



ScotDance Canada Championship Series 2023

FEATURING THE

47th Annual Canadian Championship ScotDance Canada Open Championship

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada

July 2 - 6, 2023

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Sanctioned by and conducted under the rules of the
Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Competition Organizer Registration # C-NS-CO-23-1007

ScotDance Canada Championship Series 2023

Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 2nd

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Dancer/Professional Registration
 6:00 pm Opening Ceremonies
 7:00 pm Pin Exchange

Monday, July 3rd

Morning Events Dancer/Professional Registration

PREMIER HIGHLAND

Premier / Restricted Premier

Highland Fling (4)

Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)

Half Hullachan (4)

Afternoon Events

PRE-PREMIER HIGHLAND

Primary

16 Pas de Basques

Pas de Basques & High Cuts

Highland Fling (4)

Sword Dance (2 & 1)

Beginner / Novice / Intermediate

Highland Fling (4)

Sword Dance (2 & 1)

Half Hullachan (4)

Beginner / Novice Special Event

Trophy Fling (4)

Intermediate Special Event

Wilt Thou go to the Barracks,

Johnny (4)

Premier Special Event

Ship Hector Sailor's Hornpipe (4)

Preliminary and Final rounds

Evening Events

Professional CPD

Tuesday, July 4th

2023 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Morning Events

7 & U 10 Years, 10 & U 12 Years

12 & U 14 Years, 14 & U 16 Years

Morning call-backs will be announced

Afternoon Events

16 & U 18 Years, 18 & U 21 Years

21 Years & Over

The Loree Martin Vellner Memorial Highland Dancing scholarship presentation.

The James L. McKenzie scholarship presentation.

A Tribute to JL McKenzie performance by recipients

Evening Event

Ship Hector banquet & dance party

Wednesday, July 5th

Morning Events

PRE-PREMIER NATIONALS

Primary

16 Pas de Basques

Pas de Basques & High Cuts

Highland Fling (4)

Sword Dance (2 & 1)

Beginner / Novice / Intermediate

Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)

Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4)

Scottish Lilt (4)

Afternoon Events

PREMIER NATIONALS

Premier / Restricted Premier

Village Maid (4)

Flora McDonald's Fancy (4)

Blue Bonnets (4)

Evening Events

Small Group Choreography

Large Group Choreography

Thursday, July 6th

Morning Events

PREMIER

Pre-Championship

Highland Fling (4)

Sword Dance (2 & 1)

Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)

Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch (2&4)

ScotDance Canada Open

Championship

7 and Under 12 Years

Highland Fling (4)

Sword Dance (2 & 1)

Seann Triubhas (3 & 1)

Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch (2&4)

Afternoon Events

PREMIER

ScotDance Canada Open

Championship

12 Years & Over

Highland Fling (6)

Sword Dance (3 & 1)

Seann Triubhas (4 & 2)

Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch (2&4)

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Entry Information

Entry Acceptance Dates

- Individual Entries:** Entries open at 13:00 hrs (1:00 pm) EDT on March 15, 2023.
- Choreography Entries:** Entries open at 13:00 hrs (1:00 pm) EDT on March 22, 2023.
Limited choreography entries accepted. See Choreography Rules.

Entry Deadline Dates

- Individual Entries:** Late fee (\$30.00) applies after 23:59 hrs (11:59 pm) EDT on May 29, 2023.
Entries close at 23:59 hrs (11:59 pm) EDT on June 5, 2023.
- Choreography Entries:** Late fee (\$30.00) applies after 23:59 hrs (11:59 pm) EDT on May 29, 2023.
Entries close at 23:59 hrs (11:59 pm) EDT on June 5, 2023.

NO ENTRIES will be accepted after June 5, 2023.

Name(s) may not appear in the program for entries received after May 29, 2023.

Online Dancing Entries visit: <https://scotdance.ca/sdccc>

Follow instructions on the website carefully.

- Entries will only be accepted via online registration; mail-in or email entries not accepted.
- Credit Card (Visa/MasterCard) payment only.
- Entries submitted must have a valid email address for confirmation.
- Requests for refunds will not be considered.
- Change of dancer's status/category must be emailed to the Competition Registrar at SDCCS2023Reg@gmail.com immediately upon changing status.
- Choreography entries will be limited to 24 Small Groups and 14 Large Groups. At the discretion of the Organizing Committee, additional entries may be accepted. See Choreography rules for entry and waitlist procedures.

Cancellation

ScotDance Canada and SDCCS 2023 (the "Organizers") reserve the right to cancel the "Event", or any part thereof, at any time if the Organizers deem such cancellation to be necessary due to events beyond its control or should it become necessary to cancel the Event at the Organizers' sole discretion (the "Cancellation"). The Organizers shall not be responsible to any purchaser and/or attendees for any direct or indirect financial loss caused as a result of the Cancellation including, but not limited to, airfare, hotel deposits, entry fees, and tickets. The purchaser and/or attendees agree to indemnify and save harmless the Organizers from all claims arising from the Cancellation.

Rules and Regulations

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All dancing events will be governed by the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD).
2. Dancers will compete in reverse order of entry except for the Canadian Championships.
3. The decision of the judges is final.
4. Age is as of July 3, 2023 except for the Canadian Championship.
5. Age for the Canadian Championship is to be taken as of July 1, 2023.
6. Any complaint made by an individual against the organization or adjudication of the event must be made in writing giving the complainant's full name and address and shall be lodged with the organizer if possible, on the day of the event and certainly not later than 48 hours after the event. Such complaint must be accompanied by a deposit of \$35. The fee shall be returned should the complaint be upheld. If within seven days of lodging such complaint the complainant has received no satisfaction from the organizer, then the complainant may refer the matter to the Director of Administration of the Board.
7. Dancers must remain in **full costume** to receive awards and must be present in group photo.
8. Dancers will retain the same status over the 4-day event.
9. Dancers will be asked to fill in for Reels as required.
10. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to combine or divide age groups at their discretion.
11. Dancers reporting late for their dance will not be allowed to dance out of draw/numerical sequence.
12. Registration for all dancers and all events will take place on Sunday, July 2, 2023. Dancers' numbers, schedules, pre-ordered social event tickets and souvenirs will be available at this time. For the remainder of the week, registration will be held for a limited time each morning.
13. Dancers must present a valid RSOBHD dance registration card at time of registration.

RESTRICTED PREMIER RULES

14. A Restricted Premier dancer is defined as an individual who has not won an overall trophy in a Premier or **Restricted Premier** class for two years preceding the date of the Restricted Premier event they are entering (from July 4, 2021, to July 3, 2023 inclusive). Provincial Representatives in the Canadian Championship may be eligible if this rule applies.
15. ScotDance Canada 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, Special Jig or Choreography event DO NOT qualify as an overall trophy win. A Championship, a Premiership and a Pre-Championship are all considered Premier events.
16. Dancers who meet the requirements for the Restricted Premier class must choose either Restricted Premier or Premier for the competitions on July 3 and July 5, 2023, but not both (i.e. dancers may not compete in Premier and Restricted Premier on the same day).

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

17. Pre-Championship is open to Premier dancers who have never won a Championship or Pre-Championship event. Provincial Representatives in the Canadian Championship may be eligible if this rule applies.
18. Premier and Restricted Premier dancers competing in the **Under 12 years sections** must choose to enter the Pre-Championship or the ScotDance Canada Open Championship on July 6, 2023; **not both**. Premier and Restricted Premier dancers competing in the **12 years and over sections** may choose to enter the Pre-Championship and/or the ScotDance Canada Open Championship on July 6, 2023.

GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

19. These events have been sanctioned, and will be governed, by the rules and regulations of the RSOBHD.
20. The 2023 Championship Steps must be danced for the Canadian Championship and ScotDance Canada Open Championship.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

21. There will be a draw for order of dance for the Canadian Championship. This draw will take place after entries close, and will be supervised by representatives of ScotDance Canada.
22. Provincial Representatives must be entered by their respective ScotDance Provincial Affiliate or Provincial Championship Organizer.

PREMIER SPECIAL EVENT RULES

23. Open to all Premier dancers, including Restricted Premier.
24. Steps as per RSOBHD textbook. No set steps.
25. Preliminaries – Dancers will be split into age categories according to entries received to dance a 4-step Sailor's Hornpipe. The top six dancers from each age category will advance to the finals.
26. Finals – The dancers who qualified from the Preliminaries will be split into 3 to 5 age categories (depending on entries) and dance a 4-step Sailor's Hornpipe.
27. Special awards will be given to the top 6 finalists in each age category after the Finals.

PRE-PREMIER SPECIAL EVENT RULES

28. Open to all Beginner, Novice and Intermediate dancers.
29. Steps as per RSOBHD textbooks. No set steps.
30. Beginner and Novice will dance a four-step Fling.
31. Intermediate will dance a four-step Wilt Thou Go to the Barracks Johnny.
32. Age groups and number of awards will be based on entries.

CHOREOGRAPHY RULES

33. Open to all dancers (Pre-Premier, Restricted Premier and Premier).
34. Entry Acceptance date – March 22, 2023. No entries will be accepted prior to this date. Entries will be accepted online until June 5, 2023, or earlier if maximum registrations are received.
35. The Choreography entry form must be completed by the teacher.
36. Each Choreography entry must be submitted online on a separate entry form and list the names of all teachers/studios.
37. Dancer demographic information is not required at the time of registration.
38. Dancers' full names, dates of birth, ages and RSOBHD dancer card numbers must be emailed to sdccs2023Reg@gmail.com within one week of registration. For example, if a teacher submits the entry on April 1, then all required information for all dancers must be emailed no later than April 8.
39. Failure to send complete dancer information within one week of registration will result in cancellation of entry.
40. Rules as per RSOBHD.
41. Small Group is 3 – 7 dancers with a maximum 2 minutes including entrances and exits.
42. Large Group is 8 or more dancers with a maximum of 3 minutes including entrances and exits.
43. Teams may use props during their performance, either static or non-static provided that they do not require set-up or take-down, but live animals are not permitted.
44. Maximum of 24 Small Groups (split into two age categories) and 14 Large Groups (split into two categories if numbers warrant). Average age per group will determine age categories. Additional entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
45. If more than 24 Small Group or 14 Large Group entries are received, a waitlist will be established. Email SDCCS2023Reg@gmail.com with your request to be added to the waitlist. If, after entering, circumstances prevent your group from participating, please email SDCCS2023Reg@gmail.com as soon as possible to allow a group from the waitlist to compete.

46. All music must be submitted electronically by June 5 to SDCCS2023music@gmail.com. Bring a backup copy on memory stick to the event. No verbal communication with the sound technician will be permitted during the actual competition.
47. Individual dancers may enter a maximum of 1 small group and 1 large group dance.
48. Only those with proper accreditation will be allowed access behind stage.
49. Stage dimensions and additional information will be published on <https://scotdance.ca/sdccc>

IRENE BAIRD BEST OVERSEAS DANCER TROPHY RULES

50. The Irene Baird Best Overseas Dancer Trophy is awarded to the Premier dancer who permanently resides outside of North America who accumulates the most points overall in the ScotDance Canada Championship Series events, excluding the Choreography and Special Events. Should a dancer enter two competitions on the same day, e.g. the Pre-Championship and the ScotDance Canada Open Championship, only the results from the dancer's most successful competition will be used in the calculation towards the Best Overseas Dancer Trophy.

ALEX AND MAY MARTIN TROPHY RULES

51. Introduced in 1995, the Alex and May Martin Trophy is awarded annually to the Premier dancer who permanently resides in North America and accumulates the most points overall in the ScotDance Canada Championship Series events, excluding the Canadian Championship, Choreography, and Special Events. Should a dancer enter two competitions on the same day, e.g. the Pre-Championship and the ScotDance Canada Open Championship, only the results from the dancer's most successful competition will be used in the calculation towards the Alex and May Martin Trophy.

ADELINE DUNCAN DANCER OF THE DAY RULES

52. The Adeline Duncan Dancer of the Day award will be given to the dancer (or dancers in the event of a tie), with the highest dance points as determined from total dance points obtained from the four Championship dances within the Canadian Championship in each category (7 age groups).

GENERAL AUDIENCE SEATING AREA RULES

53. Limit of 1 small bag per person. No large dance bags or garment bags will be permitted.
54. In accordance with the ScotDance Canada Risk Management Policies, dancers must not change costumes in public view or in public washrooms. Dancers must use the provided secured changing facilities ONLY. Dancers in violation of this policy will be asked to leave the area until properly dressed, and will have their names forwarded to the Risk Management Committee of ScotDance Canada where further action may be taken.
55. Placing bags or clothing on seats will not be permitted.
56. No dance mats or boards permitted outside of the designated warm-up area. No warming up in the seating area.
57. No parents behind the stage area. Only professionals and volunteers with proper accreditation will be permitted access.
58. Videotaping will be permitted in designated areas only.

Official Individual Entry Form

Register online at <https://scotdance.ca/sdccc>

Online entries open: Entries open at 13:00 hrs (1:00 pm) EDT on March 15, 2023.

Please note: Due to the high volume of entries received within the first few hours on opening registration day, we ask for your patience and cooperation during this time. Should you have any questions/concerns, these should be directed to SDCCS2023Reg@gmail.com and not posted on social media.

Late fee: \$30.00 fee applies after 23:59 hrs (11:59 pm) EDT on May 29, 2023.

Online entries close: Entries close at 23:59 hrs (11:59 pm) EDT on June 5, 2023.

You will be asked to provide the following information when registering:

1. Dancer's Name
2. Address
3. City
4. Province/State
5. Country
6. Postal/Zip Code
7. Email address
8. Phone Number
9. Tartan Worn
10. Teacher/Studio Name
11. Age (as of July 3, 2023)
12. Date of Birth
13. Dancer Registration Card #
14. Category: Primary/Beginner/Novice/Intermediate/Restricted Premier/Premier

FEES FOR DANCING EVENTS:

July 3, 2023	Special Event Trophy Fling (Beginner, Novice)	\$15.00
	Special Event Barracks Johnnie (Intermediate)	\$15.00
July 3, 2023	Highland Events (all categories)	\$35.00
July 5, 2023	Nationals Events (all categories)	\$35.00
	Special Event Sailor's Hornpipe (Premier)	\$20.00
July 6, 2023	Pre-Championship (Premier)	\$45.00
	ScotDance Canada Open Championship (Premier)	\$60.00
LATE ENTRY FEE	(if received May 30, 2023 to June 5, 2023)	\$30.00

Official Choreography Entry Form

Register online at <https://scotdance.ca/sdccc>

This entry to be completed by the teacher.

Online entries open: Entries open at 13:00 hrs (1:00 pm) EDT on March 22, 2023.

Late fee: \$30.00 fee applies after 23:59 hrs (11:59 pm) EDT on May 29, 2023.

Online entries close: Entries close at 23:59 hrs (11:59 pm) EDT on June 5, 2023.

Choreography entries will be limited to 24 Small Groups and 14 Large Groups. At the discretion of the Organizing Committee, additional entries may be accepted. See Choreography rules for entry and waitlist procedures.

You will be asked to provide the following information when registering:

1. School Name
2. Instructor (s) Name(s)
3. Title of Dance (for Program)
4. Address
5. City
6. Province/State
7. Country
8. Postal/Zip Code
9. Email address
10. Phone Number
11. Dancers' full names, dates of birth, ages and RSOBHD dancer card numbers must be emailed to sdccc2023Reg@gmail.com within one week of registration. For example, if a teacher submits entry on April 1, then all required information for all dancers must be submitted no later than April 8. Failure to send complete dancer information within one week of registration will result in cancellation of entry.

FEES FOR CHOREOGRAPHY EVENTS:

July 5, 2023	Small Group (3 – 7 dancers)	\$ 75.00
	Large Group (8 or more dancers)	\$150.00
LATE ENTRY FEE (if received May 30, 2023 to June 5, 2023)		\$ 30.00

You will be required to agree with the following waiver to complete all dancer registrations:

SDCCS 2023 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, SDCCS 2023 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 SDCCS 2023.

I am aware that participating in the SDCCS 2023 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 SDCCS 2023, 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 SDCCS 2023 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 SDCCS 2023 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 SDCCS 2023 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 SDCCS 2023 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 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 web-casts. 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 SDCCS 2023 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 of 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*