



THE FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL CHAMPIONSHIPS & DANCE COMPETITIONS

Centre Wellington Sportsplex, Fergus, ON

FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 9 & 10, 2025

Sanctioned by the RSOBHD; C-ON-CO-25-2413

Organized by the Highland Dancers' Association of Ontario & the Fergus Dance Committee

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 at 10:00 PM (EDT)

GENERAL INFORMATION

In celebration of Fergus' 80th anniversary we are adding a Premier Special Barracks event on Friday night. Winners in each of the three age classes will perform a 4-step Barracks during the Tattoo on Friday night.

****NEW** Friday – Premier 80TH Anniversary Barracks**

Saturday – Pre-Premier Highland Competition (morning); Fergus Scottish Festival Championships (afternoon)

Sunday – Pre-Premier/Premier Nationals Competition (morning); Premier Highland Competition (afternoon)

Entries will be on-line only at www.hdaontario.com Please review the options carefully when entering; you can enter all Events for both days or individual Events for each day. No late entries. Full details re rules, schedule of events, dances, and events fees follow. Questions or change of status should be addressed to the Registrar at: dancefergus@gmail.com

HALF-PRICE ON-LINE ADMISSION TICKETS

Adult Admission Tickets: 50% discount off Friday, Saturday & Sunday gate price. Limit of two per dance family per day (dancer must be entered to dance to receive discounted price)

To purchase discounted adult tickets, send your request together with your Entry Order Confirmation number to fergusdancetickets@gmail.com. You will receive an email back with an access code that you can use on the Fergus website Ticket System.

Children 12 and under admitted free but you must get a no cost ticket online

For information on accommodation & camping facilities, call the Festival Office (519) 787-0099 or visit the Games' website -- www.fergusscottishfestival.com

AWARDS – PREMIER 80th ANNIVERSARY BARRACKS

****Age classes: 7 & U12, 12 & U16, 16 & Over****

Prize Money to All Age Classes:

7 & Under 12 - \$200/\$125/\$100/\$75/\$50/\$50

12 & Under 16 Years - \$300/\$150/\$125/\$100/\$75/\$50

16 Years & Over - \$400/\$200/\$150/\$125/\$100/\$75

Winners & 1st Runners Up in each age class will perform on stage at the Tattoo on Friday night.

AWARDS - FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

****Age classes: 7 & U12, 12 & U14, 14 & U16, 16 & U18, 18 & U21, 21 & Over****

Prize Money to ALL Age Classes:

21 Years & Over - \$125/\$110/\$95/\$80/\$70/\$60; **18 & U21 Years** - \$100/\$75 /\$50/\$40/\$30/\$20;

16 & U18 Years - \$50/\$40/\$30/\$20/\$15/\$10; **14 & U16 Years** - \$45/\$30/\$25/\$20/\$15/\$10;

12 & U14 Years - \$30/\$25/\$20/\$15/\$10/\$10; **7 & U12 Years** - \$25/\$20/\$15/\$10/\$10/\$10

Individual awards will be to a maximum of 6 places. Trophies are computed based on six places. Over-all Trophies will be awarded to six places (Champion and five Runners Up)

One Airline Ticket to Scotland (Maximum value of \$1000) – All Championship participants on the day are eligible for a draw for one airline ticket to Scotland.

AWARDS - HIGHLAND & NATIONALS COMPETITIONS

****Age classes for all categories in both competitions will be determined once entries have closed****

PRE-PREMIER: Medals will be awarded to six places in both Highland & Nationals competitions.

BEGINNER/NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE: Winner & First runner-up trophies.

TROPHY FLING: Trophy to Winner and medals to 3 places.

PREMIER:

HIGHLAND: Cash prizes to six places will be awarded to **ALL** Premier classes

Senior Premier Class: \$100/\$75/\$50/\$40/\$30/\$20; prize money will scale down depending on the number of age classes

NATIONALS: Cash prizes will be award to the two Senior Premier classes. Senior Class - \$100/\$75/\$50/\$40/\$30/\$20; Class 2 - \$50/\$40/\$30/\$20/\$15/\$10.

All other Premier classes in the Nationals competition will be awarded medals to six places.

OVERALL & SPECIAL AWARDS

PRIMARY: Special 'Teddy' Draw & participation gift.

BEGINNER/NOVICE/INTERMEDIATE:

a) Monetary scholarship - High aggregate each category on each day. Minimum of six dancers in age class; minimum six dancers in each dance.

b) Spirit Award (Judge's Choice) - Each category on each day.

PREMIER:

Dancer of the Games Trophy: High aggregate over the *three* days of competition, including Championship. Age classes must have a minimum of six dancers competing. Each dance must have a minimum of six dancers competing.

Shirley Ashdown Memorial Trophy: Seann Triubhas - Dance off for Winners of the Premier Seann Triubhas on Sunday.

Fergus Festival Scholarship - Trophy & Cash Prize of \$250: Premier 14 years dancer with the highest aggregate over the games including the Championship (Six dancer minimum in age class and in each dance)

One Airline Ticket to Scotland: (Maximum value of \$1,000). Premier Trophy Winners & Runners-Up in the Sunday Highland competition will be included in the draw for one airline ticket to Scotland.

THE FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

Premier 80TH Anniversary Barracks

Recognized by RSOBHD; C-ON-CO-25-2413

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

Organized by the Highland Dancers' Association of Ontario & the Fergus Dance Committee

CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 at 10:00 PM (EDT)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

PREMIER 80th ANNIVERSARY BARRACKS

5:30 P.M. Registration

6:00 P.M. Barracks (4 step) Commences

Dancers must enter at least one other event to compete in this event. Awards will be presented immediately following the competition. Winners & 1st Runners-Up of each age class will perform on stage at the Tattoo on Friday night.

FRIDAY ENTRY FEES - \$10.00

SDCCS Surcharge of \$1.00 and HST (#89995 8755 RT0001) are included in fees.

THE FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES
Pre-Premier Highland Dance Competition and
Fergus Scottish Festival Championships
Sanctioned by RSOBHD; C-ON-CO-25-2413

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

Organized by the Highland Dancers' Association of Ontario & the Fergus Dance Committee

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

PRE-PREMIER HIGHLAND COMPETITION and
FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 7:45 A.M.** Registration for All Pre-Premier
- 8:30 A.M.** Pre-Premier competition commences with Primary, Beginner, Novice and Intermediate doing all dances to completion.
Primary/Beginner/Novice/Intermediate - Fling (4)
Primary - Pas de Bas/Pas de Bas & HiCuts
Beginner/Novice/Intermediate/Primary - Sword (2&1)
Beginner/Novice/Intermediate - Seann Triubhas (3&1)
Intermediate - Strathspey & Highland Reel
- 10:00 A.M.** **Registration for Fergus Scottish Festival Championships**
- 11:15 AM** **Fergus Scottish Festival Championships** – 2025 Championship steps must
(Approx.) be danced.
Age classes: 7 & Under 12 Years, 12 & Under 14 Years, 14 & Under 16 Years,
16 & Under 18 Years, 18 & Under 21 Years, and 21 Years & Over.

The HDAO & Fergus Dance Committee reserve the right to combine age groups in the case of insufficient entries to comprise a Championship. Age classes will not be split.

Dancers are asked to participate in the Mass Fling during Opening Ceremonies on Saturday. Morning awards will be presented after Opening Ceremonies.

SATURDAY ENTRY FEES

Pre-Premier Highland Competition

Primary A – PDB/PDB&HC - \$14.00 / Primary B – Fling/PDB/PDB&HC - \$21.00 / Primary C –
Sword/PDB/PDB&HC - \$21.00 / Primary D – Fling/Sword/PDB/PDB&HC - \$28.00
Beginner & Novice - \$35.00 / Intermediate - \$40.00

Fergus Scottish Festival Championships - \$60.00

SDCCS Surcharge of \$1.00 and HST (#89995 8755 RT0001) are included in fees.

THE FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

Pre-Premier/Premier Nationals Competition and Premier Highland Competition

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

Sanctioned by RSOBHD; C-ON-CO-25-2413

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CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 at 10:00 pm (EDT)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

MORNING - NATIONALS COMPETITION

Beginner/Novice dances: Trophy Fling (4); Strathspey & Highland Reel, Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4), Scottish Lilt (4)

Intermediate dances: Irish Jig (4), Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4), Scottish Lilt (4)

Premier dances: Irish Jig (4), Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4), Scottish Lilt (4)

8:30 A.M. Nationals Competition Registration – all categories (**ONLY** if not registered on Saturday)

9:00 A.M. Nationals Competition commences with Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, and Premier doing all dances to completion.

Beginner/Novice - Trophy Fling (4)

Beginner / Novice - Strathspey & Highland Reel

Intermediate - Irish Jig (4)

Premier - Irish Jig (4)

Beginner / Novice / Intermediate / Premier - Flora MacDonald's Fancy (4)

Beginner / Novice / Intermediate / Premier - Scottish Lilt (4)

AFTERNOON - HIGHLAND COMPETITION

12:30 PM Registration for all Highland competitors (**ONLY** if not previously registered)

1:00 PM Highland Competition commences

(Approx.) **Premier** - Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1), Strathspey & Highland Reel

Morning awards will be presented at the completion of the Nationals Competition. Afternoon Awards & Special Awards will be presented at the completion of the Highland Competition.

SUNDAY ENTRY FEES

Beginner & Novice - Nationals Competition and Trophy Fling - \$40.00

Intermediate & Premier - Nationals Competition - \$40.00

Premier - Highland Competition - \$40.00

SDCCS Surcharge of \$1.00 as well as HST (#89995 8755 RT0001) are included in fees.

FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES COMPETITION & CHAMPIONSHIP RULES -- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- The Championships & Competitions will be governed by the rules of the RSOBHD, SDC & HDAO.
- In order to compete, dancers must be registered with the RSOBHD or RSOBHD subsidiary body (such as ScotDance Canada). All competitors must present their current RSOBHD registration card at the registration table on the day of competition for every competition. Any dancer unable to show a valid registration card will pay a \$10.00 fee to the organizer and will forfeit all awards until such time as the card is produced. If the card is not produced within 10 days, their name will be passed on to all Organizers who will be advised not to accept entries from the dancer or allow them to compete until such matters are satisfactorily resolved. Costs incurred for mailing awards will be payable to the Competition Organizer.
- Age groups will be decided at the discretion of the HDAO & Fergus Dance Committee
- Dancers must dance in own category and age group. Dancers will dance in inverse order of entry and must dance in numerical sequence or be disqualified
- 2025 Championship steps must be danced for the Championships
- Judge's decision is final. No discussion can be entered into between a judge and a competitor or the parent or legal guardian of a competitor. Any complaint must be in writing with the complainant's signature, accompanied by \$35.00 and given to the Fergus Dance Committee (prior to the end of the day). The fee will be forfeited if the complaint is not upheld.
- **IMPORTANT:** No status/category changes on the day of the competition. Email status changes to the Registrar at dancefergus@gmail.com. Last day for change is **Monday, August 4, 2025**.
- No refunds of entry fees or advance sale admission tickets.
- This is a three-day competition - **Keep your number for Friday/Saturday/Sunday**.
- Dancers are asked to participate in the Massed Fling during Opening Ceremonies on Saturday. Dancers asked to participate in the Honour Guard will be notified in advance of the Games.
- Saturday Pre-Premier awards will be presented after the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday.
- Championship awards will be presented following completion of the Championships.
- Nationals Competition Awards will be presented following the Nationals Competition.
- Highland Premier Awards & Special Awards will be presented following the Highland Competition.
- Tents without sides may be erected in the designated areas only.
- **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, HDAO and FSF&HG 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 Centre Wellington Sportsplex 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.