

*The Antigonish Highland Dancing Association &  
Strait Area Highland Dance Association present the:*

**ATLANTIC CANADA  
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS  
Saturday, May 20, 2023**

SAERC Auditorium  
304 Pitt Street  
Port Hawkesbury, NS B9A 2T9

JUDGES: Dawn Brennan-Sutter, ON,  
Christa Mackie, ON &  
Jennifer Stephenson, QC  
PIPER: Heather Armstrong, NS



Competition  
#C-NS-CO-23-1009

ADMISSION \$5.00 • PROGRAMS \$4.00 • DOORS OPEN AT 7:30AM

*Morning Events*

Registration begins at 8AM. Dancing starts at 8:30AM.

PREMIER (Highland Fling (4), Sword Dance (2&1), Seann Truibhas (3&1), Strathspey and Reel of Tulloch)  
7 Years & Under 10 Years  
10 Years & Under 12 Years

PREMIER (Highland Fling (6), Sword Dance (3&1), Seann Truibhas (4&2), Strathspey and Reel of Tulloch)  
12 Years & Under 14 Years

*Afternoon Events*

Registration begins at 12:30PM. Dancing starts at 1PM.

PREMIER (Highland Fling (6), Sword Dance (3&1), Seann Truibhas (4&2), Strathspey and Reel of Tulloch)  
14 Years & Under 16 years  
16 Years & Under 18 years  
18 Years & Under 21 years  
21 Years & Over

*In the event of there being insufficient entries in the stated age groups, prior to, or on the day of the event, amalgamating age groups to meet the minimum required numbers will be at the discretion of the organizers.*

# Registration

**\$55.00 Dancer Registration Fee**

**+ \$5.00 [ScotDance Canada Surcharge (\$1) & ScotDance NS Fees (\$4)]**

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**\$60.00 TOTAL**

Online registration only. Registration opens Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Payment made by PayPal, Visa, MasterCard or American Express. Age categories will be determined by the number of entries. Last to enter, first to dance. Confirmation of registration will be sent by email.

Entries close May 8, 2023. Entries after May 8<sup>th</sup> may be accepted at the discretion of the organizer with a \$20.00 late fee. No refunds will be given.

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

# Rules & Information

- The Atlantic Open Championship is sanctioned and governed by the rules & regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD) and ScotDance Canada.
- All dancers must dance the 2023 RSOBHD Championship steps. The 7 Years & Under 10 Years class and the 10 Years & Under 12 Years class will dance cut steps as set out by the RSOBHD. If the group does not qualify as a championship the dancers do not have to dance the set championship steps for that year.
- Dancers and parents must respect the ScotDance Canada Risk Management Guidelines, local health authority directives, and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.
- Dancers will be judged according to the technique of the RSOBHD.
- Scrutineering will be conducted as recommended by the RSOBHD.
- First to enter, last to dance.
- Age as of the competition date, May 20, 2023. Age groups will be based on entries received.
- Judges' decisions are final. No access to judges' sheets. No communication between a judge and a competitor, teacher, parent or guardian regarding any decision made will be permitted.
- Each dancer will pick up their competition number at the registration table upon verification of the 2023 RSOBHD card.
- Dancers must report promptly to line up area when called or risk disqualification.
- No refunds after entries are received. Late entries if accepted (after May 8, 2023) will be charged an additional \$20 late fee.
- Dancers will pick up numbers at the registration desk upon verification of RSOBHD card.
- Dancers must be in full costume including slippers to receive awards. No sneakers allowed.
- No coaching by parents or teachers while dancers are on the stage.
- No teachers or parents are allowed in the Marshalling area, other than those volunteering.
- The Antigonish Highland Dancing Association and Strait Highland Dancing Association will not be responsible for lost articles, accidents, injuries or illness to competitors or spectators at the event.
- In the event of a protest being lodged, a fee of \$25 must accompany a written complaint no later than 48 hours after the event. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.