



February 7th & 8th, 2026 Winnipeg, Manitoba

Hosted by ScotDance Manitoba
C-MB-CO-26-188

Featuring Events for All Dancers!

Saturday: Pre-Premier Events, Demonstration events for new dancers, Manitoba Open Championships

Sunday: Irene Baird Memorial Challenge for Premier Nationals, Solo, Duo, Small Group and Large Group Choreography for Pre-Premier and Premiers

All weekend competition events held at the Victoria Inn, 1808 Wellington Ave, Winnipeg

Judges for all weekend events: Katie Gardner, Alberta
Lynne Hamilton, Scotland
Ann Landry, New Brunswick

Saturday, February 7, 2026

**Winnipeg Scottish Festival Pre-Premier
Competition**

Manitoba Open Championships

Doors Open at 8:00 am, Events begin at 8:30

Championship Registration:

Demonstration Events: Pas de Basques and/or
Highland Fling (4 steps) (see rule #7)

Group 1: Under 16 Years - Register @11:30, dance
following morning results

Group 2: 16 Years & Over - Register @ 2:30pm,
dance following under 16s
Call backs for Group 1 will be announced.

All Championship results announced when dancing
completed.

2026 RSOBHD Championship Steps to be danced

7 & under 12 Years
12 & under 14 Years
14 & under 16 Years
16 & under 18 Years
18 & under 21 Years
21 Years & Over

Cash awards for Champions and 1st Runner-up in all classes.

Primary	Beginner
16 Pas de Basques	Trophy Fling (4)
PdB & High Cuts	Highland Fling (4)
Highland Fling (4)	Sword Dance (2&1)
Sword Dance (2&1)	Seann Triubhas (3&1)
	Scottish Lilt (4)
	Flora MacDonald (4)
Novice	Intermediate
Trophy Fling (4)	Special Event: Barracks Johnnie (4)
Highland Fling (4)	Highland Fling (4)
Sword Dance (2&1)	Sword Dance (2&1)
Seann Triubhas (3&1)	Seann Triubhas (3&1)
Scottish Lilt (4)	Scottish Lilt (4)
Flora MacDonald (4)	Flora MacDonald (4)

An approved CPD event for Professionals will be held Saturday evening at the Victoria Inn

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Irene Baird Memorial Challenge

Doors Open at 8:00 am, Events begin at 8:30

Premier

Blue Bonnets (4)
Scottish Lilt (4)
Village Maid (4)

Cash awards for Adult groups

Prairie Provinces Choreography Competition

Estimated start 11:30 am

Solos

(Premier & Pre-Premier)

Small Groups

(Premier & Pre-Premier)

Winter Sports

Choreography Special Event

Estimated start 2 pm

Duos/Trios

(Premier & Pre-Premier)

Large Groups

(Premier & Pre-Premier)

Fees

<u>Fees:</u>	<i>Pre-Premier</i>	<i>\$10 per Dance</i>	<i>Championship</i>	<i>\$55</i>
	<i>National Challenge</i>	<i>\$40</i>	<i>Solos</i>	<i>\$25</i>
	<i>Duo/Trio</i>	<i>\$30 per team</i>	<i>Small Group</i>	<i>\$40</i>
	<i>Large Group</i>	<i>\$45</i>	<i>Winter Sports Special</i>	<i>\$45</i>
		<i>Program</i>		<i>\$12 (online order only)</i>

Late Fee: **\$30.00** if received after Jan 28, 2026

SDM would like to invite sponsorship of the class awards or trophies. Please consider supporting our dancers by adding an award sponsorship.

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 (as of date of competition), Birthday (M/D/Y), Dancing Classification, RSOBHD Card #, Teacher, Dances

Online Entry Only! <http://www.mbhighlanddance.com/competitions/>

OPENING DATE: Received Online NO EARLIER than 9pm Central Time on **December 15, 2025**

CLOSING DATE: Received Online No Later than 11:59 pm Central Time **January 28, 2026**

Event Rate at the Victoria Inn - \$165/night

Call 204-786-4801 and Quote ID 368498.

General Rules

1. All dancing events will be governed by the rules and regulations of the RSOBHD.
2. Please note: All entry requirements are subject to change according to Manitoba Health guidelines at the time of the event.
3. Pre-Premier and Irene Baird Challenge classes may be divided based on average age according to dancer age on February 7 or 8, 2026 respectively.
4. Dancers to present RSOBHD registration cards and pick up numbers at the start of competition.
5. NO refunds.
6. **Trophy Fling in Beginner & Novice** classifications: open to all Beginner and Novice Dancers respectively and are not included in the calculation of aggregate awards. 4 steps, dancer's choice (no set steps).
7. **Demonstration Events:** No entry fees. All dancers receive a gift. Please submit an entry form to determine numbers. Dancers may not have entered any prior competitive events. 16 Pas de Basques OR Highland Fling.

8. Medals and Trophies to be awarded for all categories (no trophies for Primary Category). *Cash awards to Champion and 1st Runner-up in all Championship events. Cash awards for individual placings in each dance will be offered to Adults for the Irene Baird Memorial Challenge.*
9. 2026 RSOBHD Championship steps must be danced in the Manitoba Open Championships.
10. **SDTA Members Shield:** Presented to the 16 Years & Over Premier dancer who is a member of the SDTA that receives the highest number of points in the Championship. Proof of 2026 SDTA Membership (receipt or membership card) must be presented at registration to be eligible.
11. All changes in competition status or addition of dances must be made **prior** to the day of competition - e-mail: winnipegscottishfestival@gmail.com
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.*
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.

Choreography Rules

14. All choreography events will be run under RSOBHD Choreography rules.
15. Solo, Duo/Trio, Small Group and Large Group Choreography events are classified as Open per RSOBHD rules and entries must have a Scottish or Celtic theme/appearance
16. Winter Sports Choreography Special Event: Winter Sports themed event. Music must be predominantly Scottish or Celtic in style. Costumes must follow the theme of the event. All categories (Primary through Premier) may be included. Groups of 6 or more dancers. Prize money to be awarded for this event: 1st place - \$150, 2nd Place - \$100, 3rd Place \$50. **Time limit: up to 3 minutes.**
17. Solo Choreography: Dancers to enter individually. A Pre-Premier class and a Premier class will be run and may be further subdivided according to entries received. **Time limit: up to 2 minutes**
18. Duo/Trios: One entry per team of 2 or 3 dancers. A dancer may only enter one duo or trio, but not both. All dancer names and ages to be submitted with entry. A Pre-Premier class and a Premier class will be run and may be further subdivided according to entries received Time limit: **up to 2 minutes.**
19. Group Choreography. Open theme as per RSOBHD rules. A Pre-Premier class and a Premier class will be run. All dancer names, birth dates, and ages to be submitted with entry. One group per entry. Small Group is 4-7 dancers, Large Group 8 or more dancers. **Time limit: up to 3 minutes.**
20. All time limits include entrances and exits. Entries going over the stated time limits will be disqualified.
21. Dancers may enter only once in any event (i.e., a dancer may be included in a duo/trio and a small group entry, but may not be included in 2 different small group entries)
22. Classes may be divided based on average age according to dancer age on February 8, 2026.
23. All levels excluding Primary may enter choreography events. All dancers must present their 2026 RSOBHD Dancer Registration card.
24. **ALL** Choreography entries must submit music electronically to winnipegscottishfestival@gmail.com by February 2, 2026. If music is not received by the deadline, the entry will be removed from the competition and no refunds will be provided.
25. All entries will receive a judge's comment sheet.

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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).

ScotDance Manitoba/Winnipeg Scottish Festival 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, ***ScotDance Manitoba/Winnipeg Scottish Festival*** 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 **Winnipeg Scottish Festival***

*I am aware that participating in the **Winnipeg Scottish Festival** (the "Event") 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 **Winnipeg Scottish Festival**, 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 **Winnipeg Scottish Festival** 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 **ScotDance Manitoba** 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 **ScotDance Manitoba** 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 **Winnipeg Scottish Festival** 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 **ScotDance Manitoba** 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