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ONTARIO CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS HIGHLAND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION of ONTARIO SATURDAY, JUNE 1 2024

Glenn Gould Studio, (CBC Building), 250 Front Street W.,
Toronto, ON

C-ON-CO-24-2410

Sanctioned by the RSOBHD

OPENING DATE: SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024, 12:00PM (EST)
CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024, 10:00PM (EDT)

AGE CLASSES

Age classes: 7 & U10 Years, 10 & U12 Years, 12 & U14 Years, 14 & U16 Years, 16 & U18 Years, 18 & U21 Years, 21 Years & Over.

As the Ontario Closed Championships are also the provincial Selection Meet for the Canadian Championships, age classes are the same as for the Canadians. Age classes will not be combined in the event of insufficient entries to form a Championship. RSOBHD 2024 Championship Steps must be danced regardless of if there are sufficient dancers to comprise a Championship.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7:30 AM	Registration Section 1
8:00 AM	Section 1 Championships begin
9:30 AM	Registration Section 2
10:00 AM	Section 2 Championships begin
12:30 PM	Registration Section 3
1:00 PM	Section 3 Championships begin

Sections will be determined and announced after entries close.

All times are approximate and sections may start earlier or later.

AWARDS

- **Medals will be awarded in all age groups to six placings.**
- **Perpetual trophies and keeper awards will be presented to the Champion, First and Second Runners-up. Keeper awards will be presented to Third, Fourth and Fifth Runners-up.**
- **SPECIAL AWARDS:**
 - Ontario Junior Champion Dancer of the Day*** – High aggregate ages 15 years & under
 - Ontario Senior Champion Dancer of the Day*** – High aggregate ages 16 years & over
 - HDAO Founders Trophy*** – High aggregate Adult HDAO Dancer; 21 Years & Over Age Class; must be an HDAO Member.

CHAMPIONSHIP RULES & REGULATIONS

- The Ontario Closed Championships are sanctioned and governed by the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (“RSOBHD”), ScotDance Canada (“SDC”) and The Highland Dancers' Association of Ontario (“HDAO”).
- All dancers must show a current RSOBHD Dancer Registration card to compete.
- **AGE:** Age is to be taken as of July 1 for determining the age classification in which dancers would enter the Canadian Championship. Thus, in preliminary championships or competitions used to select provincial representatives, dancers would compete according to their age on July 1 of that year.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** For eligibility to compete in the Canadian Championship, a dancer must qualify in a Closed Provincial Championship or Selection Competition. The competitor must qualify by residency first, having been a resident for six (6) months immediately prior to the event. Should a competitor not qualify first by the residency requirement, that competitor may enact the birth qualification in the province they were born. Residency will be determined by the residence of the dancer's legal guardian. If a dancer moves to a new province, that dancer retains residency in the previous province for the purpose of determining eligibility first by residency, until six (6) months residency takes place in the new province. **RESIDENCY DEFINITION:** Dancers moving to another province and remaining in that province for six (6) consecutive months immediately prior to that province's selection meet would qualify by residency to compete in that province's selection meet. If a dancer moves back to the province they previously resided in and remain there immediately prior to that province's selection meet, that dancer would qualify by residency to compete in that province's provincial selection meet, provided they previously resided in that province for six (6) consecutive months. In the case of multiple moves, whichever province the dancer had previously resided in for six (6) consecutive months prior to moving from that province, would be the province where that dancer would qualify by residency to compete in that province's selection meet. **SUBSTITUTION OF A PROVINCIAL TEAM MEMBER:** Substitution of a provincial team member is allowed up to 5:00pm local time of the SDCCS hosts, the day prior to the Canadian Championships. If available, both dancers would be able to participate in the parade of champions. All issues with regards to this substitution are the responsibility of the Provincial Affiliate (refer to the the ScotDance Canada Operations Manual – Rules Governing the Canadian Championships document, Section 6).
- All dancers must dance the 2024 RSOBHD Championship steps. The 7 & Under 10 Years Class and the 10 and Under 12 Years Class will dance cut steps as set out by the RSOBHD. Championship steps must be danced regardless of whether or not there are sufficient numbers in the section to qualify as a Championship. If a Championship class is cancelled due to insufficient entries, all dancers age 12 and over must dance the 2024 RSOBHD Championship steps - no cut steps.
- Dance order will be by random draw for the Fling, Sword and Seann Triubhas. The Reel will be danced as entered (first to enter/last to dance).
- No late or phone entries accepted
- The decision of a judge is final and no discussion or correspondence can be entered into between a judge and a competitor or the parent or legal guardian of a competitor regarding any decision made by the judge.
- Dancers in the first group of the Reel must remain with the Steward to fill in if necessary.
- Dancers must be in appropriate costume for presentation of awards.
- **Entries must be completed by the dancer's parent/legal guardian or by the dancer (if 18 years or older).** Only the parent/legal guardian or dancer (if 18 years or older) may complete acknowledgement of the waivers. Entries made by someone other than the parent/legal guardian or dancer will not be accepted.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

This event is being held in compliance with all provincial health and safety orders, as well as facility requirements for Covid-19.

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

1. Public Health requirements will be continuously evaluated, and participants will be informed of the Covid-19 protocols prior to the event through social media and email.
2. For all participants attending SDC sanctioned events, generally, there will be four (4) guidelines SDC and HDAO encourage participants to follow in the absence of any local, provincial or national government health order:
 - Wearing a mask for your own protection and the protection of others
 - Maintain physical distancing wherever possible
 - Sanitizing hands often
 - Staying 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 Glenn Gould Studio 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 to agree to the *SDC COVID-19 Other Contagions General Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability* at the time of registration.

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ENTRY FEE: \$60.00 includes the SDCCS Provincial Surcharge of \$1.00

Registrar: registrar@hdaontario.com

NO PHONE OR LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED. NO REFUNDS on entry fees.