

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

Saturday May 10, 2025

Winnipeg Mennonite School, Katherine Friesen Campus

26 Agassiz Dr, Winnipeg, MB

Venue Change

Canad Inns Garden City

2100 McPhillips Winnipeg, MB

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Judges: Jeanette Bonar, British Columbia

Christa Mackie, Ontario

Jennifer Stephenson, Quebec



Entries Open: March 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. CDT Entries Close April 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. CDT

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

Competition Events

PRE-PREMIER REGISTRATION 8:30 a.m., COMPETITION STARTS at 9:00 am

Primary

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| 1. 16 Pas de Basques | 4. Sword Dance (2 & 1) |
| 2. Pas de Basques & High Cuts | 5. Demonstration Pas de Basques- No fee – see rule 22 |
| 3. Highland Fling (4) | |

Beginner

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| 6. Highland Fling (4) | 9. Scottish Lilt (4) |
| 7. Sword Dance (2 & 1) | 10. Flora (4) |
| 8. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1) | 11. Trophy Fling (4) –see rule 21 |

Novice

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| 12. Highland Fling (4) | 15. Scottish Lilt (4) |
| 13. Sword Dance (2 & 1) | 16. Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4) |
| 14. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1) | 17. Trophy Fling (4)- see rule 21 |

Intermediate

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| 18. Highland Fling (4) | 21. Strathspey & Highland Reel (2 & 2) |
| 19. Sword Dance (2 & 1) | 22. Scottish Lilt (4) |
| 20. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1) | 23. Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4) |

PREMIER REGISTRATION NO EARLIER THAN ~~12:00 p.m~~ 11:30am. COMPETITION TO BEGIN 30 MINUTES AFTER REGISTRATION OPENS

Manitoba Provincial Closed Championship and Selection Meet

2025 Championship Steps to be performed.

Highland Fling (6)	Sword Dance (2 & 2)	Seann Triubhas (4 & 2)	Strathspey & Highland Reel (2 & 2)
Championship Classes (age on July 1, 2025)			
7 & under 10 Years (reduced steps Fling, Sword & ST)		10 & under 12 Years (reduced steps Fling, Sword & ST)	
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. Registration is online only. Opening date for entries is **6:00 p.m. CDT Wednesday March 26, 2025**. 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 **6:00 p.m. CDT Sunday, April 27, 2025**. No courier, email or hand deliveries. Classes will be determined based on entries at the time of closing. Late entries will not be accepted. You may contact the Competition Registrar at registration@mbhighlanddance.com with any questions.
3. No refunds will be issued once a dancer's registration is complete.
4. 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.
5. Any change in dancer classification or additional dances must be emailed to registration@mbhighlanddance.com **before Sunday April 30th 2025**, in accordance with the timing set out in rule #2.
6. Dancers must fill in for Reels as requested.
7. Competitors must report promptly to the marshaling area when called or risk being disqualified.
8. Dancers, Spectators and Volunteers are to read and comply with appendices and rules outlined by ScotDance Canada.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. **Programs** will be available by pre-purchase for \$5.00. There will be no programs available on the day of the competition for purchase.
12. Dancers and parents must respect the local public health directives and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.
13. 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*.
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 competitors must be current full members of the MHDA. Proof of membership may be requested.
17. Competition numbers will be picked up at registration desk on day of competition.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. **Entry Fees: Closed Competition:** \$9.00 per dance. SDCCS Provincial surcharge and online registration fee will be added. Competition numbers will be picked up at registration desk on day of competition.
21. **Trophy Fling:** Is open to all Beginner and Novice dancers respectively and is not included in the calculation of aggregate awards. No set steps.
22. **Demonstration Pas de Basques:** This is open to any dancer who has not entered any prior competitive events. There is no entry fee to dance and all dancers will receive a gift. Please submit entry form to help us plan for number of dancers. Demonstration dancers will dance at 10:30 a.m. and are asked to be dressed and ready at 10:15 a.m. They will dance as soon as the class on stage at that time finishes.

Championship/Selection Meet Rules & Regulations

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 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.
26. AGE: Age is to be taken as of July 1, 2025 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, 2025.
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.

SUBSTITUTION OF A PROVINCIAL TEAM MEMBER: Substitution of a provincial team member is allowed up to 5:00 PM local time of the SDCCS hosts, the day prior to the Canadian Championship. If available, both dancers would be able to participate in the parade of champions. All issues with regards to this substitution are the responsibility of the Provincial Affiliate (refer to the ScotDance Canada Operations Manual - Rules Governing the Canadian Championships document, Section 6).

28. All dancers must dance the 2025 RSOBHD Championship steps. Classes are to be run as Championships and not amalgamated or split, regardless of the number of entrants. This event is a heat with the successful finalists competing for the Canadian Championship.
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 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*

