

THISTLE HIGHLAND DANCE ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:
5TH ANNUAL THDA SPRING COMPETITION AND
2ND ANNUAL THISTLE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
 Sanctioned by the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing
 Saturday, June 8, 2024



École du Carrefour

201A Avenue du Portage, Dartmouth, NS
 SDC Registration #: C-NS-CO-24-1015

Doors open at 7:30am
 Primary registration: 7:45am
 Beginner/Novice/Intermediate registration: 8:15am

Canteen services will be available.

Judges

Christa Mackie, ON
 Carolyn Spears, NS
 Bill Troock, AB

Admission \$5.00
 Children under 12 are free.
 Programs \$5.00

5th Annual THDA Spring Competition		
8:30 am	Primary	16 Pas de Basque, Pas de Basque & High Cuts, Fling (4), Sword (2&1)
9:00 am	Beginner	Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1)
9:00 am	Novice	Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1)
9:00 am	Intermediate	Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1)
2 nd Annual Thistle Open Championship		
12:30 pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Premier</p> 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	2024 championship steps

Online registration opens on Sunday, March 17 at 6:00 pm.
Online registration closes on Sunday, May 26 at 6:00pm.
There will be no refunds.
[**CLICK BELOW TO REGISTER**](#)

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizer and will be subject to a \$10.00 late entry fee. No on-site entries. Category changes must be made on or before May 26, 2024, by contacting thistlehighlanddance@gmail.com Any inquiries should be emailed to thistlehighlanddance@gmail.com

Registration Fees

- Primary: (\$45.00)
- Beginner, Novice & Intermediate: (\$45.00)
- Premier Championship: (\$70.00)
- All fees include a SDC surcharge of \$1.00 + a SDNS fee of \$4.00

Competition Rules

- **ALL DANCERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT (2024) SDC/RSOBHD DANCER CARD.**
- All dancing events will be governed by the rules and regulations of the RSOBHD.
- Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets.
- First to enter, last to dance.
- Dancers must report promptly to the dance area when called or risk missing that dance.
- Age will be as of June 8, 2024.
- Age categories for Pre-Premier will be based on the number of registrants in each classification.
- In the event of a protest being lodged, a \$25.00 fee must accompany the written complaint and must be postmarked and forwarded within a period of 7 days. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- Competitors must be in full dress, including ghillies, to receive awards.
- Medals will be awarded in all categories on the basis of the number of competitors.
- Trophies will be awarded in all classes except Primary.
- No coaching by teachers or parents while dancers are on stage.
- Teachers and parents are not to be in the line-up area unless volunteering there.
- Dancers and parents must respect the ScotDance Canada Risk Management guidelines, local health authority directives, and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.

Thistle Open Championship Rules

- Age will be as of June 8, 2024.
- 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 number required.
- 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. Medals will be awarded for championship points. There are no perpetual trophies.

JIBBITZ FOR SALE

Place your order now when you register for the competition!
Your order will be ready for pick up at the registration table on
June 8/9, 2024.

Thank you!





You will be required to agree with the following waiver to complete the online dancer registration:

THDA: Thistle Highland Dance Association

THDA 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, **THDA** 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.

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 the **THDA event**.

I am aware that participating in the **THDA 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 **THDA 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 **THDA 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 **THDA** 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 **THDA** 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 **THDA** 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 **THDA** 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