



Alberta Open Championship and Open Pre-Championship

Saturday, February 21, 2026

C-AB –CO-26-1025

**Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex
9615-153 Avenue, Edmonton**

*Championships are sanctioned by the
Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing*

30th Annual Festival of Dance

Highland Competition

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**Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex
9615-153 Avenue, Edmonton**

National Competition

Sunday, February 22, 2026

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**Wagner Composite High School
6310 Wagner Road, Edmonton**

*** Pre-Premiers can earn stamps on both days*

Judges:

Jacqueline Aird, Scotland

Cheryl Kirby, USA

Ann Milne, Ont

Erin Mansfield, Ont

Carey Hyndman, SK

((February 21st only))

Pipers:

Alastair Lee, BC

Meghann Wendall, Alberta

Acceptance Date

On-line entries only

Entries open December 15, 2025 7:00 PM MST

Closing Date

Entries close February 6, 2026 11:59 PM MDT

Absolutely no late entries will be accepted.

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Championship Rules & Regulations

1. Alberta Open Championships are sanctioned and conducted under the rules of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.
2. Entries will only be accepted online. Online entry receipt serves as official confirmation of entry.
3. The order to dance will be random draw for the Fling, Sword, and Sean Triubhas. The order for the Reel will be first to enter, last to dance.
4. Age as of February 21, 2026.
5. Cash awards will be presented as follows: Champion- \$100; 1st RU- \$80; 2nd RU- \$60; 3rd RU- \$50; 4th RU- \$40; 5th RU- \$30.
5. Dancers must perform the 2026 Championship steps.
6. Additional adjudicators may be added at the discretion of the Organizing Committee, without any advance public notice.
7. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to combine, split or delete/cancel classes according to the entries received.
8. Pre-Championship entry is restricted to Premier dancers who have not previously won a Pre-Championship or Championship.
9. All fees are non-refundable

Competition Rules and Regulations

1. Competition will be governed by the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.
2. Age as of February 21, 2026, for Highland Competition. Age as of February 22, 2026, National Competition.
3. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to combine, split or delete/cancel classes according to the entries received.
4. Entries will only be accepted online. Online entry receipt serves as official confirmation of entry.
5. All competitors must present their 2026 RSOBHD Dancer Registration cards to pick up their numbers and to receive awards. All competitors must remain in costume for all award presentations.
6. Prize Money will be awarded to Premier dancers 16 Years & older on February 22nd (Open National Competition) only – 1st - \$50; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$30; 4th - \$30; 5th, 6th - \$20.
7. All status changes must be reported no later than 6 days prior to the competition. Please send status changes to rmmckinnon2@gmail.com
8. The judge's decision is final. Any protests must be in writing, signed and handed to the Organizing Committee before the end of the championship or competition day, accompanied by a fee of \$35.00 that will be refunded if the protest is sustained.
9. Additional adjudicators may be added at the discretion of the Organizing Committee, without any advance public notice.
10. All fees are non-refundable.

Choreography Rules and Regulations

1. Pre-Premier and Premier dancers may enter the choreography event.
2. Average age determined based on the age of dancer on February 22, 2026.
3. Choreography: Must be Scottish or Celtic in appearance and theme including costume and music.
4. Time limits: 3 minutes group dances.
5. All dancers must email their music in an MP3 or MP4 format to rmmckinnon2@gmail.com by February 6, 2026.
6. All dancers must present their 2026 RSOBHD Dancer Registration cards at registration.

Alberta Open Championship/Pre-Championship and Highland Competition

Saturday, February 21, 2026 9:00 AM start time

Championship	Primary	Beginner/Novice
7 & under 10 years	Fling (4)	Fling (4)
10 & under 12 years	Sword (2&1)	Sword (2&1)
12 & under 14 years	Pas de Basque	Seann Triubhas (3&1)
14 & under 16 years	PDB & High cuts	1/2 Tulloch

**Saturday, February 21, 2026
30 minutes after conclusion of morning results**

Championship	Pre-Championship*	Intermediate
16 & under 18 years	Fling (4)	Fling (4)
18 & under 21 years	Sword (2&1)	Sword (2&1)
21 years & over	Seann Triubhas (3&1)	Seann Triubhas (3&1)
	Strathspey & 1/2 Tulloch	1/2 Tulloch

Championship—Fling, Sword, Seann Triubhas, Reel—2026 Steps

***NOTE:** Dancers may NOT enter both the Championship and the Pre-Championship

National Competition

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Intermediate	Premier 7 & U12	Premier 12 & over
Fling (4)	Scottish Lilt (4)	Scottish Lilt (4)
Sword (2&1)	Flora McDonald (4)	Flora McDonald (4)
Seann Triubhas (3&1)	Blue Bonnets (4)	Blue Bonnets (4)
Scottish Lilt (4)	Earl of Errol (4)	Earl of Errol (4)
Sailor's Hornpipe (4)	Sailor's Hornpipe (4)	Sailor's Hornpipe (5)

**Choreography events will run immediately following
Intermediate/Premier events, prior to morning results**

**Small Group Choreography
Large Group Choreography**

**Sunday, February 22, 2026
30 minutes after conclusion of morning results**

Primary	Beginner	Novice
Fling	Fling (4)	Fling (4)
Sword	Sword (2&1)	Sword (2&1)
Pas de Basque	Seann Triubhas (3&1)	Seann Triubhas (3&1)
PDB & High Cuts	Scottish Lilt (4)	Scottish Lilt (4)
	Flora McDonald (4)	Flora McDonald (4)

ENTRY FEES

CATEGORY	FEES
Alberta Open Championship	\$ 60.00 per dancer
Pre-Championship	\$ 50.00 per dancer
Pre-Premier/Premier U16 years	\$ 7.00 per dance
Premier over 16 years	\$ 8.00 per dance
Small/Large Group Choreography	\$30.00/entry
ScotDance Alberta fee	\$1.00/entry
AHDA Fee	\$1.00/entry
Administration fee	\$8.00/entry
Admission	\$5.00 each