



Caitlin Stewart Memorial Competition

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

C-ON-CO-26-2603

Hosted by the Ottawa Highland Dancing Association – Sanctioned by, and run under, the rules of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.

Online registration is available at www.ohda.ca

On the day of the competition, if you are feeling unwell, experiencing ANY flu-like symptoms, please stay home. This competition may be cancelled at any time up to and including on or during the day of competition. **Maximum 125 dancers.**

LOCATION: Please note the change of venue for this year as our usual spot is under renovations!!

Outdoors at the Murray Yantha Community Centre - 2473 Russett Drive, Arnprior, ON, K7S 3G8

***should weather not allow for an outdoor event, the competition will be held inside the community centre.*

JUDGE: Janet MacCalman, Burlington, ON

TIMES:

- 8:00AM** Registration for Primary, Beginner and Novice
- 8:30AM** Competition to start with Novice Fling *(followed by Beginner & Primary Flings)*
- 10:45AM** Registration for 'Caitlin's Jig' Choreographed Duet* *(Intermediate and Premier dancers only)*
**The duets will take place before the morning awards*
- 12:15PM** Registration for Intermediate and Premier for the afternoon competition
Afternoon competition to begin with the Jig

ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, August 10, 2026

Entries submitted online after August 10th 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 OR CREDITS.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS	
Primary	Highland Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Pas de Bas (16), Pas de Bas & High Cuts (x4)
Beginner and Novice	Highland Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1), Lilt (4)
Caitlin's Jig (special choreographed duet)	Special choreographed duet . Event is limited to <u>Intermediate and Premier dancers only</u> . <i>Only 1 dancer needs to register the duet.</i>
Intermediate	Jig (3&1), Lilt (4), Flora (4), Hornpipe (4)
Premier	Jig (3&1), Blue Bonnets (4), Village Maid (4), Hornpipe (4)

DANCE FEES <i>(Fees include SDCCS \$1 fee per dancer)</i>	
Primary	\$25.00
Beginner & Novice	\$30.00
Intermediate & Premier	\$35.00
Caitlin's Jig <i>(Special Choreography Event for Intermediate & Premier dancers only)</i>	\$10.00 per entry
Day Fee (Murray Yantha Community Centre - park rental - one per family)	\$10.00
Admin Fee	\$3.25
Late fee (for entries received past August 10th)	\$20.00

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

All dancers must present a valid 2026 ScotDance Canada registration card, or proof that one has been applied for, at the registration desk on the day of the competition. Any dancer without 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.

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. Age is determined as of the day of competition. **Judges' decision is final.** Dancers must dance in own category and age group. Steps as indicated by numbers in brackets outlined above. Age groups will be formed at the discretion of the Games Committee, based on entries received. Competitors will dance in reverse order of receipt of entries: "First to enter, last to dance". Swords will be placed for all competitors. OHDA reserves the right to limit dancers.

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 (choreography excluded). 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.

CAITLIN'S JIG (SPECIAL CHOREOGRAPHY EVENT)

The special choreography duet 'Caitlin's Jig' is open to Intermediate and Premier dancers only. Groups will be determined depending on the number of entries, and by the average age of the pairing. Caitlin's Jig will be judged as a Special Event Choreography, and therefore, is not eligible to be included in the trophy calculations. **Any dancers who would like to register for this event must also be registering for the regular competition. Only 1 dancer, from each duet, need register their submission.**

Creativity is encouraged! Dancers must incorporate the 4 setting steps into their choreographed number. Tutorials on these steps can be found online [here](#). **Dancers will need to also include 32 counts of their own choreography into their submission.** Dancers and teachers have creative freedom with music, theme and costumes, with the understanding that these selections should be age appropriate. The overall feel of the dance should be Celtic in nature and follow existing RSOBHD regulations regarding choreography. Ghillies are fine; jig shoes are not mandatory but can be worn if desired.

Choreographed numbers cannot exceed 3 minutes in length (timing will begin at the first choreographed movement, and end at the last choreographed movement. Music may continue to play past the 3-minute mark only if it is to allow the dancers to exit the stage (cannot include choreographed movements).

Dancers must submit an MP3 of their music via email to OHDA.Choreography.Music@gmail.com by Sunday, August 16th, 2026.

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 not dancing. We ask all dancers and parents of dancers for their cooperation in this regard.

AWARDS

All dances will, where appropriate, be scrutineered and prizes awarded to a maximum of 6 places with appropriate dance points as follows: 1st- 137, 2nd- 91, 3rd-71, 4th-53, 5th- 37, 6th-23. All categories will receive medals for 1st-6th place. 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* - \$15. Dancers receiving cash awards may purchase medals, commensurate with their placing(s), at the cost of \$5.00 each.

Caitlin's Jig is a special choreographed duet that will be excluded from trophy placings. A special keeper award will be awarded to the winners of each group within this special choreographed event.

Trophies: Keeper trophies will be awarded to the winner and 1st runner up for Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Premier, with an overall perpetual trophy and keeper being awarded in each category to the dancer with the highest total points over all events. There is no trophy for Primary. A keeper & perpetual trophy will be awarded to the **Most Promising Dancer** in each of the Beginner, Novice and Intermediate categories. The recipients of these awards are chosen by judge's discretion and not based on accumulated dance points.

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 award will go to the dancer with the highest points in the Irish Jig, determined within the age group where an 11yr old dancer would have competed. **Please note this has been moved from our October Event.**

An overall perpetual trophy and keeper for **Junior Dancer of the Day**, **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 and all respective Premier age groups. 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.

Dancers who do not return a perpetual trophy in time for the event may be required to cover any financial costs associated with shipping the item to the new recipient.

The Caitlin Stewart Memorial Competition & OHDA expect that all perpetual trophies will be returned in good condition, ready to pass on to the next recipient.