

Halifax Highland Dancing Association Presents The Halifax Highland Open Championship, Citadel Open Premiership & Spring Competition



BASINVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL
273 Basinview Drive, Bedford, NS
March 25-26, 2023

Judges: Dana Gamache - Ontario
Sheryl Joyner – Ontario
Rebecca McKinnon – Alberta

Piper: Heather Armstrong – Nova Scotia
Heather will pipe for the Championship only.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

SPRING COMPETITION

PRE-PRIMER: PRIMARY & BEGINNER

Primary 8:30 am (Registration begins at 8:00 am)

- 16 Pas de Basques,
- Pas de Basques & Highcuts
- Fling (4)
- Sword (2&1)

Beginner 9:00 am (Registration begins at 8:30 am)

- Fling (4)
- Sword (2&1)
- ST (3&1)
- Half Hullachan (4)

HALIFAX HIGHLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP PREMIER DANCERS ONLY

10:30 am (Registration begins at 9:30 am)

7 & Under 10 Years
10 & Under 12 Years

1:00 pm (Registration begins at 12:00 pm)

12 & Under 14 Years
14 & Under 16 Years
16 & Under 18 Years
18 & Under 21 Years
21 Years & Over

Premier dancers are invited to perform "A Tribute to James L McKenzie" (6 steps) for demonstration only before the afternoon awards as a requirement for the James L McKenzie Scholarship application. Interested dancers should make their intention to perform the dance known at the competition.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

CITADEL OPEN PREMIERSHIP

PREMIER DANCERS ONLY ALL AGE GROUPS 8:30 AM

8:30 am (Registration begins at 8:00 am)

7 & Under 10 Years
10 & Under 12 Years
12 & Under 14 Years
14 & Under 16 Years
16 & Under 18 Years
18 & Under 21 Years
21 Years & Over

Dance order: Irish Jig, Blue Bonnets, Flora, Village Maid

THE CARLA LIVINGSTONE SPECIAL EVENT

1st place Blue Bonnets Premier winners will dance a 4-step Blue Bonnets in a dance-off for "The Carla Livingstone Special Event" Trophy.

SPRING COMPETITION

PRE-PRIMER: NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE

Novice & Intermediate 2:00 pm (Registration begins at 1:00 pm)

- Fling (4)
- Sword (2&1)
- Seann Triubhas (3&1)
- Half Hullachan (4)

HHDA Dancer of the Day: This award is open to current (2023) HHDA members. A Dancer of the Day award will be given out to the dancer with the highest points in the Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Premier categories. The Beginner Dancer of the Day award will be given out on Saturday. The Novice, Intermediate and Premier Dancer of the Day awards will be given out on Sunday.

The Carla Livingstone Special Event: To celebrate Carla's dedication and commitment to the art of highland dance and to the HHDA, we honor her with our special event "The Carla Livingstone Special Event."

Competition Rules

- Dancers will be judged according to the technique of RSOBHD. Scrutineering shall be conducted as recommended by the RSOBHD.
- Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets.
- First to enter, last to dance.
- Dancers must report promptly to dance area when called or risk disqualification in that event.
- All dancers must remain in full costume to receive awards. No sneakers allowed.
- Age as of March 25, 2023.
- Any protests must be made in writing within seven days and be accompanied by \$25.00, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- No refunds after entries received.
- Age categories for Pre-Premier Competition will be based on number of registrants in each classification.
- No coaching allowed by teachers or parents while dancers are on stage.
- Medals for Pre-Premier Competition will be awarded from Primary to Intermediate categories. All pre-premier categories (except for Primary) will receive high aggregate and 1st runner-up trophies.
- No field entries.
- HHDA will not be responsible for lost articles, accidents, injuries or illness to competitors or spectators at these competitions.

Halifax Highland Open Championship Rules

- Sanctioned and conducted under the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.
- Age will be as of March 25, 2023
- The 2023 RSOBHD Championship steps must be danced.
- Championship groups must have a minimum of 6 dancers competing to be eligible for Championship status. In the event of there being insufficient entries in stated age groups, prior to or on the day, the event organizer reserves the option to combine age groups to meet the minimum numbers required. All dancers aged 12 & over will be required to dance long steps regardless of the championship status of their group.
- First to enter, last to dance. There will be no number draw for the order of dances.
- Dancers will be asked to fill in for Reels as required.
- Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets. Only championship results will be posted.
- Medals will be awarded to 6 places in each category. Keeper awards will be awarded to the Champion and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Runners Up.

Citadel Open Premiership Rules

- Sanctioned and conducted under the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.
- Age will be as of March 25, 2023.
- The 2023 RSOBHD Premiership steps must be danced.
- Premiership groups must have a minimum of 6 dancers competing to be eligible for Premiership status. In the event of there being insufficient entries in stated age groups, prior to or on the day, the event organizer reserves the option to combine age groups to meet the minimum numbers required. All dancers aged 12 & over will be required to dance long steps (where applicable) regardless of the championship status of their group.
- First to enter, last to dance. There will be no number draw for the number of dances.
- Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets. Only premiership results will be posted.
- Medals will be awarded to 6 places in each category. Keeper awards will be awarded to the Premiership Winner and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Runners Up.

Online registration

REGISTRATION OPENS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 30 @ 6 PM

Fees include dancer registration, admission for all spectators, and one program per dancer.

Pre-Premier (Primary, Beginner, Novice & Intermediate) \$40 + \$5 (SDCCS Surcharge (\$1) & SDNS Fees (\$4)) = \$45.00 https://forms.gle/scwNL8SosxLKL5Wv8	CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
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Championship ONLY (Premier) \$65 + \$5 (SDCCS Surcharge (\$1) & SDNS Fees (\$4)) = \$70.00 https://forms.gle/nHCF3S8nzwkgoc2n6	CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
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Premiership ONLY (Premier) \$65 + \$5 (SDCCS Surcharge (\$1) & SDNS Fees (\$4)) = \$70.00 https://forms.gle/UNK21UKmt1BPKJhN6	CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
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Championship & Premiership (Premier) \$125 + \$5 (SDCCS Surcharge (\$1) & SDNS Fees (\$4)) = \$130.00 https://forms.gle/AJDTmAvv4skYpSei8	CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
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Payment may be made by PayPal, VISA, MasterCard, Discover or AMEX.

Entries must be received by March 10, 2023. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizer and will be subject to a \$10 late entry fee. Changes in categories must be made on or before March 10, 2023, by contacting HHDA at Halifaxhda@gmail.com Confirmation of entry will be made by email.

ScotDance Canada/RSOBHD Dancer Card Renewal Forms

All dancers must have 2023 cards before March 25, 2023

A Tribute to James L McKenzie (6 steps)

For any Premier dancer applying for this scholarship, you may perform the dance on Saturday after the Championship (before the results) or submit a video via a YouTube link. Candidates choosing to perform the dance are required to bring the application form to the event for the SDTA Examiner/SDTA professional to sign (page 2 of application). All dancers who know "A Tribute to James L McKenzie" are welcome to perform the dance with the candidates.

You will be required to agree with the following Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability relating to Covid-19/other contagions to complete all dancer registrations: See pages 4 & 5 below.



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).

(HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) 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, (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) 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 (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event)

I am aware that participating in the HHDA (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 because 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 (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event), 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 (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) 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 (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) 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 (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) 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 (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) 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. 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 because 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 webcasts. 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 (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) 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 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