

BC Open Championship, West Coast Open Premiership, BC Open Competition

2 April 2022

This event is being held in compliance with all Provincial health and safety orders and facility requirements for Covid-19.

Current Provincial Health and Safety Orders mandate wearing a mask inside. All dancers over 21 and audience members 12 & over must show a BC Vaccine Card (or equivalent) to enter.

On the day of the competition, if you or any household family member has symptoms, has been diagnosed as having Covid-19 please stay home. Do not attend if you are feeling unwell, experiencing COVID-like symptoms, or if you have been asked by Public Health to self-isolate. You may contact the Competition Secretary by email to advise of your situation: bchda.competitionsecretary@gmail.com

Our goal is to allow our dancers to compete in a safe, calm, inclusive and positive environment. We appreciate unexpected situations that may arise on the day that may require action that is meant to protect our dancers, judges, volunteers and other participants. Please be respectful of all requests or you will be escorted from the facility.

We will be staggering our classes to decrease lineups at the entrance door and to decrease the number of dancers in the changing room at any one time, and will have two separate rooms in the venue.

Main Auditorium	Multipurpose Room
Championship Classes 7 & Under 10, 10, 11 Championship Classes 12, 13, 14, 15	Primary Beginner & Novice Dances
Championship Classes 16 & Under 18, 18 & Under 21, 21 & Over	Intermediate & Event C Premier Dances
Premiership 16 & Under 18, 18 & Under 21, 21 & Over	Premiership 7 & Under 10, 10 & Under 12, 12 & Under 14, 14 & Under 16

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Riverside Community Church

2329 Fremont Connector, Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 0M3

PRE-PREMIER EVENTS					
PRIMARY	Pas des Bas	Pas des Bas & Highcuts	Fling (4)	Sword (2&1)	
BEGINNER	Fling (4)	Sword (2&1)	Highland Reel (2&2)**	Lilt	Flora
NOVICE	Fling (4)	Sword (2&1)	Highland Reel (2&2)**	Lilt	Flora
INTERMEDIATE	Fling (4)	Seann Truibhas (3&1)	Highland Reel (2&2)**	Johnny (4)	Jig (4)
PREMIER EVENTS					
EVENT A	BC Open Championship Categories 7 & Under 10, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 & Under 18, 18 & Under 21, 21 Years and Over				
EVENT B	West Coast Open Premiership Categories 7 & Under 10, 10 & Under 12, 12 & Under 14, 14 & Under 16, 16 & Under 18, 18 & Under 21, 21 Years and Over				
EVENT C	Fling (4)	Seann Truibhas (3&1)	Highland Reel (2&2)**	Johnny (4)	Jig (4)

** If the "No Reels" rule is still in effect, the reels will be substituted with the following:

Beginner/Novice: Seann Truibhas (3 & 1)

Intermediate & Event C Premier: Laddie (4)

NOTE: Premier Dancers may choose to dance in Event A and/or Event B **OR** Event C. **If Premier Dancers choose to dance in Event C, they may not dance in either Event A or Event B.**

Event A: 2022 RSOBHD Championship steps must be danced.

Event B: 2022 Scottish National Premiership Dance steps must be danced.

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“SOAR TO SCOTLAND” THE ANGUS MACKENZIE GRANT

Champion and 1st Runner-Up from each class in the BC Open Championships (Event A) will have their name automatically entered into a draw for the Grant.

- An amount totaling no more than \$1,500 CAD will be presented to one (1) dancer whose name is drawn from the pool for airfare to Scotland and entry fees to the World Highland Dance Championships.
- The awarded dancer will have two (2) years from the date of drawing to submit their airfare receipt and entry confirmation, at which time BCHDA will reimburse these costs to a maximum of \$1,500 CAD.
- There is no restriction on travel dates, however the trip must be inclusive of the Cowal Highland Gathering for the year in which they enter.
- No dancer substitutions permitted.

AWARD INFORMATION

Premier Event A & B:

- Overall awards 1st to 6th place in each class
- Medals 1st to 6th place in 15 years and under classes
- Cash awards 1st to 6th in 16 years & Over class

Premier Event C & Pre-Premier

- Medal awards in all categories and classes.
- Overall trophy aggregate for all categories except Primary

FEES

Admission	\$5	Program	\$5
Primary dances			\$7.00/dance
Beginner, Novice, Intermediate dances			\$8.00/dance
Event A: Championship			\$50/dancer
Event B: Premiership			\$50/dancer
SPECIAL Event A & B			\$90/dancer
Event C: Premier Dances			\$10.00/dance
SDCCS fee			\$1.00/dancer
SDBC fee			\$1.00/dancer

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Rules for ScotDance Canada Sanctioned Competitions

ADVISORY FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The doctors who consult with SDC's Risk Management Committee have reviewed the current situation with the Covid Omicron variant as it pertains to dancing Reels at the present time, wearing of masks and music played at our sanctioned events. Please see below notations from the doctors and the three items COs will be required to follow:

- The Omicron variant is NOT the same virus as Delta so we need to be more cautious with how competitions are conducted at this time.
- There is much greater transmissibility with the Omicron variant.
- It is likely the Omicron wave will last into March. There may be more of the population vaccinated by that time, so best to review Reels early March.
- Concern around the waning of those vaccinated which includes the age 12+ population (breakthrough cases and asymptomatic cases)
- The population under age 12 with partial protection and the un-boosted up to age 18 have been considered in the doctors' review.
- Vaccinations don't necessarily prevent Covid infection, but would prevent more severe disease, so whatever we can do to limit the spread at events is key.

At the time of posting this BC Open Championship event entry form, Reels are not being included in sanctioned events in accordance with the Risk Management Committee for ScotDance Canada. This will be reviewed in March. The Strathspey and Highland Reel may be included on the day of the BC Open Championship event should the Risk Management Committee and consulting doctors deem it safe to proceed with this dance at that time.

The RSOBHD has confirmed that it is the oversight of the Affiliate countries to implement their own health and safety protocols and are permitting 3-dance Championships accordingly (Fling/Sword/ST)

Recommendation at this time is that dancers wear masks while competing. PHAC recommendations:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/about-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html#a8>

Prior to entry:

- If you are feeling unwell, are experiencing COVID-like symptoms, or if you have been asked by Public Health to self-isolate, do not attend the competition.

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- If crowd size capacity exceeds Health and Safety rules, only one parent/guardian is permitted in the facility with their dancer(s).
- Dancers are to arrive in costume prepared to dance in your first costume, hair done and make-up applied.
There will be limited space available for costume changes. Only 1 parent or guardian allowed in the change space with each dancer.
- Please bring safety pins to affix numbers to dance costumes.
- No personal foam mats will be allowed within the facility; please leave unnecessary items in your car.

As you enter/during the competition:

- To enter the facility, each person must:
 - Scan a QR code: note that you do not need to download anything ahead of time, but DO need to have a smartphone ready to scan the code before entry. This scan will take the attendee to a webpage to “sign in” and acts as a contact tracing measure.
 - If you do not have access to a cell phone, you must complete a verbal declaration of good health.
 - Show your BC Vaccine Card, or equivalent, as required by provincial health orders.
- In compliance with the Provincial Government mandate, masks will be worn inside the facility. Please bring your own mask!
- Dancers may choose to remove their mask prior to going on stage; a bag will be provided for each dancer’s mask while they are dancing.
- Physical distancing is strongly encouraged at all times while within the facility.
- Washroom facilities will have limited occupancy depending on the number of cubicles while maintaining physical distancing requirements, which is a requirement of the facility. Please limit use as much as is possible.
- If crowd size capacity restrictions are in place, in order to facilitate the unique situation faced when organizing this event, dancers will be called to the marshalling (line-up) area in small groups almost immediately prior to competing. Dancers who do not arrive when called may forfeit their opportunity to compete for that event.

Exiting the competition:

- Results will be announced following the completion of the morning and afternoon sections, and awards will be given out as competitors exit the facility.
- All competitors and their guardians are required to leave the facility once their awards are completed.

- o An exception is for a guardian who is volunteering; once their duties have been completed they must exit.
- If you test positive for Covid following the event, you must contact the Competition Secretary.

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. Online entries open on Tuesday February 15, 2022 at 7pm Pacific. Entries close March 17, 2022 at midnight. Late Entries close March 27, 2022 at Midnight, \$5 late entry fee applies.
6. Entry fee must accompany entry.
7. No refunds.
8. All classes to be split at close of the entries. Age is determined as the day of competition.
9. BCHDA reserves the right to combine or split classes. Category changes submitted to bchda.competitionsecretary@gmail.com by March 28, 2022.
10. All competitors must present their current RSOBHD registration card prior to receiving awards. Admin fee collected for forgotten cards.
11. Competitors must be on hand when their event is called or forfeit entry in that dance.
12. All competitors must remain in costume for award presentations.
13. Dancers must arrive at the facility prepared to compete in their first costume. There are limited change areas available during costume change breaks for dancers to use to change. Please no LARGE costume bags as space is limited.
14. Dancers must be dressed appropriately at all times.
15. Dancers and parents must respect the ScotDance Canada Risk Management Guidelines, local health authority directives, and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.

Waivers

- SDC Waiver
- SDC Covid-19 Waiver (Updated Jan 2022)

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- SDC Volunteer Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program Acknowledgement

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