

THE FESTIVAL OF THE TARTANS HIGHLAND DANCE COMPETITION

Saturday, August 15th, 2026

Scott W Weeks Sports Complex
234 Park St, New Glasgow, NS B2H 5W5

SDC Registration #C-NS-CO-26-1025

Sanctioned by the RSOBHD

JUDGE: Carolyn Spears, NS



Start Time	Category	Dance Order
Gates open 7:30am. Registration opens at 8:00am. First call to dance will be at 8:20am.		
8:30am	Primary	16 Pas de Basques, Pas de Basques and Highcuts, Fling (4), Sword (2&1)
8:30am	Beginner & Novice	Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1), Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4)
Following the completion of the morning competition	Demonstration Event*	16 Pas de Basques, Pas de Basques and Highcuts, Highland Fling(4)
Afternoon registration opens at 12:00pm. First call to dance will be at 12:20pm.		
12:30pm	Intermediate	Fling (4), Seann Triubhas (3&1), Barracks (4), Highland Laddie (4)
12:30pm	Premier	Village Maid (4), Blue Bonnets (4), Scottish Lilt (4), Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4)
Following Intermediate/Premier regular competition	Premier	Special Event: Solo Choreography

***The demonstration event is for dancers ages 3+ who do not yet compete.**

Registration

Registration Opens Sunday, June 28th, 2026, at 6:00pm Atlantic **Limit of 125 dancers - No waitlist.**

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Entries must be received by August 5, 2026.

Changes in categories must be made by emailing parkerschoolofdance@gmail.com.

Confirmation of registration sent through email.

Late entries may be accepted but a \$10 late fee will apply.

No on-site entries allowed. **Fees:**

Primary (2 dances or less): \$25

Primary (4 dances), Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Premier: \$45 **A**

\$5 SDNS levy is to be paid in addition to entry fees.

Special Event Premier Solo Choreography: \$25

Competition Rules



1. ALL DANCERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT (2026) SDC/RSOBHD DANCER CARD. This excludes the demonstration event participants.
2. All dancing events will be governed by the rules and regulations of the RSOBHD.
3. Age as of August 15, 2026.
4. Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets.
5. Age categories will be based on the number of registrants in each classification.
6. Dancers must report promptly to the dance area when called or risk missing that dance.
7. Competitors must be in full dress, including ghillies, to receive awards.
8. Medals will be awarded in all categories on the basis of the number of competitors.
9. Trophies will be awarded in all classes except Primary.
10. No coaching by teachers or parents while dancers are on stage.
11. Teachers and parents are not to be in the line-up area unless volunteering there.
12. Dancers and parents must respect the ScotDance Canada Risk Management guidelines, local health authority directives, and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.
13. For all **solo choreographies**, dancers must use movements primarily from Highland, National Dances as well as Jig, Hornpipe. Some influences from other dance forms may be incorporated. Costumes and music **must** have a **Celtic theme**. Send music to parkerschoolofdance@gmail.com in an mp3 file no later than August 10, 2026. Time limit is 2.5 minutes.
14. No refunds after entries are received. Late entries if accepted (after August 5, 2026) will be charged an additional \$10 late fee.
15. The Saint Andrew's Society of Pictou County will not be responsible for lost items, accidents, or personal injury at the event.
16. 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.

Premier Dancer of the Day



There will be a special trophy awarded to the Premier Dancer of the Day in memory of the late Fleur Mainville. This award will be presented to the Premier dancer who has accumulated the most points in regular competition (does not include choreography).

Event Information



The Festival of the Tartans is back to the field this year. The dance competition will be held on the outdoor stage, to the right at the end of the field as you enter the gate. There will be seating available, but you are welcome to bring your own chairs and shade tents.

Admission is free for all dancers and volunteers. Admission is \$10 at the gate for all other spectators (kids are free). Programs will be available for \$5 which you can pre-pay for during registration. Limited programs will be available on the day of the competition.

The rain location for this event is in the North Nova Education Centre's auditorium on 343 Park St, New Glasgow, NS.

Further information will be sent through email on the week of the competition.



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

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.

The St. Andrews Society of Pictou County 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, The St. Andrews Society of Pictou County 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 Festival of the Tartans Highland Dance Competition.***

*I am aware that participating in the **Festival of the Tartans Highland Dance Competition** 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 as a result 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 **The Festival of the Tartans Highland Dance Competition**, 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 **The Festival of the Tartans Highland Dance Competition** 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 **The St. Andrews Society of Pictou County** as it pertains to 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 **The St. Andrews Society of Pictou County** 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 **The St. Andrews Society of Pictou County** 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. In particular, 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 as a result 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 web-casts. 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 [The St. Andrews Society of Pictou County](#) 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 of 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*