



## OTTAWA HIGHLAND DANCING ASSOCIATION OPEN PREMIERSHIPS & PRE-PREMIER COMPETITION

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

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*Hosted by the Ottawa Highland Dancing Association – Sanctioned by and run under the rules of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing – Premiership recognized by ScotDance Canada*

### COMPETITION INFORMATION

Online entry form links are available at [www.ohda.ca](http://www.ohda.ca)

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

**JUDGES:** Ross Armour, Corby, England; Ann Landry, Grand Digue, NB; Fiona Lee, Port Coquitlam, BC

**TIMES:** **7:15 am** Doors open  
**7:30 am** Morning registration opens  
**8:00 am** Pre-Premier competition start time.  
 Competition to start with the ***Hornpipe for Intermediate dancers***, followed by the ***Highland Fling for Novice, Beginner and Primary***.

**11:30 am** Registration for Ottawa Open Premiership  
 Competition to start with the ***Lilt (not before 12:00pm)***

SUMMARY OF EVENTS	
<b>Primary</b>	Highland Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Pas de Bas (16), Pas de Bas & High Cuts (x4)
<b>Beginner &amp; Novice</b>	Highland Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Scottish Lilt (4), Flora (4)
<b>Intermediate</b>	Sailor's Hornpipe (4), Barracks Johnny (4), Scottish Lilt (4), Flora (4),
<b>Premier</b>	<i>Ottawa Open Premierships – 2026 set steps must be danced for the following dances:</i> Lilt (4), Blue Bonnets (4), Earl of Errol (4), Sailor's Hornpipe (4) for Premier 7 & under 12 years; Sailor's Hornpipe (5) for Premier 12 years & over

### ENTRY DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

Entries submitted after February 2, 2026 **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](mailto:ohda.registrar@gmail.com) for further information. **NO REFUNDS OR CREDITS.**

DANCE FEES (Fees include \$1.00 SDCCS fee)	
Primary	\$25.00
Beginner & Novice	\$30.00
Intermediate	\$35.00
Ottawa Open Premierships ( <i>Open to Premier dancers only</i> )	\$55.00
Admin Cost	\$3.25
<b>NON-MEMBER FEE</b> (one fee per family)*	\$20.00
*This fee must be paid if you are <b>not</b> a <b>2025-2026</b> OHDA member. <b>PREMIER DANCERS:</b> A non-member fee is <b>not</b> required for the Premiership. To become a member, please visit <a href="https://ohda.ca/ohda-membership/">https://ohda.ca/ohda-membership/</a> BEFORE registering.	
<b>LATE FEE</b> (For entries submitted after February 2, 2026)	\$20.00

### GENERAL RULES

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. Steps as indicated by numbers in brackets outlined above. Age is determined as of the day of competition.

**Judges' decision is final.** All dances will, where appropriate, be scrutineered and prizes awarded to 6<sup>th</sup> place with appropriate dance points as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> - 137, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 91, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 71, 4<sup>th</sup> - 53, 5<sup>th</sup> -37, 6<sup>th</sup> -23.

**All dancers must present a valid 2026 ScotDance Canada registration card, or proof that one has been applied for, on the day of the competition.** Any dancer without a card must pay a \$10 penalty and have any awards won withheld until such time as the dancer can present their valid card. Any dancer who decides not to compete after having registered should notify the Registrar in advance, particularly for the premiership. OHDA reserves the right to limit entries.

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

**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 of dancers for their cooperation in this regard and to please use the designated change areas when changing.

### **PRE-PREMIER COMPETITION RULES AND AWARDS**

Competitors will dance in reverse order of receipt of entries: "First to enter, last to dance". As per RSOBHD rules, Beginner dancers will only have their dance cards stamped for 1st, 2nd or 3rd placings in any of the 4 Highland dances; but placings in national dances will count towards the overall aggregate award. Age groups will be formed at the discretion of the Games Committee. Age groups of fewer than 8 will be avoided where possible. Swords will be placed for all competitors. Primary, Beginner, Novice & Intermediate will receive medals for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Keeper trophies will be awarded for all categories to the winner & runner-up in each Beginner, Novice and 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 events. No trophy for Primary.

*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 RSOBHD rules, if there are fewer than 6 competitors in any individual dance then points gained in that dance will not be included in the total aggregate points for the overall perpetual trophy. If it has been decided to hold a "dance off" for an overall award, then all eligible competitors may compete regardless of the number of competitors within their individual group*

### **PREMIERSHIP RULES AND AWARDS**

2026 RSOBHD Premiership steps (outlined in the attached document for the following age groups: 7 years and under 12; 12 years and under 16; 16 years and over) must be danced. Age groups will be formed at the discretion of the Games Committee. Six (6) competitors are required per age group to qualify for the premiership title. Random draw will determine the order of dancing for each dance, except "First to enter, last to dance" for final dance (Hornpipe). Medals from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> will be given for all age groups, except those that include dancers 18yrs & older. 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. Premiership awards to include perpetual trophies and keeper awards to 6<sup>th</sup> place. *Junior Premiership Dancer of the Day* and *Senior Premiership Dancer of the Day*: Awarded to the dancers with the highest aggregate points over the 4 premiership dances. *The Ron Nash Hearts of Oak Perpetual Trophy*: Awarded to the Premier dancer for the best Hornpipe (determined by a dance-off of first place winners of the Hornpipe).

**PLEASE NOTE: If you won a perpetual trophy at the February 22, 2025 Premierships or Pre-Premier Competition, we ask that you please contact our Trophy Convenor, Patricia O'Connell at [ohdatrophyconvenor@gmail.com](mailto:ohdatrophyconvenor@gmail.com), as soon as possible, to let her know you will bring it with you to the February 21<sup>st</sup> competition or, if not attending, confirm your arrangements for the trophy to arrive ahead of February 21/22 weekend.**

**The OHDA expects that all perpetual trophies will be returned in good condition, ready to pass on to the next recipient.**

***Please see the other information sheet for details regarding the February 22<sup>nd</sup> Choreography competition.***