



Manitoba Highland Dancers' Association Provincial Closed Championships and Selection Meet & Pre-Premier Competition

Saturday May 9, 2026

Seven Oaks Performing Centre
711 Jefferson Avenue
Winnipeg, MB

C-MB-CO-26-193

Judges: **Bill Troock, AB**
Erin Welk, BC
Ann Donlan, CO

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

Entries Open: March 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. CDT

Entries Close: April 29, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. CDT

COMPETITION EVENTS

PRE-PREMIER: REGISTRATION 8:45 A.M. – DANCE AT 9:00 A.M. (venue opens at 8:45 a.m.)

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 - <i>see rule 21</i> |
| 3. Highland Fling (4) | |

Beginner

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| 6. Highland Fling (4) | 9. Scottish Lilt (4) |
| 7. Sword Dance (2 & 1) | 10. Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4) |
| 8. Seann Truibhas (3 & 1) | 11. Trophy Fling (4) – <i>see rule 20</i> |

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 Truibhas (3 & 1) | 17. Trophy Fling (4) – <i>see rule 20</i> |

Intermediate

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

PREMIER: REGISTRATION no earlier than 12:00 P.M. – DANCE to follow 30 minutes after registration opens

Premier (*Cut Steps for 11 and Under)

2026 RSOBHD Championship steps to be performed

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| 24. Highland Fling (6)* | 26. Seann Truibhas (4 & 2)* |
| 25. Sword Dance (3 & 1)* | 27. Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch (2 & 4) |

COMPETITION RULES AND 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 **18:00h CDT March 25, 2026**. 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 **18:00h CDT April 29, 2026**. No courier, email or hand deliveries. Classes will be determined based on entries at the time of closing. No late entries will be accepted. You may contact the Competition Registrar at registration@mbhighlanddance.com with any questions.
3. In order to compete, dancers must be registered with the RSOBHD or RSOBHD subsidiary body (such as ScotDance Canada). All competitors must present their current RSOBHD registration card at the registration table on the day of competition for every competition. Any dancer unable to show a valid registration card will pay a \$10.00 fee to the organizer and will forfeit all awards until such time as the card is produced. If the card is not produced within 10 days, their name will be passed on to all Organizers who will be advised not to accept entries from the dancer or allow them to compete until such matters are satisfactorily resolved.
4. Any change in dancer classification or additional dances must be emailed to registration@mbhighlanddance.com **prior to** the day of competition, in accordance with the timing set out in rule #2.
5. Dancers must fill in for Reels as requested.
6. Dancers, Spectators and Volunteers are to read and comply with appendices and rules outlined by ScotDance Canada.
7. All perpetual trophies remain the property of 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.
8. Protests must be made in writing, signed and presented to the Competition Coordinator on the day of the competition accompanied by a \$25 fee, which is refunded if sustained.
9. **Competition Programs** will be available by online pre-purchase only for a cost of \$5. There will be no programs available on the day of the competition for purchase.
10. Dancers and parents must respect the local public health directives and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.
11. By submitting an entry, a competitor, or the parent/guardian on behalf of the competitor, acknowledges that they have fully read and understood 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)*.
By submitting an entry, I also agree to all 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.
12. Registration is online only. The following information will be required for registration: Name, Address, Postal Code, Phone, Email, Age (on the date of the competition), Birthday (M/D/Y), Dancing Classification, RSOBHD Card #, Teacher, Dances.

PRE-PREMIER COMPETITION RULES

13. The competition committee reserves the right to combine, split or delete classes according to registration.
14. Age is as of the day of the competition.
15. All competitors must be current full members of MHDA. Proof of membership may be requested.
16. Competition numbers will be picked up at the registration desk on day of competition.
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: Closed Competition:** \$11.00 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.

20. **Trophy Fling:** Is open to all Beginner and Novice dancers respectively and is not included in the calculation of aggregate awards. No set steps.
21. **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

22. 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.
23. Championship Entry Fee: \$50.00 plus provincial surcharge and processing fee.
24. 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.
25. AGE: Age is to be taken as of July 1, 2026 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, 2026.
26. **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).

27. All dancers must dance the 2026 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.
28. To constitute a championship class, there must be a minimum of six dancers.
29. 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 or paying, please do not re-register but contact registration@mbhighlanddance.com . You will not lose your place in the registration order.

MHDA is always grateful to families and friends willing to sponsor awards (medals, ribbons or trophies) for competitions. Please consider supporting our dancers by adding a sponsorship amount to your registration to help with the cost of awards. Tax receipts are issued for donations.



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*