



ScotDance Canada Provincial Selection Meet Policy and Guideline for Organizers

The following policy outlines the rules governing provincial selection meets (whether a Championship or Competition) as a preliminary heat to the Canadian Championship. This document was prepared as a reference and guideline for Organizers of provincial selection meets.

1. ELIGIBILITY OF COMPETITORS

Effective January 1, 2013, the current holders of the Canadian Championship titles, plus a maximum of three (3) representatives may be named by each Provincial ScotDance Affiliate in each of the following seven (7) age classifications: 7 & Under 10 Years, 10 & Under 12 Years, 12 & Under 14 Years, 14 & Under 16 Years, 16 & Under 18 Years, 18 & Under 21 Years, and 21 Years and Over, as eligible to compete in the "Canadian Championships". At the provincial selection championship/competition each province must offer the same age groups as the Canadian Championship including a 7-9 years class to select the 7-9 years representatives to the "Canadian Championships". Age groups should not be combined. Provided the rules of the R.S.O.B.H.D. and ScotDance Canada are followed, the method used for the selection of these representatives is to be determined by the Provincial ScotDance Affiliate and reported to ScotDance Canada by January 1st each year. The decision on a lesser number of reps in any given class is to be made at the discretion of each Provincial ScotDance Affiliate. The current Canadian Championship title-holders have an automatic invitation to compete in the following year's Championship regardless of whether or not they change age classification.

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.

Competitors are required to perform the Championship Steps for that calendar year at all preliminary events used for the selection of the provincial representatives for the "Canadian Championships".

2. Organizers of the preliminary heats must sign a Letter of Agreement with the Provincial Affiliate agreeing to abide by the rules of the R.S.O.B.H.D and ScotDance Canada. If the Organizer is the Provincial Affiliate, the Letter of Agreement must also be signed to ensure the rules of the R.S.O.B.H.D and ScotDance Canada are followed. The Letter of Agreement must be signed and a copy (electronic or otherwise) delivered to ScotDance Canada by December 31st via the ScotDance Canada National Competition Organizer Registrar (coregistrar@scotdance.ca).
3. Selection meets must be held during the first six months of the calendar year but not later than the first Saturday of June, prior to the Canadian Championship. The date of a selection meet (or a change thereof) must be agreed upon by the Provincial Affiliate, its membership and the Organizer of the event (if different than the Provincial Affiliate), a minimum of six months before the event is to be held. The entry form for selection meets shall be made available a minimum of two months before the event is to be held.
4. All entry forms for the Provincial Selection Championship/Competition must be approved by ScotDance Canada before they are published or distributed. Please send entry forms to the ScotDance Canada National Competition Organizer Registrar for approval (coregistrar@scotdance.ca), a minimum of 7 days prior to the planned posting of the entry form.
5. The closing date for mail-in entries must be "postmarked before" a set date, not "received by" a set date. In the case of online entries, the closing date and time zone will be clearly shown.
6. Participants are required to agree to the *SDC COVID-19 Other Contagions General Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability* at the time of registration.
7. Provincial selection meet entry forms must contain the following information verbatim:

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP RULES and REGULATIONS

1. The (**Name of the Event**) 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.
2. **AGE:** Age is to be taken as of July 1 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 of that year.
3. **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.

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4. All dancers must dance the 20XX 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. Championship steps must be danced regardless of whether or not there are sufficient numbers in the section to qualify as a championship. If a championship class is cancelled due to insufficient entries, all dancers age 12 and over must dance the 20XX RSOBHD Championship steps - no cut steps.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

This event is being held in compliance with all provincial health and safety orders in effect at the time of the entry being posted, as well as facility requirements for Covid-19.

Our goal is to provide a safe, calm, inclusive and positive environment for all participants. We appreciate unexpected situations could arise on the day that may require action that is meant to protect our dancers, judges, volunteers and other participants.

1. Public Health requirements will be continuously evaluated, and participants will be informed of any Covid-19 protocols prior to the event through social media and email.
2. For all participants attending our sanctioned events, generally, there will be 4 guidelines we encourage participants to follow in the absence of any local, provincial or national government health orders:
 - wearing a mask for your own protection and of others
 - maintain physical distancing wherever possible
 - sanitizing hands often
 - staying home if you feel sick
3. Upon registering for this event and immediately prior to the event, you agree to the requirements and recommendations of any National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities as well as any requirements from *(name of facility)* which may be in effect at the time of the event, as it pertains to the Covid-19 Coronavirus and to adopt all necessary measures to those effects.
4. Participants are required to agree to the *SDC COVID-19 Other Contagions General Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability* at the time of registration.