

**57<sup>th</sup> Mid-Canada Open Championships  
11<sup>th</sup> Lord Selkirk Premierships & Open Competitions**



**Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2025**

**Location:** Lyric Theatre, Assiniboine Park  
55 Pavilion Crescent, Winnipeg  
(Outdoor venue, competition will proceed rain or shine)

**Judges:**

Kathryn Giebelhaus, Alberta  
Nadiene Gibney, Ontario  
Katie Gardener, Alberta

Saturday: C-MB-CO-25-183

Sunday: C-MB-CO-25-184

Register Online: [www.mbhighlanddance.com/Competitions.html](http://www.mbhighlanddance.com/Competitions.html)

**Entries Open: April 16, 2025 at 6:00 pm CDT Entries Close May 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm CDT**

<b>Competition Events</b>
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**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

**PRE-PREMIER: REGISTRATION at 8:30 am and DANCE at 9:00 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- (Rule #19)

**Beginner**

6. Highland Fling (4)
7. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
8. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)
9. Trophy Fling (4) (Rule #16)

**Novice**

10. Highland Fling (4)
11. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
12. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)
13. Trophy Fling (4) (Rule #16)

**Intermediate**

14. Highland Fling (4)
15. Sword Dance (2 & 1)
16. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)
17. Strathspey & Highland Reel (2 & 2)

**PREMIER: REGISTRATION 12:00 p.m. DANCING to follow after morning awards are completed.**

**Mid-Canada Open Championships**

Highland Fling	Sword Dance	Seann Triubhas	Strathspey & Highland Reel
<b>2025 Championship Steps to be performed</b>			
7 & under 12 Years (cut steps)		12 & under 14 Years	
14 & under 16 Years		16 & under 19 Years	
19 & Over			

**Special Award:** Stephen Juba Seann Triubhas (4 & 2) First place winners in each Premier category 12 Years & Over will dance off.

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**Sunday June 8, 2025**

**Premier Registration at 8:30 am – Dancing to start at 9:00 am**

**Lord Selkirk Premiership**

<b>Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4)</b>	<b>Barracks Johnnie (4)</b>	<b>Scotch Measure (4)</b>	<b>Irish Jig (4&amp;1)</b>
<b><i>2025 Premiership Steps to be performed</i></b>			
7 & under 12 Years (cut steps for Irish Jig)		12 & under 14 Years	
14 & under 16 Years		16 & under 19 Years	
19 & Over			

**Special Event:** McGeown Jig (4 & 1) (Rule #18). **Separate Entry fee required.**

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***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- (Rule #20)

***Beginner***

6. Hullachan (4)
7. Scottish Lilt (4)
8. Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4)
9. Trophy Fling (4) (Rule #17)

***Novice***

10. Hullachan(4)
11. Scottish Lilt (4)
12. Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4)
13. Trophy Fling (4) (Rule #17)

***Intermediate***

14. Scottish Lilt (4)
15. Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4)
16. Irish Jig (3+1)
17. Sailors Hornpipe (4)

<b><i>Competition Rules</i></b>
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1. This competition will be held at an outdoor venue and will proceed regardless of the weather. The dancers will be on a covered stage and will have changing tents. Please plan accordingly when you attend the competition and be sure to bring lawn chairs.
2. All dancing events are governed by RSOBHD and ScotDance Canada. All judges' decisions are final. 2025 SOBHD Championship steps must be performed in the Open Championships. 2025 RSOBHD Premiership steps must be performed in the Premiership.
3. Registration is online only. Opening date for entries is no earlier than **6:00pm CDT Wednesday, April 16th, 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 pm CDT Wednesday, May 28th, 2025**. No courier, email or hand deliveries. Late entries will not be accepted. You may contact the Competition Registrar at [registration@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:registration@mbhighlanddance.com) with any questions.
4. Refunds will not be provided once competition registration has been accepted.
5. Age is as of day of **each** competition. This event is registered as two separate competitions. Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate ScotDance cards will be stamped each day based on the dancer's awards.
6. 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. If the dancer is able to produce a photo of a current RSOBHD card, the dancer must still pay the \$10 fee however will

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be able to collect their medals or honoraria.

7. Competition numbers will be picked up at the Registration desk on the day of the competition, if a dancer is competing both days, they will wear the same number both days.
8. The competition committee reserves the right to combine, split or delete classes according to registration. To constitute a championship/premiership class, there must be a minimum of six dancers.
9. Any change in dancer classification or additional dances must be emailed to [registration@mbhighlanddance.com](mailto:registration@mbhighlanddance.com) prior to the day of the competition, in accordance with the timing set out in rule #2.
10. Dancers must fill in for Reels as requested.
11. Competitors must report promptly to the marshaling area when called or risk being disqualified.
12. Dancers, Spectators and Volunteers are to read and comply with appendices and rules outlined by ScotDance Canada.
13. 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.
14. Medals and trophies will be awarded for all classes, except Primary who receive medals and ribbons only. Dancers must remain in full costume to receive awards. Cash awards will be awarded to winners and runners up for the Championship and Premiership. They are as follows:

Ages	Champion/ Winner	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	3 <sup>rd</sup> Runner Up	4 <sup>th</sup> Runner Up	5 <sup>th</sup> Runner up
16 and over	\$150	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$40	\$25
14 and under 16	\$100	\$75	\$50	\$40	\$25	\$15
12 and under 14	\$80	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$25	\$15
Under 12	\$60	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$15

15. 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.
16. **Trophy Fling** in Beginner and Novice classifications are open to all Beginner and Novice dancers respectively and are not included in the calculation of aggregate awards. All special dances are four steps, no set steps.
17. **Special Award:** Stephen Juba Seann Triubhas (4 & 2). The first place winners in each Premier class age 12 and over will dance off to win this award.
18. The **McGeown Jig** is open to any Premier dancer who has never been a previous overall winner of the McGeown Jig. Classes will be split according to age, separately from the Premiership classes. The top 3 award winners in each premier class will dance off for the McGeown Memorial Trophy. This is a separate event and not included in the calculation of aggregate awards or the Premiership.
19. **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.
20. **Entry Fees:**

Open PrePremier Competition	\$9/dance
Premier 15 Years and Under	\$50 Championship \$50 Premiership
Premier 16 years and Over	\$60 Championship \$60 Premiership
McGeown Jig	\$10

SDCCS Provincial surcharge and online registration fee will be added. If you are not a Full (general) member of any Provincial Highland Dance Association a \$25.00 surcharge will apply. Proof of membership may be requested. Numbers will be picked up at registration desk on day of competition.

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21. 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.
22. **Programs** will be available by pre-purchase for \$10.00. There will be not be programs available for purchase on the day of the competitions.
23. Dancers and parents must respect the local public health directives and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.
24. 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.

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

**MHDA would like to invite sponsorship of the class medals or trophies. Please consider supporting our dancers by adding a sponsorship amount to your registration.**

Registration is online only. The following information will be required for registration: Name, Address, Postal Code, Phone, Email, Age (on June 8, 2024 for Saturday's events and as of June 9, 2024 for Sunday's events), Birthday (M/D/Y), Dancing Classification, RSOBHD Card #, Teacher, Dances

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*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.*

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***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 Mid-Canada Open Championships & Lord Selkirk Premiership and Open 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***

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*Dancers' Association Mid-Canada Open Championships & Lord Selkirk Premiership and Open 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 Mid-Canada Open Championships & Lord Selkirk Premiership and Open 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*

