

**2026 New Brunswick Highland Games Festival
43rd Anniversary**

**July 25-26, 2026
RSOBHD# C-NB-CO26-1004**

**51 Woodstock Road
Fredericton, NB
E3B 9L8**

Admission: Registered dancers get in free. **All other visitors need a festival pass.**

Pre-purchase online to save! Details here:

<https://tproatlantic.ticketpro.ca/en/pages/NBH G2026?aff=nbhg>



Judge: Jamie Conrick, Nova Scotia

ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY – REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 1, 2025 AT 12PM AT AND CLOSSES JULY 2, 2026 AT 11:59PM AT. Limited to 125 dancers.

Competition & Demonstration Event Registration Form: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/2026-new-brunswick-highland-games-festival>

Please carefully read the rules for attending ScotDance Canada Sanctioned Competitions and liability waivers which can be found on the online entry form.

ALL DANCERS (excluding demonstration event dancers) MUST HAVE A CURRENT RSOBHD DANCE CARD WITH A 2025 STICKER ON THE FRONT.

Category changes must be submitted to dancing@highlandgames.ca by Monday, July 20th, 2026.

SATURDAY, JULY 25th, 2026: HIGHLANDS

Category				
Primary	16 PDBs	PDBs & HCs	Fling (4)	Sword (2+1)
Beginner/Novice	Fling (4)	Sword (2+1)	ST (3+1)	Half Tulloch (4)
Intermediate	Fling (4)	Sword (2+1)	ST (3+1)	Half Tulloch (4)
Premier	Fling (4)	Sword (2+1)	ST (3&1)	Half Tulloch (4)
Demonstration	16 PDBs	PDBs & HCs	Fling (4)	

DANCE TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE: We are pleased to offer a demonstration opportunity to dancers ages three and over, who do not yet compete to perform.

SUNDAY, JULY 26th, 2026: NATIONALS & CHOREOGRAPHY

Beginner/Novice	Lilt (4)	Flora (4)		
Intermediate	Lilt (4)	Flora (4)	Barracks (4)	Laddie (4)
Premier	Village Maid (4)	Lilt (4)	Blue Bonnets (4)	Hornpipe (4)
Pre-Premier Choreography	Solo	Duet	Group (3 – 8 dancers)	
Premier Choreography	Solo	Duet	Group (3 – 8 dancers)	

Solos and duets are limited to the first 12 entries. Groups are limited to the first 15 entries.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday Highlands

Primary, Beginner and Novice **Registration 8:30 am**. Dancing starts at **9:00am** with the Fling. Gates Open at 8:00 am.

Demonstration event will be at **10 am**

Intermediate and Premier **Registration 12:30pm**. Dancing will start at **approximately 1pm** with the Fling, after completion of the morning awards.

Sunday Nationals & Choreography Challenge

Beginner and Novice **Registration 8:30 am**. Dancing starts at 9AM with the Lilt. Gates Open at 8:00 am.

Intermediate and Premier **Registration 9:30 am**. Dancing will start at **approximately 10am** with the Village Maid, after completion of the morning awards.

Pre-Premier and Premier Atlantic Choreography Challenge **Registration 1:30pm**. Dancing will start at **approximately 2pm** with the Pre-Premier solos.

FEES

COMPETITION FEES

(All fees include \$1.00 SDCCS, \$5.00 SDNB surcharge)

Primary A - \$30.00 (2 dances or less)

Primary B - \$55.00 (more than 2 dances)

Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Premier Saturday - \$55.00

Beginner and Novice Sunday - \$30.00

Intermediate and Premier Sunday - \$55.00

Pre-Premier Solo \$30

Pre-Premier Duet \$20 per dancer – all dancers in the group choreography must register individually

Pre-Premier Group (3 – 8 dancers) \$20 per dancer – all dancers in the group choreography must register individually

Premier Solo \$30

Premier Duet \$20 per dancer – all dancers in the group choreography must register individually

Premier Group \$20 per dancer – all dancers in the group choreography must register individually

RULES & REGULATIONS

Entries must be received by **JULY 2, 2026**. Late entries may be accepted with a \$10 late fee charged. No refunds. For category changes, please email dancing@highlandgames.ca

Age as of JULY 25, 2026. Age categories will be determined by number of entries. Special events do not count towards high aggregate awards. Awards will be withheld without a current RSOBHD dancer registration card and a penalty charged to cover postage.

Prizes: Medals and trophies will be awarded in all categories, except the oldest Premier group who will receive cash prizes. Trophies will be awarded in all categories except Primary and special events.

Judging: Dancers will be judged according to the techniques of the RSOBHD. Judge's decision shall be final. There will be no access to the judge's score sheets. In the event of a protest, a \$35.00 non-refundable fee must accompany a written complaint and be submitted to the organizers the same day as the competition.

The New Brunswick Highland Games will not be responsible for any injuries, accidents or lost articles to competitors or spectators.

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. The decision of the judge(s) is final.
4. Dancers will compete in inverse order of entry. First to enter is last to dance.
5. Age is as of 12.01am on competition date.
6. Entry fee must accompany entry.
7. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizer.
8. There are no refunds.
9. Dancers must be registered with the RSOBHD or RSOBHD subsidiary body (such as ScotDance Canada) in order to compete. All competitors must present current RSOBHD registration card prior to receiving awards.
10. Protests must be made in writing, signed and submitted to the Organiser by the end of the competition day and must be accompanied by a 35.00 fee, refundable, if sustained.
11. The Organiser reserves the right to combine or split classes.
12. No category changes will be accepted on the day of competition. All category changes must be emailed to dancing@highlandgames.ca no later than Monday, July 21st.
13. Competitors must be on hand when their event is called or forfeit entry in that dance.
14. All competitors must remain in costume for award presentations.
15. Dancers must be dressed appropriately at all times.
16. In accordance with the ScotDance Canada Risk Management Policies, dancers must not change costumes in public view or in public washrooms. Dancers must use the provided secured changing facilities ONLY. Dancers must also abide by the RSOBHD Code of Ethics which states that dancers will dress appropriately and modestly when in public at competitions. Dancers in violation of these policies will be asked to leave the area until properly dressed and will have their names forwarded to the SDC Risk Management Committee and the RSOBHD where further action may be taken.
17. Dancers and parents must respect the ScotDance Canada Risk Management Guidelines, local, Provincial and Federal health authority directives, and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.
18. For all solo, duo, group 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 music and props must have a Celtic flavour or theme, NO Special effects, Glitter or additional lighting permitted.
19. Choreography Time limits: solo 1.5 minutes. Group 3 minutes. There will be a 10-point deduction for going over time.
20. Choreography changes/edits will NOT be accepted on the day of the competition

21. We are limiting the number of solo choreographies to the first 12 entries for Pre-Premier and Premier (12 solos in each)

22. Group Choreography Dancers are to enter as a team. Each dancer is to register themselves and provide the names of dancers who are in their team. Limited to the first 15 group choreographies for Pre-Premier and Premier (15 choreographies in each).

23. All dancers who compete and are placed will receive medals, with the exception of the oldest category who will receive cash prizes. Overall awards will be presented in all categories except Primary who will receive medals only.

24. EVENT DANCE OFFS & OVERALL AWARDS.

Saturday Ivan C. Murray Memorial dance off: Premier 1st and 2nd place winners of the Highland Fling will compete for the overall perpetual award.

Sunday Kate Gaddess Memorial dance off: Premier 1st and 2nd place winners of the Village Maid will compete for the overall perpetual award.

New Brunswick Highland Games Dancer of the Weekend: awarded to the New Brunswick dancer with the most overall points accumulated on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday Henry Odo Memorial Pre-Premier Dancer of the Day: awarded to the Pre-Premier dancer with the most overall points accumulated on Saturday.

Demonstration Event

We are happy to announce that the New Brunswick Highland Games Festival will host a demonstration event.

This is open to any new dancers ages three and up that are not competing but would like to participate. The dances will be performed on stage, in front of the judge but will not be adjudicated. Dancers will receive a participation ribbon – there will not be awards. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce young dancers to competitive Highland dancing. It is also an opportunity for parents and dancers to ‘learn the ropes’ without the pressure of competition.

Dancers can register for the individual dances that they know - 16 Pas de Basques, Pas de Basques and Highcuts, and the Highland Fling.

Dancers can perform in a white shirt/blouse, white knee socks, ghillies and a kiltie. Your dance teacher should be able to help with costuming.

We would like dancers to be at the venue for 10AM. We will have them perform immediately after the primary competitive dancers complete their dances. **Please complete the online form to register your dancer for this event – there is no fee.**

ACCOMODATION

Hotel Room block - Delta Fredericton Group Rate

Special rates for visitors are available at the Delta Fredericton. Visit <https://www.highlandgames.ca/accommodations/> to book.

This hotel room block fills up QUICKLY. Book asap to secure your stay. Last day to book is June 25th, 2026 OR until the block is full, whichever comes first.

SPECIAL CHOREOGRAPHY EVENTS

1. If you are registered in a group choreography, all dancers must register individually for the event. **Have one individual send the names of all registered dancers in their team to dancing@highlandgames.ca no later than July 14th, 2025.**
2. You must email your music in advance of the competition. The deadline for music submission is **July 2nd, 2026. Music must be emailed to dancing@highlandgames.ca.**
3. Music must be provided in an mp3 file format
4. Time limits: Solo 1.5 minutes, Group 3 minutes. There will be a 10-point deduction for going over the time limit.
5. Changes/edits will NOT be accepted on the day of the competition
6. Please bring a back-up copy of the music on an iPod/smartphone, etc.