



Restricted Premier Rules

Guidelines for Canadian Organizers

This document has been developed to assist organizers with the Restricted Premier rules adopted by ScotDance Canada. These rules and guidelines supersede previous established rules set by the organizer or any ScotDance Canada affiliate.

The following rules apply to all competitions operating in Canada under Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing rules and regulations.

Any organizer may offer Restricted Premier events under one of the following conditions:

1. **Option #1** - Over the past 3 consecutive years, the same competition has averaged a minimum of 100 Premier dancers entered.
 2. **Options #2** - A minimum of 100 Premier dancers have entered prior to the competition date.
- ❖ Restricted Premier events may only be offered in conjunction with regular Premier events as defined by the RSOBHD rules and regulations.
 - ❖ Restricted Premier events must be advertised in advance and may only be offered in conjunction with "Open" competition events. An "Open" competition is defined as competitions only requiring dancers to be registered in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing. (i.e. worldwide registration system).
 - ❖ A Restricted Premier dancer is defined as one who has not won an overall trophy in a Premier or Restricted Premier class for two (2) years preceding the date of the Restricted Premier event she/he is entering.
 - ❖ SDC defines an OVERALL TROPHY win for Restricted Premier purposes as; "the dancer with the highest total number of points having competed in more than one (1) individual dance in a Premier competition age group that has 6 or more competitors, thus the name High Aggregate Trophy. Winners of special dances such as a Special Hornpipe or Special Jig, Best-Dressed or Choreography event **DO NOT** qualify as an overall trophy win. A Championship and Pre-Championship are both considered a Premier event.
 - ❖ The total number of Restricted Premier age groups offered cannot exceed the total number of Premier groups offered. The age groups for Premier dancers does not have to be the same as the age groups for Restricted Premier.

- ❖ Cash awards must differentiate between Premier and Restricted Premier. Amounts awarded in Premier must exceed those awarded in Restricted Premier. (i.e. Premier: 1st = \$50, 2nd = \$30, 3rd = \$20; Restricted Premier: 1st = \$40, 2nd = \$20, 3rd = \$10)
- ❖ If someone has questioned the eligibility of a dancer for Restricted Premier, a formal protest must be given to the Organizer (fee included) by the end of the competition, in writing and signed by the complainant. The Organizer should inform ScotDance Canada within 24 hours. A complete written report and a copy of the written complaint must be sent to the National Competition Organizer Registrar – coregistrar@scotdance.ca

Option #1

Any organizer, who can demonstrate to ScotDance Canada they have averaged a minimum of 100 Premier dancer entries (Premier and Restricted Premier combined) over the previous three (3) consecutive years, can apply for an advance approval to hold a Restricted Premier event. Subsequently, this average must be maintained on an annual basis in order to apply for an advance approval.

The organizer must complete SDCCO Form 12 (see Restricted Premier Application Form below). This form must be completed on an annual basis and submitted to ScotDance Canada at least three (3) months prior to the event date and must include a valid registration number issued by the provincial competition organizer registrar. Once approved, the organizer will not be required to meet the 100 Premier dancers entered criteria as described in Option #2 for this particular event but all other Restricted Premier rules must be adhered to.

Option #2

These guidelines are for those organizers offering Restricted Premier for the first time or who do not qualify under Option #1 above. These guidelines should assist the organizer in preparing the entry form.

- ❖ The following statement should appear in a prominent place on the entry form. It is recommended this statement be placed separate from the general competition rules.

“This competition will offer Premier and Restricted Premier classes according to the rules and regulations of the RSOBHD and ScotDance Canada.”

- ❖ Include the following Restricted Premier rules on the entry form. These may appear under general competition rules listed separately under Restricted Premier rules. Organizers may have additional entry conditions or rules, which may be included.

“A minimum of 100 Premier dancers must be entered in this event before Restricted Premier classes will be offered. In the event this condition has not been met, the organizer is under NO obligation to advise dancers prior to the event.

A Restricted Premier dancer is defined as one who has not won an overall trophy in a Premier or Restricted Premier class for two (2) years preceding (insert competition date).

An overall trophy win is defined as the dancer with the highest total number of points having competed in more than one (1) individual dance in a Premier age category that has 6 or more competitors. Winners of special dances such as a Special Hornpipe or Special Jig, Best-Dressed or Choreography event DO NOT qualify as an overall trophy win. A Championship and Pre-Championship are both considered a Premier event.”

- ❖ The entry form must include the following option statement to indicate the dancers' preference for either Premier or Restricted Premier.

"I fully understand the rules and regulations governing Restricted Premier and/or Premier classes for this event. With this understanding, my preference would be to dancer as a PREMIER or RESTRICTED PREMIER competitor (circle one). Failure to indicate a preference will automatically default your competitor status to PREMIER."

Note: Competition Organizers can apply for dispensation from some of the Restricted Rules. Letters outlining the reasons for the dispensation application should be forwarded to the secretary of ScotDance Canada secretary@scotdance.ca

See Form 12 below...



2023 RESTRICTED PREMIER APPLICATION FORM

(SDCCO Form 12)

This application form must be completed and submitted along with all supporting documentation. Only applications of registered competition organizers may be considered. This application must be submitted to ScotDance Canada at least 3 months prior to the event date. Please refer to "Restricted Premier Rules – Guidelines for Canadian Competition Organizers" for complete rules and guidelines. www.scotdance.com

Section A - Organization Information

Check the appropriate box: New Application

Annual Renewal

Full Legal Name of Competition Organizer (Highland Games/Festival or Association if applicable).

Initials of Organization

Website Address (if available)

Section B - Contact Information (This name will appear on the Events List)

Full Name of Contact Person

Position held in Organization

Mailing Address (Include Street Address, PO Box number, City/Town, Postal Code)

Email Address

Phone Number of Contact Person

Signature

Date

Section C – ScotDance Canada Professional Representative

Full Name of ScotDance Canada Representative

Phone Number

Email Address

Date

Signature

Over the previous 3 (three) years, this specific event has averaged _____ Premier dancer entries (Restricted Premier and Premier combined). In consideration of this application to hold a Restricted Premier event, we submit the following supporting documentation:

Your application must include one of the following types of documentation

- ⇒ Copies of the official programs from the previous 3 consecutive years
- ⇒ Copies of the official competitor entry list from the previous 3 consecutive years
- ⇒ Other _____

Mail or e-mail your completed application form along with all supporting documentation to:

ScotDance Canada
National Competition Organizer Registrar
PO Box 364
Harriston, ON N0G1Z0
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