

# Halifax Highland Dancing Association Presents The Halifax Highland Open Championship, Citadel Open Premiership & Spring Competition



**BASINVIEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
273 Basinview Drive, Bedford, NS  
March 23-24, 2024

**Judges:** Erin Mansfield, Ontario  
Jackie Smith, Ontario  
Andrea Walin, Arkansas

**Piper:** James MacHattie  
James will pipe for the Championship only.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

### **SPRING COMPETITION** **PRE-PRIMER: PRIMARY & BEGINNER**

**Primary 8:30 am** (Registration begins at 8:00 am)

- 16 Pas de Basques,
- Pas de Basques & Highcuts
- Fling (4)
- Sword (2&1)

**Beginner 9:00 am** (Registration begins at 8:30 am)

- Fling (4)
- Sword (2&1)
- ST (3&1)
- Lilt (4)

#### **SWORD DANCE (2&1) SPECIAL EVENT**

All beginner dancers are invited to register for this special all-ages event.

### **HALIFAX HIGHLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP** **PREMIER DANCERS ONLY**

**10:30 am** (Registration begins at 9:30 am)

**7 & Under 10 Years**  
**10 & Under 12 Years**

**1:00 pm** (Registration begins at 12:00 pm)

**12 & Under 14 Years**  
**14 & Under 16 Years**  
**16 & Under 18 Years**  
**18 & Under 21 Years**  
**21 Years & Over**

## SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

### **CITADEL OPEN PREMIERSHIP** **PREMIER DANCERS ONLY** **ALL AGE GROUPS 8:30 AM**

**8:30 am** (Registration begins at 8:00 am)

**7 & Under 10 Years**  
**10 & Under 12 Years**  
**12 & Under 14 Years**  
**14 & Under 16 Years**  
**16 & Under 18 Years**  
**18 & Under 21 Years**  
**21 Years & Over**

Dance order: Laddie, Earl, Lilt, Hornpipe

#### **THE CARLA LIVINGSTONE SPECIAL EVENT**

1<sup>st</sup> place Lilt Premier winners will dance a 4-step Lilt in a dance-off for "The Carla Livingstone Special Event" Trophy.

### **SPRING COMPETITION** **PRE-PRIMER: NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE**

**Novice & Intermediate 2:00 pm** (Registration begins at 1:00 pm)

- Fling (4)
- Sword (2&1)
- Seann Triubhas (3&1)
- Half Hullachan (4)

#### **SWORD DANCE (2&1) SPECIAL EVENT**

A special event will be held in both the Novice and Intermediate categories. Dancers of all ages are invited to register for this event.

HHDA Dancer of the Day: This award is open to current (2024) HHDA members. A Dancer of the Day award will be given out to the dancer with the highest points in the Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Premier categories. The Beginner Dancer of the Day award will be given out on Saturday. The Novice, Intermediate and Premier Dancer of the Day awards will be given out on Sunday.

The Carla Livingstone Special Event: To celebrate HHDA's Past President Carla's dedication and commitment to the art of highland dance and to the HHDA, we honor her with our special event "The Carla Livingstone Special Event."

Sword Dance (2&1) Special Event: New this year, the Sword Dance Special Event is open to pre-premier dancers. A Special Event will be held in Beginner, Novice and Intermediate categories.



## FOR REEL APPAREL X HHDA

HHDA is an official  
**For Reel Apparel order pickup** point.

**Free shipping for you + 15% is donated to HHDA.**

Code: **HALIFAXPICKUP2024** at checkout for FREE shipping. Collect your order at registration on March 23rd and 24th, 2024

*Order deadline: February 23, 2024*

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### **Competition Rules**

- Dancers will be judged according to the technique of RSOBHD. Scrutineering shall be conducted as recommended by the RSOBHD.
- Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets.
- First to enter, last to dance.
- Dancers must report promptly to dance area when called or risk disqualification in that event.
- All dancers must remain in full costume to receive awards. No sneakers allowed.
- Age as of March 23, 2024.
- Any protests must be made in writing within seven days and be accompanied by \$25.00, which will be returned if protest is upheld.
- No refunds after entries received.
- Age categories for Pre-Premier Competition will be based on number of registrants in each classification.
- No coaching allowed by teachers or parents while dancers are on stage.
- Medals for Pre-Premier Competition will be awarded from Primary to Intermediate categories. All pre-premier categories (except for Primary) will receive high aggregate trophies.
- No field entries.
- HHDA will not be responsible for lost articles, accidents, injuries or illness to competitors or spectators at these competitions.

### **Halifax Highland Open Championship Rules**

- Sanctioned and conducted under the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.
- Age will be as of March 23, 2024.
- The 2024 RSOBHD Championship steps must be danced.
- Championship groups must have a minimum of 6 dancers competing to be eligible for Championship status. In the event of there being insufficient entries in stated age groups, prior to or on the day, the event organizer reserves the option to combine age groups to meet the minimum numbers required. All dancers aged 12 & over will be required to dance long steps regardless of the championship status of their group.
- First to enter, last to dance. There will be no number draw for the order of dances.
- Dancers will be asked to fill in for Reels as required.
- Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets. Only championship results will be posted.
- Medals will be awarded to 6 places in each category. Keeper awards will be awarded to the Champion and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Runners Up.

### **Citadel Open Premiership Rules**

- Sanctioned and conducted under the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.
- Age will be as of March 23, 2024.
- The 2024 RSOBHD Premiership steps must be danced.
- Premiership groups must have a minimum of 6 dancers competing to be eligible for Premiership status. In the event of there being insufficient entries in stated age groups, prior to or on the day, the event organizer reserves the option to combine age groups to meet the minimum numbers required. All dancers aged 12 & over will be required to dance long steps (where applicable) regardless of the championship status of their group.
- First to enter, last to dance. There will be no number draw for the number of dances.
- Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets. Only premiership results will be posted.
- Medals will be awarded to 6 places in each category. Keeper awards will be awarded to the Premiership Winner and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Runners Up.

### **Online registration**

**REGISTRATION OPENS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 29 @ 6 PM**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

or, copy and paste the following link into your browser:

<https://form.jotform.com/240044659443254>

Entries must be received by March 10, 2024. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizer and will be subject to a \$10 late entry fee. Changes in categories must be made on or before March 10, 2024, by contacting HHDA at [halifaxhda@gmail.com](mailto:halifaxhda@gmail.com). Confirmation of entry will be made by email.

### **ScotDance Canada/RSOBHD Dancer Card Renewal Forms**

**All dancers must have 2024 cards before March 23, 2024**

You will be required to agree with the following Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability relating to Covid-19/other contagions to complete all dancer registrations: See pages 4 & 5 below.



***Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Participation in a ScotDance Canada Sanctioned Event (competition/workshop), including Covid-19/other contagions of concern as identified by the World Health Organization/local/provincial/federal government authorities.***

*This waiver and declaration must be completed by the Organizer of the sanctioned event and provided either by email, via online participant registration or at the event. Participants are required to acknowledge (participant definition meaning dancer of legal age/parent/guardian/volunteer/professional, judge, piper).*

*(HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) and its members commit themselves to comply with the requirements and recommendations of National, Provincial, and local public health and other governmental authorities, and to put in place and adopt all necessary measures to that effect. However, (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) cannot guarantee that you (or your child, if participant is a minor/ or the person you are the legal guardian of) will not become infected with COVID-19/other contagions. Further, attending the Event could increase your (or your child, if participant is a minor/ or the person you are the legal guardian of) risk of contracting COVID-19/other contagions, despite all preventative measures put in place.*

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***By signing this document,***

*I declare that I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) am participating voluntarily in (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event)*

*I am aware that participating in the HHDA (the "Event") involves the potential for risks, dangers, and hazards, including but not limited to:*

- (a) Covid 19/other contagions; and,*
- (b) injury to myself / my child because of the physical nature of dance competition/workshop and performance; and*
- (c) the taking and/or release of unauthorized photographs, video and/or other recordings of myself and/or my child, notwithstanding efforts to enforce Event policies.*

*I declare that neither I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) nor anyone in my household, have experienced in the last 48 hours prior to the date of (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event), Covid-19/other contagions symptoms (as identified by public health authorities).*

*I declare that neither I (or my child, if participant is a minor/or the person I am the legal guardian of) have tested positive for COVID-19/other contagions, and have not yet been cleared to discontinue isolation in accordance with applicable criteria communicated by public health officials (awaiting results); have been in close contact with a person who, to my knowledge, had symptoms of COVID-19/other contagions or has tested positive for COVID-19/other contagions, and have not yet been cleared to discontinue isolation in accordance with applicable criteria communicated by public health officials; or am currently subject to a quarantine or self-isolation order for any reason, including travel.*

*I (or my child, if participant is a minor/or the person I am the legal guardian of) declare that I have not been required to self-isolate under timelines set out by public health authorities (except for essential school or work activities).*

If I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) experience, or if anyone in my household experiences any Covid 19/other contagions symptoms after submitting this declaration, I (or my child, if guardian of) will not attend any of (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) programs or services until no longer required to self-isolate or for 48 hours after symptoms resolve or as directed by public health authorities.

I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) agree to the requirements and recommendations of National, Provincial, and local public health and other governmental authorities and to those special safety regulations put in place by (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) as it pertains the Covid-19/other contagions and to adopt all necessary measures to those effects.

I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) agree that, by filling out and signing this waiver and agreeing to the terms and conditions set out in it, I am giving up my legal rights to sue (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) and its officers and directors, in the event that I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of), contracts Covid-19/other contagions.

This document will remain in effect until (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) as per the direction of the National, Provincial, and local public health and other governmental authorities, determines that the aforesaid acknowledgments pertaining to Covid 19/other contagions in this declaration are no longer required.

In consideration of my / my child's participation in the Event and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, **I hereby WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** against ScotDance Canada, its directors, agents, employees, executive members, volunteers, and organizers of the Event (the "Releasees"), which I now have, or hereafter may have against the Releasees. But without limiting the foregoing, **I agree to release the Releasees from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY** for any loss, damage, injury, or expense I / my child may incur because of my / my child's participation in or attendance at the Event. **I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR EXPENSE, including legal costs,** that the Releasees may incur due to my / my child's participation in or attendance at the Event, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, and whether caused to my child or otherwise. I understand that the Releasees will photograph and otherwise record the Event, its participants, and attendees. **I consent to and authorize such recording. I further consent to and authorize** the Releasees to publish my/my child's image, likeness, and information in any medium, including but not limited to photographs, videos, DVDs, and webcasts. I understand that this publication will take place in the public domain, including in printed materials, public announcements, and on the internet.

**I specifically consent to the public release of the following information:** 1. Name; 2. City, Province, Country of Residence; 3. Tartan; 4. Age; 5. Results.

This document is in addition to and does not replace all other (HHDA/ScotDance Canada Event) waivers.

I acknowledge that by signing and submitting this entry, electronically or otherwise, that I have read this agreement carefully and fully understand it and agree to all the above terms and conditions.

Signature required if in person, otherwise acknowledge by email or via online entry form.

\_\_\_\_\_ Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Date (dd/mm/year)

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature