

Edmonton Highland Dancing Association

# Our Back to Class JANUARY WORKSHOP

Saturday & Sunday January 10 & 11, 2026

**Step by Step School of Dance** 

#449 Sioux Road Sherwood Park, Alberta

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2026 Championship Steps and more Pre-Premier Highland and Nationals

Sheryl Joyner, Ontario Jacqueline Smith, Ontario

Judges have confirmed they are not judging anywhere between January 10th and April 10th, 2026

Joseph Abrahart, England

Mental coaching in sports, specifically anxiety related. Live virtual session January 11, 2026. Q&A will be available

This workshop is an approved CPD for all RSOBHD Adjudicators.

Professionals are welcome to attend any session.

Fee for EHDA non-member Professionals —\$35.00 This session is free for EHDA member professionals.

On-line entry available at www.eventry.net
On-line workshop entry closes January 8, 2026 11:59 PM (MST)

After January 8th ONLY. Please contact Kelly Abrahart, kelly.abrahart@telus.net to enter the workshop

Late entries will be accepted for the workshop provided space is available.

or for further information.

## **Back to Class January Workshop**

EHDA Back to Class January Workshop will be held on January 10 & 11, 2026 at

Step by Step School of Dance, 449 Sioux Road, Sherwood Park

Studio open at 12:30 PM on Saturday, 9:00 AM Sunday

This workshop is free for EHDA members holding a current 2025/26 EHDA Membership. Please provide your membership number during registration.

Not a member? Follow the link: EHDA 2025/26 Membership Application

The fees for non-EHDA dancers are as follows:

Beginner, Novice & Intermediate—\$65.00 Premier—\$150.00—includes both days

Refunds for both EHDA and non-EHDA dancers will ONLY be considered in cases of illness (if accompanied by a doctor's note) or at the discretion of the EHDA workshop organizers.

Premier dancers: Saturday January 10, 2026

1:00 PM -4:00 PM

Please do not arrive before 12:30 PM

Premier dancers: Sunday, January 11, 2026 11:30 AM—2:45 PM

(Includes 15 minute break)

Includes Basic Highland movements (breaking them down) Championship steps,
Premiership dances, best practices for successful practicing,
Choreography and a Journey to the World Championships.

Also a live virtual session on mental coaching for Competitive Dancer.

Note: intermediate dancers who know the 2026 championship steps are welcome to attend premier sessions.

\*\*please note the instructors will NOT be using the class time to conduct a warm up. Studio will be open 30 minutes prior to session; come and do your own warm and have your shoes on prepared to dance when class begins \*\*

### Pre-Premier dancers: Sunday January 11, 2025

9:30 AM-11:00 AM

Parent session for parents of registered Pre-Premier dancers: 9:45 AM—10:30 AM

(FAQ's—includes EHDA & RSOBHD memberships, costuming/grooming, role of parent at competitions, judging and whatever questions on your mind.

No siblings allowed in this session.)

Session is open to all pre-premier dancers who know a <u>MINIMUM</u> of Fling, Sword, Seann Truibhas, Lilt and Flora. Includes basic Highland movements (breaking them down) and introductions to the Strathspey & Reel, and the Sailor's Hornpipe movements.

Please bring bottled water

\*\*please note the instructors will NOT be using class time to conduct a warm up. Studio is available 30 minutes prior to session to do your own warm and have your shoes on prepared to dance when class begins \*\*

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Parents and siblings are NOT allowed in the studios during the workshop

All dancers should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to start time to ensure sufficient warmup time

Water only allowed in studios, no food allowed

Proper dance attire and shoes required
Premier dancers (airls only): please bring practice skirts

\*\*PLEASE NOTE: dancers who arrive after classes have started, will be brought in at an appropriate time at the discretion of the workshop coordinator. Thank you for respecting the instructors and other participants by arriving on time and prepared.\*\*

<u>If you have registered and can no longer attend</u>, please do us the courtesy of advising the workshop coordinator 24 hours before the workshop. Thank you for your consideration.

Workshop Organizer: Kelly Abrahart kelly.abrahart@telus.net

Priority will be given to EHDA dancers until **December 19th** at which time the remaining spots will be open to all dancers based on a first come first serve basis.

#### **Professionals**

As this workshop is an approved CPD for all RSOBHD Adjudicators; professionals are welcome to attend any session.

Professionals only: please contact Kelly Abrahart directly at kelly.abrahart@telus.net

This session is free to all EHDA Member Professionals.

A \$35.00 fee will apply to all non-EHDA member professionals. Payment may be made at the door.

Instructor biographies will be posted on the website at www.ehda.ca