



24th ANNUAL
CANADA'S CAPITAL CITY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
& OHDA OPEN PRE-PREMIER & PREMIER
HIGHLAND DANCING COMPETITIONS

OCTOBER 4-5, 2025

Hosted by the OHDA - Sanctioned by and run under the rules of the RSOBHD
C-ON-CO-25-2424

ONLINE ENTRY INFORMATION at www.ohda.ca.

On the day of the competitions, if you are feeling unwell, experiencing Covid or Flu-like symptoms, please stay home. These competitions may be cancelled at any time up to and including on or during the day of competitions.

LOCATION: École secondaire catholique Béatrice-Desloges, 1999 Provence Ave, Orléans, ON K4A 3Y6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 - CANADA'S CAPITAL CITY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUDGES: Jennifer Thompson, Delta, BC; Cheryl Kirby, Clearwater, FL; Gaelyn McGregor, Winnipeg, MB

8:15 AM Doors open
8:30 AM **Registration opens.**
Championship age groups*: 7 & under 12 yrs, 12 yrs, 13 yrs, 14 yrs, 15yrs, 16yrs, 17 & under 19yrs, 19 & under 22yrs, 22yrs & over
* Age groups may be combined at the discretion of the Games Committee should numbers warrant

START TIME **Schedule for the day TBD once entries close.** (Please note – should entry numbers warrant, a 9am start for all groups could be possible)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025 - OHDA OPEN HIGHLAND DANCING COMPETITION

JUDGES: Jenifer Thompson, Delta, BC; Cheryl Kirby, Clearwater, FL

7:45 AM Doors open
8:00 AM Registration opens for Intermediate & Premier dancers.
8:30 AM **INTERMEDIATE & PREMIER** – starting with the Intermediate and Premier Special Event Seann Triubhas (followed by the Highland Laddie)

12:30 PM Registration opens for Primary, Beginner & Novice dancers.
1:00 PM **PRIMARY, BEGINNER & NOVICE** – beginning with the Novice Highland Fling

SUMMARY OF SUNDAY EVENTS

Intermediate	Seann Triubhas (3&1), Highland Laddie (4), Irish Jig (3&1), Scottish Lilt (4), Flora (4), * Caitlin Stewart Memorial Trophy for best Intermediate 11 years Irish Jig
Premier	Special Event Seann Triubhas (3&1) – Open to Premier dancers who have never won a championship or pre-championship Irish Jig (3&1), Earl of Errol (4), Lilt (4), Village Maid (4)* *Gwendolyn Mae Ewart Memorial Trophy for Best Village Maid (determined by dance-off of first place finishers in each group)
Primary	Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Pas de Bas (16), Pas de Bas & High Cuts (x4)
Beginner & Novice	Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1), Flora (4)

ENTRY DEADLINE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

Entries submitted after September 25, 2025 **may** be accepted, with a late fee, at the discretion of the Games Committee.
NO mail or phone entries accepted. Email ohda.registrar@gmail.com for further information. **NO REFUNDS.**

FEES	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 th	
Canada's Capital City Open Championships (<i>Premier dancers only</i>) – non-member fee not applicable	\$55.00
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 th	
Primary	\$25.00
Beginner & Novice	\$30.00
Intermediate & Premier	\$35.00
Premier Special Event Seann Triubhas	\$8.00
Non-Member Fee (SUNDAY ONLY) - Fee must be paid if you are <u>not</u> a 2025-26 OHDA member	\$20.00/family
Late Fee (For entries submitted after September 25, 2025)	\$20.00
Admin Cost	\$2.75

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All dancers must present a valid 2025 ScotDance Canada registration card, **or proof that one has been applied for,** at the registration desk on the day of the competition. Any Beginner, Novice or Intermediate dancer that forgets their card, or is not in possession of their card for any reason (including during the application process) must pay a \$10 penalty and have any awards withheld until such time as the dancer presents their valid card.

Please note: We will NOT accept photocopies or photos (or any other proof) of card applications in progress. Dancers/parents are responsible for submitting applications to the SDO Registrar in a timely fashion.

RULES GOVERNING ALL COMPETITIONS

The OHDA will not be responsible for loss of property or injury no matter how caused. The philosophies and applicable rules of the RSOBHD will govern the conduct of all competitions. Dancers must dance in own category and age group. Age is determined as of the day of competition. Judges' decision is final. Swords will be placed for all competitors. All dances will, where appropriate, be scrutineered to 6th place with appropriate dance points as follows:

1st - 137, 2nd - 91, 3rd - 71, 4th - 53, 5th - 37, 6th - 23.

Any dancer who decides not to compete after having registered should notify the Registrar in advance - especially for the championship so the committee has a better idea prior to the event of whether there are enough competitors per age group.

PLEASE NOTE: As per the ScotDance Canada "Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program" policy, dancers will not be permitted to change in public areas, nor will dancers be permitted to be in the competition area only wearing bra tops or sports bras with dickies. Dancers must wear their jackets/vests, hoodies, studio jackets or tank tops over any bra-type top used for dancing whenever they are outside the designated change area. We ask all dancers and parents for their cooperation in this regard and to please use the designated change areas when changing.

Cloth numbers must be returned at the conclusion of the competition, or a \$10 fee will be incurred.

PLEASE NOTE: The OHDA expects that all perpetual trophies will be returned in good condition for the same competition the following year. If a dancer does not return a perpetual trophy awarded in the previous year, any subsequent awards will be withheld until the previous year's trophy is returned to the OHDA. The trophy convenor will contact each trophy winner in advance of next year's competition to remind them to return the award(s).

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES (SATURDAY)

2025 championship steps for each of the Fling, Sword, Seann Triubhas and Reel must be danced. Six (6) competitors are required per age group for the group to qualify as a championship. Groups with fewer than 6 entries will be combined as appropriate in order to allow a championship for the group. **Random draw will determine the order of dancing for each dance, except "First to enter, last to dance" for the Reel.** If required, dancers must fill in for the Reel.

AWARDS FOR CHAMPIONSHIP (SATURDAY)

Medals will be given for 1st-6th placings. Cash awards will be given to any age groups that include dancers 18yrs of age & older. Cash will be given as follows: *1st-\$50, 2nd-\$40, 3rd-\$35, 4th- 30, 5th-\$25, 6th-\$20 for oldest group; 1st-\$45, 2nd-\$35, 3rd-\$30, 4th- 25, 5th-\$20, 6th-\$15 for next oldest group; and 1st-\$40, 2nd-\$30, 3rd-\$25, 4th- 20, 5th-\$15, 6th-\$15 for 3rd and 4th (if necessary) groups.* Perpetual trophies & keeper awards will be awarded to the top 6 dancers for each age

group. Junior Overall Champion Dancer of the Day Award & Senior Overall Champion Dancer of the Day: Awarded to the dancer with the highest aggregate points over the 4 dances.

RULES FOR OPEN COMPETITION (SUNDAY)

Age groups will be formed at the discretion of the Games Committee. Age groups of fewer than 8 will be avoided where possible. Dancers will dance in reverse order of receipt of entries: "First to enter, last to dance". Per RSOBHD rules, beginner dancers will only have their dance cards stamped for 1st, 2nd or 3rd placings in any of the 3 Highland dances (Fling, Sword, Seann Triubhas), but placings in national dances will count towards the overall aggregate award. Special Seann Triubhas Event restricted to any Premier dancer who has never won a championship or pre-championship.

AWARDS FOR OPEN COMPETITION (SUNDAY)

Primary, Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Premier will receive medals for 1st–6th. Cash awards will be given to any age group that includes dancers who are 18yrs of age and older, to a maximum of 4 age groups. Cash awards will be as follows: *1st - \$35, 2nd - \$30, 3rd - \$25, 4th - \$20, 5th - \$15, 6th - \$10*. Dancers receiving cash awards may purchase medals, commensurate with their placing(s), at the cost of \$5.00 each. Medals will be given for the Premier Special Seann Triubhas event.

Trophies: Keeper trophies will be awarded to the aggregate winner & 1st runner up in each Beginner, Novice & Intermediate age group, and an overall perpetual trophy and keeper will be awarded in each category to the dancer with the highest total points over all dances. No trophy for Primary.

A perpetual trophy and keeper will be awarded to the aggregate winner in each Premier age group (*excluding Special Seann Triubhas*), and a keeper to the runner up, based on the highest total points over all dances.

An overall perpetual trophy and keeper for **Junior Dancer of the Day** and **Senior Dancer of the Day** and, if entries warrant, **Platinum Dancer of the Day** will be awarded to the Premier dancers with the highest total points over all events (excluding the Special Seann Triubhas) and all respective Premier age groups.

Caitlin Stewart Memorial Trophy & Keeper: Awarded to an Intermediate dancer (11 years old) for best Irish Jig. If no 11-year-olds compete in this event, the winner will be determined by the dancer with the highest points in the Irish Jig in that age group.

Special Seann Triubhas: Keeper trophy awarded to winner in each age group.

Gwendolyn Mae Ewart Memorial Trophy (Perpetual & Keeper): Awarded to a Premier dancer for the best Village Maid (determined by a dance-off).

If a dancer does not return a perpetual trophy awarded in the previous year, any subsequent awards will be withheld until the previous year's trophy is returned to the OHDA.

As per RSOBHD rules, age groups must have a minimum of 6 competitors on the day of competition in order to be eligible for an overall perpetual trophy. As per SROBHD rules, if there are less than six competitors in any individual dance then points gained in that dance should not be included in the total aggregate points for the Overall Trophy or Award. In the case there are less than 6 dancers in a group, a 'dance off' will be held to determine an overall award. In this case, all eligible competitors may compete regardless of the number of competitors within their individual group.