

# 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 23, 2024**

**Pre-Premier Competition,  
Pre Championship &  
Western Canada Open Championship**  
The Championship is recognized by the RSOBHD.  
Competition Organizer Registration  
CBC CO 241018

## **Sunday March 24, 2024**

**Interior British Columbia Premiership,  
Premier National Competition**  
The Premiership is recognized by RSOBHD.  
**Choreography Challenge  
& Pre-Premier Competition**  
Competition Organizer Registration  
CBC CO 241019

## **Monday March 25, 2024**

**IHDA Workshop**  
**Instructor: Eleanor Belton**  
2025 Summit Drive, Kamloops BC  
Competition Organizer Registration  
CBC CO 241020

### **Judges:**

**Cheryl Rafter, Vancouver BC  
Jennifer Worthen, Dartmouth NS  
Jennifer Stephenson, Montreal QC  
Eleanor Belton, Burlington ON**

### **Pipers:**

**Rob Johnston, Surrey BC  
Andrew Lee, Port Coquitlam BC**

### **ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY**

**Opening Date:** Entries will open online at [www.eventry.net](http://www.eventry.net) at 8:00 AM PST January 15, 2024.

**Closing Date:** Entries will close at 11:59 PM PST on March 15, 2024.

**ABSOLUTELY NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Please have your RSOBHD card, IHDA Membership Number and credit card on hand for the online entry. Payment may be made by credit card or PayPal.  
**If you have any questions or problems with the online system, please contact [ihda.competitions@gmail.com](mailto:ihda.competitions@gmail.com)**

**Host Hotel:** Coast Kamloops Hotel and Conference Centre  
1250 Rogers Way Kamloops BC  
Tel: 250-828-6660 Res: 1-800-716-6199

**Group Rate:** \$159.00 per night plus tax for Comfort Room – 2 Queen

**Highland Dance Group or Group Code CKH-GFC11924 must be quoted when booking.**

## Saturday March 23, 2024

**Commencing at 8:30 am**

### PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP

**1.** Highland Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1), ½ Tulloch (4)

*See Rule #13 & 14 in Rules and Regulations*

PRIMARY	BEGINNER	NOVICE	INTERMEDIATE
<b>2.</b> Pas de Basques (Intro & 8 Bars)	<b>6.</b> Fling (4)	<b>10.</b> Fling (4)	<b>14.</b> Fling (4)
<b>3.</b> Pas de Basques & Highcuts (Intro & 16 Bars)	<b>7.</b> Sword (2&1)	<b>11.</b> Sword (2&1)	<b>15.</b> Sword (2&1)
<b>4.</b> Fling (4)	<b>8.</b> Seann Triubhas (3&1)	<b>12.</b> Seann Triubhas (3&1)	<b>16.</b> Seann Triubhas (3&1)
<b>5.</b> Sword (2&1)	<b>9.</b> Special Fling (4)	<b>13.</b> Special Fling (4)	<b>17.</b> ½ Tulloch (4)

### WESTERN CANADA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

**Commencing no earlier than 10:30 am**

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**18.** 7 & Under 10 Years

**19.** 10 & Under 12 Years

**20.** 12 & Under 14 Years

**21.** 14 & Under 16 Years

**22.** 16 & Under 18 Years

**23.** 18 Years & Over

Fling, Sword, Seann Triubhas, Reel of Tulloch\*

2024 steps set forth by the RSOBHD

*See Rule #12 & 14 in Rules and Regulations*

## Sunday March 24, 2024

**Commencing at 8:30 am**

### PREMIER NATIONAL COMPETITION

### INTERIOR BRITISH COLUMBIA PREMIERSHIP

**24.** Highland Laddie (4)

**25.** Scottish Lilt (4)

**26.** Earl of Errol (4)

**27.** Sailors' Hornpipe (5\*)

*See Rule #16 & 17 in Rules and Regulations*

**28.** Highland Laddie

Scottish Lilt

Earl of Errol

Sailors' Hornpipe

2024 Steps set forth by the RSOBHD

*See Rule #15 & 17 in Rules and Regulations*

### CHOREOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

**Commencing following the Premier National Competition and Premiership.**

**29.** Small Group (3-7 dancers)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to Premier &amp; Pre-Premier dancers.</li> <li>One dancer from each Small Group will register for the Choreography Challenge with their online registration.</li> <li>Full name, age, RSOBHD number and name of teacher/school for each member of the Small Group must be included for the entry to be valid.</li> <li>Dance not to exceed 2 minutes including entrance and exit.</li> <li>Music must be emailed to <a href="mailto:ihda.competitions@gmail.com">ihda.competitions@gmail.com</a> no later than March 15, 2024 and a backup copy on a usb</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>memory stick must be brought to the event.</li> <li>Choreography must be Scottish or Celtic in appearance and theme including costume.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Choreography stage size will be 24 feet wide by 20 feet deep.</li> <li>Individual dancers may only enter one (1) choreography.</li> </ul> |
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**Commencing in the PM**

PRIMARY	BEGINNER	NOVICE	INTERMEDIATE
<b>30.</b> Pas de Basques (Intro & 8 Bars)	<b>34.</b> Fling (4)	<b>40.</b> Fling (4)	<b>45.</b> Fling (4)
<b>31.</b> Pas de Basques & Highcuts (Intro & 16 Bars)	<b>35.</b> Sword (2&1)	<b>41.</b> Sword (2&1)	<b>46.</b> Sword (2&1)
<b>32.</b> Fling (4)	<b>36.</b> Seann Triubhas (3&1)	<b>42.</b> Seann Triubhas (3&1)	<b>47.</b> Seann Triubhas (3&1)
<b>33.</b> Sword (2&1)	<b>37.</b> Strathspey & Highland Reel (2&2)	<b>43.</b> Strathspey & Highland Reel (2&2)	<b>48.</b> Strathspey & Highland Reel (2&2)
	<b>38.</b> Lilt (4)	<b>44.</b> Lilt (4)	<b>49.</b> Highland Laddie (4)
	<b>39.</b> Flora (4)	<b>45.</b> Flora (4)	<b>50.</b> Sailors' Hornpipe (4)

## Monday March 25, 2024

### IHDA WORKSHOP with Eleanor Belton

Time	Class
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Premier Championship
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Premier Premiership

## FEES

Pre-Championship	\$40.00 per dancer	Workshop IHDA Member Dancer	\$25.00 per Premier
Championship	\$50.00 per dancer	Workshop Non-IHDA Member Dancer	\$35.00 per Premier
Premiership	\$50.00 per dancer	Workshop IHDA Professional Member	\$20.00 per professional
Pre-Premier	\$7.00 per dance	Workshop Non-IHDA Professional Member	\$25.00 per professional
Premier National 15 Years & Under	\$7.00 per dance	Pre-Sale Programme	\$5.00 each
Premier National 16 Years & Over	\$8.00 per dance	Saturday ONLY Admission Pre-Sale	\$5.00 per person
Choreography Challenge	\$30.00 per Small Group	Sunday ONLY Admission Pre-Sale	\$5.00 per person
Number Fee	\$1.00 per dancer	2-Day Admission Pre-Sale	\$7.00 per person
ScotDance BC Fee*	\$1.00 per day		
SDCCS Fee*	\$1.00 per day		
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](https://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 (first to enter, last to dance) in all events **except Championship**. Championship order of dance will be determined by 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 2024 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 (if eligible, see Rule 13), Championship, or both.
15. **Premiership:** Dancers will dance in reverse order of entry. All dancers must dance the 2024 Premiership steps set forth by the RSOBHD.
16. **Premier National:** Open to Premier dancers who do not wish to dance the Premiership. Sailors' Hornpipe 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. One dancer from each Small Group will register for the Choreography Challenge with their online registration. Full name, age, RSOBHD number and name of teacher/school for each member of the Small Group must be included for the entry to be valid. Dance not to exceed 2 minutes including entrance and exit. Music must be emailed to [ihda.competitions@gmail.com](mailto:ihda.competitions@gmail.com) no later than March 15, 2024 and a backup copy on a usb memory stick must be brought to the event. Choreography must be Scottish or Celtic in appearance and theme including costume. 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. Individual dancers may only enter one (1) choreography.
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 15, 2024, through March 15, 2024.
23. All category changes must be emailed to [ihda.competitions@gmail.com](mailto:ihda.competitions@gmail.com) before March 20, 2024.
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.*