

THE ANTIGONISH HIGHLAND SOCIETY presents the 160th ANTIGONISH HIGHLAND GAMES



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Highland Dancing Competitions

Saturday, July 12 & Sunday, July 13
2025

REGISTRATION # C-NS-CO-25-1012

JUDGES Carolyn Cusson, BC | Sue McCarrol, ON | Denise Durrant-MacDonald, ON

PIPERS Jamie Douglas, ON | Sean McKeown, ON

LOCATION Columbus Field, 121 Main Street, Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Schedule of Events

Saturday July 12, 2025

Pre-Premier: Novice and Intermediate

8:00am Registration

8:15am First Call and 8:30am Start

NOVICE

Fling (4)
Sword (2&1)
Seann Truibhas (3&1)
Lilt (4)

INTERMEDIATE

Fling (4)
Sword (2&1)
Seann Truibhas (3&1)
Lilt (4)

PREMIER

New Scotland Open Championship

10:00am Registration

10:30am Start

7 & Under 10, 10 & Under 12, 12 & Under 14,
14 & Under 16, 16 & Under 18, 18 & Under 21, 21 & Over

Special Event Mary Dundas Sword

(2&1) To follow the championship-before awards

Open to Premier Dancers Under 16yrs. Entries

will be divided into 3 age groups, and the 1st place winners of each age group will dance off a **2&1 Sword**

Dance for the Mary Dundas Memorial Trophy.

Sunday July 13, 2025

Pre-Premier: Primary & Beginner

8:00am Registration

8:15am First Call and 8:30am Start

PRIMARY

16 Pas de Bas
Pas de Bas & High Cuts
Fling (4)
Sword (2&1)

BEGINNER

Fling (4)
Sword (2&1)
Seann Truibhas (3&1)
Lilt (4)

PREMIER

Special Event Florence MacMillan Flora

(4) Open to Premier Maritime Province

Dancers

9:30am Registration

10:00am Start or immediately following the completion of Primary and Beginner. Does not count for Premiership.

1st and 2nd place winners in each age group will dance-off a **6-step Flora** for the Florence MacMillan Trophy.

Highland Heart Open Premiership

10:00am Registration

11:00am Start

7 & Under 10, 10 & Under 12, 12 & Under 14,
14 & Under 16, 16 & Under 18, 18 & Under 21, 21 & Over

Scotch Measure (4)

Flora (4)

Jig (4) for 11 yrs and under Jig (5) for 12 yrs and over
Barracks (4)

Start times and age groups are dependent on entries. You will be notified by e-mail if any change.

Registration

Registration Opens Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7 pm Atlantic

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY [Click Here to Register](#)

Payment may be made by Paypal, Visa, MasterCard or American Express

Entries must be received by June 27, 2025. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizer.

Changes in categories must be made by July 3, 2025 by emailing

antigonishhighlandgamesdancing@gmail.com. Confirmation of registration sent by email.

Gate Passes

Come see the 160th Antigonish Highland Games on Us! With this summer being the 160th anniversary of the Games, the Antigonish Highland Society is pleased to offer free day passes for everyone! There will be no daytime admission charged at the gate for Saturday and Sunday events, thank you to everyone for making this event a success for over 160 years!

Competition Rules

1. Dancers will be judged according to the technique of the RSOBHD. Scrutineering will be conducted as recommended by the RSOBHD.
2. First to enter, last to dance.
3. Age as of July 12, 2025 for Novice & Intermediate dancers. Age as of July 13, 2025 for Primary & Beginner. Age categories for all Pre-Premier groups and Special Events will be based on entries received.
4. Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets.
5. Dancers must report promptly to line up area when called or risk disqualification.
6. No refunds after entries are received. Late entries if accepted (after June 27, 2025) will be charged an additional \$20 late fee.
7. Dancers will pick up numbers at the registration desk upon verification of RSOBHD card.
8. Dancers must be in full costume to receive awards. No sneakers allowed.
9. Medals will be awarded in all Pre-Premier categories, and Special Events. High Aggregate and Runner-Up trophies in all groups except Primary.
10. Absolutely no coaching by parents/teachers/dancers while dancers are on the stage.
11. No teachers or parents are allowed in the Marshalling area, other than those volunteering. The marshalling area includes the entire backstage under the big tent, only dancers called to dance and volunteers are allowed in the marshalling area.
12. The Antigonish Highland Society will not be responsible for lost items, accidents, or personal injury at the event.
13. In the event of a protest being lodged, a fee of \$25 must accompany a written complaint no later than 48 hours after the event. The fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.

New Scotland Open Championship Rules

1. Sanctioned and conducted under the rules of the RSOBHD.
2. Age as of July 12, 2025.
3. The 2024 RSOBHD Championship steps must be danced.
4. Championship groups must have a minimum of six dancers competing to be eligible for Championship status.
5. In the event of there being insufficient entries in the stated age groups, prior to, or on the day of the event, the organizers will amalgamate age groups to meet the minimum required numbers. All dancers ages 12 & over will be required to dance long steps regardless of the Championship status of their group.
6. First to enter, last to dance. No number draw.
7. Dancers will be asked to fill in for the reel as required.
8. Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets. Championship results will be posted.
9. Medals will be awarded to 6 places in each dance. Cash awards to the oldest group. Keeper awards to the Champion and 5 Runner-Ups.

Highland Heart Open Premiership Rules

1. The Highland Heart Open Premiership is recognized by Scotdance Canada.
2. Age as of July 13, 2025.
3. The 2025 RSOBHD Premiership steps must be danced.
4. Premiership groups must have a minimum of six dancers to be eligible for Premiership status. In the event of insufficient dancers in predetermined groups on the day of the event, the organizer will amalgamate age groups to meet the minimum required numbers.
5. First to enter, last to dance. No number draw.
6. Judges' decision is final. No access to judges' sheets. Premiership results will be posted.
7. Medals will be awarded to 6 placings in each group. Cash awards to the oldest group. Keeper trophies will be awarded to the Premiership Winner and 5 Runner-Ups.

Premier Cash Prizes

Oldest Premier Group in the New Scotland Open Championship and the Highland Heart Open Premiership will receive cash Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$35, 4th \$30, 5th \$25, 6th \$20.

Special Antigonish Town & County Trophies

Gerarda MacDonald/Janice Macquarrie Trophy is awarded to the top Premier dancer of the weekend who accumulates the most points in the Championship and Premiership.

Wilena MacInnis Penny Trophy is awarded to the Antigonish Premier Dancer with the most points accumulated in the Championship, Premiership and Flora.

New Zealand Pre-Premier Trophy is awarded to the Antigonish Beginner, Novice, or Intermediate dancer deemed most promising by the judges.

Staying Safe

Our goal is to allow our dancers to compete in a safe, inclusive, and positive environment. We appreciate unexpected situations will arise on the day that may require action to protect our dancers, judges, volunteers, and other participants. Remember to be kind and respectful.