



25th ANNUAL
CANADA'S CAPITAL CITY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
& OHDA FALL OPEN PRE-PRIMER & PRIMER
HIGHLAND DANCING COMPETITIONS

OCTOBER 24-25, 2026

Hosted by the OHDA - Sanctioned by and run under the rules of the RSOBHD
C-ON-CO-26-2623

ONLINE ENTRY INFORMATION at www.ohda.ca.

On the day of the competitions, if you are feeling unwell, experiencing respiratory 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: St. Pius X High School, 1481 Fisher Ave, Ottawa, ON K2C 1X4

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 - CANADA'S CAPITAL CITY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
JUDGES: Carolyn Spears, Halifax, NS; Kristin Stolarz, Edmonton, AB; Karen Chevalier, Cottam, ON

8:45 AM Doors open
9:00 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 9:30am start for all groups could be possible, rather than a split day.) ***Event to take place in the cafeteria.***

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026 - OHDA OPEN FALL COMPETITION
JUDGES: Carolyn Spears, Halifax, NS; Kristin Stolarz, Edmonton, AB; Karen Chevalier, Cottam, ON

8:15 AM Doors open
8:30 AM Registration opens for Intermediate & Premier dancers.
9:00 AM **INTERMEDIATE & PREMIER** – starting with Premier Special Event Seann Triubhas (followed by the Intermediate Barracks). ***Event to take place in the gym. Signage will be posted.***

12:30 PM Registration opens for Primary, Beginner & Novice dancers.
1:00 PM **PRIMARY, BEGINNER & NOVICE** – beginning with the Novice Highland Fling
Event to take place in the gym. Signage will be posted.

SUMMARY OF SUNDAY EVENTS

Intermediate	Barracks (4), Highland Laddie (4), Scottish Lilt (4), Flora (4)
Premier	Special Event Seann Triubhas (3&1) – Open to Premier dancers who have never won a championship or pre-championship
	Blue Bonnets (4), Lilt (4), Flora (4), Village Maid (4)* *Gwendolyn Mae Ewart Memorial Trophy for Best Village Maid (determined by a dance-off among the first-place finisher in each age group for the Village Maid.)
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: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

Entries submitted after October 9th **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 24 th	
Canada's Capital City Open Championships (<i>Premier dancers only</i>) – non-member fee not applicable	\$55.00
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 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 2026-27 OHDA member	\$20.00/family
Late Fee (For entries submitted after October 9, 2026)	\$20.00
Admin Cost	\$3.25

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All dancers must present a valid 2026 ScotDance Canada registration card 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 may have any awards earned, withheld until such time as the dancer presents their valid card. **Please note: We will NOT accept photocopies or photos of card applications in progress without the accompaniment of an SDO Registrar confirmation. 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. In the case of a 2-day event, & the competition number is the same for both days, a dancer's age is determined as of the 1st day of that event. 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 championships so the committee has a better idea prior to the event of whether there are enough competitors per age group.

PLEASE NOTE: Dancers are not 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).

RULES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (SATURDAY)

2026 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 CHAMPIONSHIPS (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 total 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 placings. 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.

Overall Trophies: Overall trophies for **Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Premier Dancer of the Day (Jr, Sr, and - if entries warrant- Platinum)** are awarded to the dancers with the highest total points across all dances and all age classes within their respective competitive categories. *In accordance with RSOBHD rules, only dances and age classes with six or more competitors are automatically eligible for these awards. If any dance or age class has fewer than six competitors, a dance-off will be held among the trophy winners in that competitive category to determine the overall winner.*

The Junior Dancer of the Day, Senior Dancer of the Day, and, if applicable, Platinum Dancer of the Day perpetual and keeper trophies will be determined using the criteria outlined above. However, the Premier Special Seann Triubhas will be excluded from the point calculations for these awards.

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.