

31st Annual WESTERN CANADA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP & INTERIOR BRITISH COLUMBIA PREMIERSHIP

Hosted by: *The Interior Highland Dancing Association of BC*

Tournament Capital Centre
910 McGill Road, Kamloops, BC V2C 6N6

Saturday March 25, 2023

Pre-Premier Competition Pre Championship & Western Canada Open Championship

The Championship is recognized by the
RSOBHD.
Competition Organizer Registration
CBC CO 231007

Sunday March 26, 2023

Interior British Columbia Premiership Choreography Challenge & Pre-Premier Competition

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IHDA Workshop

Instructor: Karen Baird
2025 Summit Drive, Kamloops BC
Competition Organizer Registration
CBC CO 231009

Judges:

**Sherril Medd, Saanich BC
Eleanor Belton, Burlington ON
Carolyn Spears, Halifax NS
Karen Baird, Motherwell Scotland**

Pipers:

**Scot Kortegard, Kamloops BC
Rob Johnston, Surrey BC**

Host Hotel

Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre

1250 Rogers Way Kamloops BC V1S 1N5
1-800-665-6674 or 1-250-828-6660

Rate: \$139.00 per night plus tax for Comfort Room – 2 Queen
or \$239 per night plus tax for 2 Bedroom Suite

****Highland Dance Group or Group Code CKH-
GFC11217 must be quoted when booking****

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY

Opening Date: Entries will open online at www.eventry.net at 8:00 AM PST January 11, 2023.

Closing Date: Entries will close at 11:59 PM PDT March 15, 2023.

ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Payment can be made by credit card or PayPal. Please have your RSOBHD card and credit card or PayPal account information on hand for the online entry. If you have any questions or problems with the online system, please contact ihda.competitions@gmail.com

IHDA COMPETITION DISCLAIMER

Our goal is to allow our dancers to compete in a safe, calm, inclusive and positive environment. We appreciate unexpected situations will arise on the day that may require action that is meant to protect our dancers, judges, volunteers, and other participants.

These events will be held in compliance with all current federal and provincial health and safety orders as well as facility requirements for COVID-19.

1. Public Health requirements will be continuously evaluated, and participants will be informed of any Covid-19 protocols prior to the event through social media and email.
2. In the absence of any Public Health Order mandates, the organizing committee for the Western Canada Open Championship and Interior BC Premiership strongly encourage participants to:
 - a. Wear a mask for your own protection and the protection of others (dancers continue to have a choice whether to wear a mask while competing)
 - b. Maintain physical distancing wherever possible
 - c. Frequent hand hygiene
 - d. Stay home if you feel sick
3. Upon registering for this event and immediately prior to the event, you agree to the requirements and recommendations of any National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities as well as any requirements from the City of Kamloops and the Tournament Capital Centre which may be in effect at the time of the event, as it pertains to the Covid-19 Coronavirus and to adopt all necessary measures to those effects.
4. Participants are required, at the time of registration, to agree to the 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.

Saturday March 25, 2023

Commencing at 8:30 am

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP	PRIMARY	BEGINNER & NOVICE	INTERMEDIATE
1. Highland Fling (4) Sword (2&1) Seann Triubhas (3&1) Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch (2&4) <i>See Rule #13 & 14 in Rules and Regulations</i>	2. Pas de Basques (Intro & 8 Bars) 3. Pas de Basques & Highcuts (Intro & 16 Bars) 4. Fling (4) 5. Sword (2&1)	6. Fling (4) 7. Sword (2&1) 8. Seann Triubhas (3&1) 9. Special Fling (4)	10. Fling (4) 11. Sword (2&1) 12. Seann Triubhas (3&1) 13. Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch (2&4)

WESTERN CANADA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Commencing no earlier than 10:30 am

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- 14.** 7 & Under 10 Years
- 15.** 10 & Under 12 Years
- 16.** 12 & Under 14 Years

- 17.** 14 & Under 16 Years
- 18.** 16 & Under 18 Years
- 19.** 18 Years & Over

Fling, Sword, Seann Triubhas, Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch*
 2023 steps set forth by the RSOBHD
See Rule #12 & 14 in Rules and Regulations

Sunday March 26, 2023

Commencing at 8:30 am

PREMIER NATIONAL COMPETITION	INTERIOR BRITISH COLUMBIA PREMIERSHIP
20. Blue Bonnets (4) 21. Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4) 22. Village Maid (4) 23. Irish Jig (5*) <i>See Rule #16 & 17 in Rules and Regulations</i>	24. Blue Bonnets Flora MacDonald's Fancy Village Maid Irish Jig 2023 Steps set forth by the RSOBHD <i>See Rule #15 & 17 in Rules and Regulations</i>

CHOREOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Commencing following the Premier National Competition and Premiership.

25. Duet

26. Small Group (3-5 dancers)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to Premier & Pre-Premier dancers. • All Choreographies will be performed to the same piece of predetermined music. • Predetermined music will be sent to all that complete the music request form at https://forms.gle/oka9qhAkGioTk7eXA. • One dancer from each Duet or Small Group will register for the Choreography Challenge with their online registration. • Full name, age, and RSOBHD number for each member of the Duet or Small Group must be include for the entry to be valid. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams may use props during their performance, either static or non-static provided that they do not require setup or takedown, but live animals are not permitted. • Choreography stage size will be 24 feet wide by 20 feet deep. • Choreography must be Scottish or Celtic in appearance and theme including costume. • Choreography must not include any entrance or exits from the left or right sides as 3 platforms of choreography will be performed together. |
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Commencing in the PM

PRIMARY	BEGINNER & NOVICE	INTERMEDIATE
27. Pas de Basques (Intro & 8 Bars) 28. Pas de Basques & Highcuts (Intro & 16 Bars) 29. Fling (4) 30. Sword (2&1)	31. Fling (4) 32. Sword (2&1) 33. Seann Triubhas (3&1) 34. Strathspey & Highland Reel (2&2) 35. Lilt (4) 36. Flora (4)	37. Fling (4) 38. Sword (2&1) 39. Seann Triubhas (3&1) 40. Strathspey & Highland Reel (2&2) 41. Highland Laddie (4) 42. Irish Jig (4)

Monday March 27, 2023

IHDA WORKSHOP with Karen Baird

Time	Class
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Premier Championship & Premiership
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Lunch Break
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Pre-Premier (Must know Fling & Sword)

FEES

Pre-Championship	\$40.00 per dancer	Workshop IHDA Member Dancer	\$15.00 per Pre-Premier
Championship	\$50.00 per dancer		\$25.00 per Premier
Premiership	\$50.00 per dancer	Workshop Non-IHDA Member Dancer	\$25.00 per Pre-Premier
Pre-Premier	\$7.00 per dance		\$35.00 per Premier
Premier National 15 Years & Under	\$7.00 per dance	Workshop IHDA Professional Member	\$20.00 per professional
Premier National 16 Years & Over	\$8.00 per dance	Workshop Non-IHDA Professional Member	\$25.00 per professional
Choreography Challenge	\$20.00 per Duet \$30.00 per Small Group	Pre-Sale Programme*	\$5.00 each
Number Fee	\$1.00 per dancer	Saturday ONLY Admission Pre-Sale	\$5.00 per person
Scotdance BC Fee*	\$1.00 per day	Sunday ONLY Admission Pre-Sale	\$5.00 per person
SDCCS Fee*	\$1.00 per day	2-Day Admission Pre-Sale	\$7.00 per person
Online Registration Fee	\$5.00 per entry		

*Please note, as our events are registered as two separate competitions, dancers are required to pay the ScotDance BC and SDCCS fees of \$1 each per day. Also, because of this, category changes will happen between the days should a dancer fill their dance card on the Saturday.

PLEASE NOTE: A SMALL PRINTED PROGRAMME WILL BE AVAILABLE BY PRE-SALE ONLY. PROGRAMMES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT. ALL RESULTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE SCOTDANCE APP. This can be downloaded at the Apple App Store, Google Play Store or by visiting scotdance.app from your internet browser.

WESTERN CANADA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AND IHDA PRE-PREMIER 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. Age is determined as of the day of each event.
4. Dancers will dance in reverse order of receipt of entry in all classes except Championship. First to enter, last to dance, except Championship which will be a computer draw.
5. Committee reserves the right to combine or split classes.
6. Age classes will be determined upon receipt of entries for all dance events except Championship, which will be the classes listed on the entry. Should there not be sufficient entries for a Championship class, classes will be combined.
7. The decision of the judge(s) is final.
8. Protests must be made in writing, signed and submitted to the competition secretary by the end of the competition day and must be accompanied by a \$30.00 fee, refundable if sustained.
9. Absolutely **NO** late entries will be accepted.
10. Absolutely **NO** telephone, email, mail or hand delivered entries will be accepted.
11. There will be **NO** entry fee refunds. If admittance to the event is refused based upon good health declaration, fees will be refunded except for an administration fee of \$5.00 per family.
12. **Championship:** Computer draws for each dance. All dancers must dance the 2023 Championship steps set forth by the RSOBHD.
13. **Pre-Championship:** Entry is restricted to those who have never won a Pre-Championship or a Championship.
14. Dancers may enter either Pre-Championship or Championship classes, or both.
15. **Premiership:** Dancers will dance in reverse order of entry. All dancers must dance the 2023 Premiership steps set forth by the RSOBHD
16. **Premier National:** Open to Premier dancers who do not wish to dance the Premiership. Irish Jig is a 4 step for dancers 7 & under 12 years, 5 step for all dancers 12 years and over.
17. Dancers must choose between the Premiership and Premier National competition.
18. **Choreography Challenge:** Open to Premier & Pre-Premier dancers as a Duet (2 dancers) or Small Group (3-5 dancers). All choreographies will be performed to the same piece of predetermined music. Predetermined music will be sent to all that complete the music request form at <https://forms.gle/oka9qhAkGioTk7eXA>. One dancer from each Duet/Small Group will register for the Choreography Challenge with their online registration. Full name, age, and RSOBHD number for each member of the Duet/Small Group must be include for the entry to be valid. Teams may use props during their performance, either static or non-static provided that they do not require setup or takedown, but live animals are not permitted. Choreography stage size will be 24 feet wide by 20 feet deep. Choreography must be Scottish or Celtic in appearance and theme including costume. Choreography must not include any entrance or exits from the left or right sides as 3 platforms of choreography will be performed together.
19. Dancers filling in for the Reel must dance entire dance.
20. All competitors must present current RSOBHD registration card before receiving their awards. Awards will be held, and a \$10.00 fee applied to any dancer without a current RSOBHD card.
21. Prizes: Cash prizes awarded in the 16 & over Championship, Premiership and Premier National Competition. Medals for all other classes. Beginner & Novice Special Fling will receive a special prize. Choreography Challenge winners will receive a special prize.
22. Online entries will be accepted from 8:00 am PST January 11, 2023, through March 15, 2023.
23. All category changes must be emailed to ihda.competitions@gmail.com before March 20, 2023.
24. Dancers must be dressed appropriately at all times.
25. All competitors must remain in costume for award presentations.
26. Number will be used for both days.
27. Dancers and parents must respect the ScotDance Canada Risk Management Guidelines, Local Health Authority directives, and the RSOBHD Code of Ethics.

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 TO BE CONFIRMED WITH ONLINE ENTRY

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).

The Interior Highland Dance Association of BC (IHDA) 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 Interior Highland Dance Association of BC (IHDA) 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 Western Canada Open Championship and Interior British Columbia Premiership.

I am aware that participating in the Western Canada Open Championship and Interior British Columbia Premiership (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 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 Western Canada Open Championship and Interior British Columbia Premiership, 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 Western Canada Open Championship and Interior British Columbia Premiership 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 Interior Highland Dance Association of BC (IHDA), the Western Canada Open Championship and Interior British Columbia Premiership 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 the Interior Highland Dance Association of BC (IHDA), The Western Canada Open Championship, Interior British Columbia Premiership 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 Interior Highland Dance Association of BC (IHDA), 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 Interior Highland Dance Association of BC (IHDA), Western Canada Open Championship and Interior British Columbia Premiership 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.



Interior Highland Dance Association Workshop
 2025 Summit Drive
 Kamloops BC

Monday March 27, 2023

INSTRUCTOR: Karen Baird



Karen is currently Vice President of the SDTA, an SDTA Examiner and RSOBHD Board Delegate. Teaching is her passion and she has taught her own successful school for 36 years, producing many Champions, World Finalists and last year's Under 18 Years RSOBHD Oscar Winner.

SCHEDULE

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12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Lunch Break
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FEES

	IHDA Member	NON-IHDA Member
Premier Dancer	\$25.00	\$35.00
Pre-Premier Dancer	\$15.00	\$25.00
SDC Professional Member	\$20.00	\$25.00