects.*

I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) agree that, by filling out and signing this waiver and agreeing to the terms and conditions set out in it, I am giving up my legal rights to sue **MHDA** and its 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 Covid-19/other contagions.

This document will remain in effect until **the Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association Provincial Closed Championship & Pre Premier Competition** as per the direction of the National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities, determines that the aforesaid acknowledgments pertaining to Covid 19/other contagions in this declaration are no longer required.

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.

This document is in addition to and does not replace all other **MHDA** waivers.

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.

Signature required if in person, otherwise acknowledge by email or via online entry form.

_____ Print name _____ Date (dd/mm/year)

_____ Signature