

BC Highland Dancing Association

2023-2024 Winter Competition Series

Welcome to BCHDAs 2023-2024 Competition Season. We are looking forward to another great year of dancing, friendships, accomplishments and fun.

All Competitions will be held at Riverside Community Church, 2329 Fremont Connector, Port Coquitlam, BC

Online Registration opens **Wed Sep 20, 2023 at 8:00pm**

	October 14, 2023 C-BC-CO 231023	January 13, 2024	March 2, 2024
Primary	Pas de Basques Pas de Basques & Highcuts Fling (4) Sword (2+1)	Pas de Basques Pas de Basques & Highcuts Fling (4) Sword (2+1)	Pas de Basques Pas de Basques & Highcuts Fling (4) Sword (2+1)
Beginner	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Lilt (4) Flora (4) Trophy Fling (4)	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Strathspey & Highland Reel Lilt (4)	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Strathspey & Highland Reel Flora (4)
Novice	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Lilt (4) Flora (4)	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Strathspey & Highland Reel Lilt (4)	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Strathspey & Highland Reel Flora (4)
Intermediate ** see note below **	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Strathspey & Highland Reel (2+2) Jig (4)	Fling (4) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Strathspey & ½ Tulloch Barracks Johnny (4) Hornpipe (4)	Fling (6) Sword (3+1) Seann Triubhas (4+2) Full Tulloch (8) Hornpipe (5)
Premier ** see note below **	Fling (4) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Strathspey & ½ Tulloch Highland Laddie (4) Jig (4)	Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Full Tulloch (8) Earl of Errol (4) Lilt (4)	Fling (6) Sword (3+1) Seann Triubhas (4+2) Full Tulloch (8) Hornpipe (5)
Choreography	Pre-Premier solo Premier solo		Small Group (3 – 6) dancers
<i>Entries Close</i>	<i>Oct 6, 2023</i>	<i>Jan 5, 2024</i>	<i>Feb 23, 2024</i>

** Intermediate dancers aged 11 & under will dance short steps in the March competition (exception will be Full Tulloch)

** Premier dancers aged 11 & under will dance short steps in the March competition (exception will be Full Tulloch)

Awards

Primary dancers will be awarded medals. Pre-Premier dancers, and Premier dancers under 16 will be awarded medals and aggregate prizes. Premier dancers 16+ will receive cash prizes and overall aggregate prizes. Choreography dancers will receive medals.

Choreography

- Choreographies are open to registered RSOBHD dancers. All dancers must be BCHDA members.
- Group Choreographies consist of 3 or more dancers.
- All choreographies: dance must be Celtic in theme, using movements from Highland and National dances, Jig, or Hornpipe with allowances for individual interpretation & variation. A limited influence from other dance forms such as Jazz, Tap, Ballet or step dances may be incorporated. The costume must follow the theme & content of the dance.
- No stamps will be awarded & Choreographies do not count toward the aggregate trophies.
- Music is to be submitted electronically to competition secretary (bchda.competitionsecretary@gmail.com) one week prior to competition. Dancers should bring backup on a mobile device. The maximum time limits are 2 minutes for solos and 3 minutes for Groups.

*Note: Rules for choreography are per RSOBHD

Fees

BCHDA Membership \$55.00/family
Teacher Membership \$20.00
In Lieu of Volunteering \$100/family

SDCCS Fees \$1/competition/dancer
SDBC Fee \$1/competition/dancer

	Season Package Fee	Cost Per Dance Without Season Package
Primary	\$60.00	\$7.00
Beginner/Novice/Intermediate	\$80.00	\$8.00
Premier	\$100.00	\$9.00
Solo Choreography		\$10.00
Group Choreography		\$25.00

Volunteer Commitment

- BCHDA is a Volunteer Run organization. Each competition requires a significant number of volunteers and we need the help of every member.
- BCHDA Members are required to volunteer 3 hours per family at our BCHDA Winter Competitions and their assistance at the other BCHDA hosted competitions is appreciated.
- It is the members responsibility to fulfill their commitment. Anyone 16 & over can complete the volunteer commitment for the member. Volunteers must Acknowledge the [SDC Child Abuse Protection Program](#)
- If you are unable to volunteer, and do not wish to be contacted, please pay the \$100 fee In Lieu of Volunteering at our Winter Series.

Competition Rules and Regulations

1. All dancing events are governed by the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD) and ScotDance Canada.
2. This event may be cancelled at any time up to, and including on or during the date of competition, dependent upon public health concerns.
3. The decision of the judge(s) is final.
4. Protests must be made in writing, signed and submitted to the Organiser by the end of the competition day and must be accompanied by a \$35.00 fee, refundable, if sustained.
5. Dancers will compete in inverse order of entry. First to enter is last to dance.
6. Age is as of 12.01am on competition date.
7. Dancers must be registered with the RSOBHD or RSOBHD subsidiary body (such as ScotDance Canada) in order to compete. All competitors must present current RSOBHD registration card prior to receiving awards.
8. The Organiser reserves the right to combine or split classes.
9. No category changes will be accepted on the day of competition. Please email any category changes ONE week before the event. bchda.competitionsecretary@gmail.com
10. Competitors must be on hand when their event is called or forfeit entry in that dance.
11. All competitors must remain in costume for award presentations.
12. Dancers must be dressed appropriately at all times.
13. Entry fee must accompany entry.
14. Late entries will NOT be accepted.
15. Premier Dancers: PLEASE NOTE you must be a BCHDA Member, register for the BCHDA Winter Competition Series and dance in 2 or more of the BCHDA Winter Competitions to be eligible for BC Rep travel funds. In order to qualify for these funds dancers must dance at SDCCS.
16. Refunds are at discretion of Organiser policy.
17. Dancers and parents must respect the ScotDance Canada Risk Management Guidelines, local, Provincial and Federal health authority directives, and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.

Health Guidelines

This event is being held in compliance with all provincial health and safety orders in effect at the time of the entry being posted, as well as facility requirements for Covid-19. Our goal is to provide a safe, calm, inclusive and positive environment for all participants. We appreciate unexpected situations could arise on the day that may require action that is meant to protect our dancers, judges, volunteers and other participants.

1. Public Health requirements will be continuously evaluated, and participants will be informed of any Covid-19 protocols prior to the event through social media and email.
2. For all participants attending our sanctioned events, generally, there will be 4 guidelines we encourage participants to follow in the absence of any local, provincial or national government health orders:
 - wearing a mask for your own protection and of others
 - maintain physical distancing wherever possible
 - sanitizing hands often
 - staying home if you feel sick
3. Upon registering for this event and immediately prior to the event, you agree to the requirements and recommendations of any National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities as well as any requirements from Riverside Community Church which may be in effect at the time of the event, as it pertains to the Covid-19 Coronavirus and to adopt all necessary measures to those effects.
4. Participants are required to agree to the Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Participation in a ScotDance Canada Sanctioned Event including Covid-19/other contagions of concern as identified by the World Health Organization/local/provincial/federal government authorities at the time of registration.

Waivers & Policies

- [SDC Waiver for BCHDA Winter Competition](#)
- SDC Risk ScotDance Canada's Risk Management policies (Data Protection, Privacy, Gender Inclusive, Child Protection and Anti-Harrassment/Anti-Bullying)
<https://scotdance.ca/about/>
- [RSOBHD Code of Ethics](#)