



**Manitoba Highland Dancers'
Association**

Open Competition

Saturday March 8, 2025

Seven Oaks Performing Arts Centre
711 Jefferson Ave., Winnipeg, MB

**Judges: Briar Beers, British Columbia
Lindsay Perreault, Ontario**

C-MB-CO-25-181

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

Entries Open: January 29, 2025 at 6:00 pm CST Entries Close February 26, 2025 at 6:00 pm CST

Competition Events

PRE-PREMIER: REGISTRATION 8:30 a.m. –DANCE at 9:00 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- see rule 12 |
| 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 Triubhas (3 & 1) | 11. Trophy Fling (4)-see rule 14 |

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 14 |

Intermediate

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| 18. Highland Fling (4) | 21. Strathspey & Highland Reel (2 & 2) |
| 19. Sword Dance (2 & 1) | 22. Hornpipe (4) |
| 20. Seann Triubhas (3 & 1) | 23. Special Event: Barracks Johnnie (4)-see rule 14 |

PREMIER: REGISTRATION 12:30 p.m. –DANCE following morning awards

Tribute to J.L McKenzie Scholarship Demonstrations

Premier

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| 24. Highland Fling (6 – cut steps 11 & under) | 28. Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4) |
| 25. Sword Dance (2 & 2) | 29. Barracks Johnnie (4) |
| 26. Sean Triubhas (4 & 2 - cut steps 11 & under) | 30. Premier Special Event: Newland Sword-rule 14 |
| 27. Strathspey & Highland Reel (2 & 2) | |

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 **18:00h CST Wednesday January 29, 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 **18:00h CST Wednesday, February 26, 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. The competition committee reserves the right to combine, split or delete classes according to registration.
5. Age is as of day of competition.
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 be able to collect their medals or honoraria.
7. 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 #2.
8. 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.
9. Dancers must fill in for Reels as requested.
10. Dancers, Spectators and Volunteers are to read and comply with appendices and rules outlined by ScotDance Canada.
11. Medals, ribbons and trophies will be awarded for all classes, except Primary who receive medals and ribbons only. Honoraria, in lieu of medals and ribbons, will be awarded to Premier dancers 16 years and over: 1st -\$40, 2nd -\$35, 3rd -\$30, 4th -\$25, 5th -\$20, and 6th -\$15. Dancers must remain in full costume to receive awards. Beginner and Novice will be awarded a class aggregate trophy. Intermediate and Premier classes will be awarded a class aggregate and runner up trophy. Dancers must remain in full costume to receive awards.
12. **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 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. They will dance as soon as the class on stage at that time finishes.
13. 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.
14. **Special Events** (Trophy Fling or Special Event Johnnie) in Beginner, Novice and Intermediate classifications are open to all Beginner, Novice and Intermediate dancers respectively and are not included in the calculation of aggregate awards. All trophy/special event dances are four steps, no set steps.
Newland Sword Special Event: First Place Winners in each premier class will dance off for the Newland Sword Trophy. This is a separate event and not included in the calculation of aggregate awards.
15. 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.
16. **Entry Fees: \$9.00** per dance, plus provincial surcharge and processing fee. If you are not a member of MHDA or another Provincial Highland Dance Association a \$25.00 surcharge will apply. Proof of membership may be requested. Competitor numbers will be picked up at the registration desk on day of competition.
17. **Competition Programs** will be available by online pre-purchase only for a cost of \$5.00. There will be no programs available on the day of the competition for purchase.
18. Dancers and parents must respect the local public health directives and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.
19. 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.

20. 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

***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 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 costs 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' 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 MHDA 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 [Open Competition hosted by MHDA](#) 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*

