



ANTIGONISH HIGHLAND DANCING ASSOCIATION

50th Annual Fall Competition - November 7, 2026

St. Andrew Junior School | 2 Appleseed Drive | Antigonish, NS
RSOBHD Permit # C-NS-CO-26-1021

Judges: Eleanor Belton, Burlington, ON & Nadiene Gibney, Brantford, ON

Doors Open 7:45AM | Admission \$5.00 | Programs \$3.00
Morning Registration 7:45AM | Afternoon Registration 11:30AM

Times, Categories & Dances

		DANCE # 1	DANCE # 2	DANCE # 3	DANCE # 4	DANCE # 5 SPECIAL EVENT
8:30 AM	PRIMARY	16 Pas de Bas	P.B. & Highcuts	Fling (4)	Sword (2&1)	
9:00 AM	BEGINNER	Flora (4)	Fling (4)	Sword (2&1)	Seann Truibhas (3&1)	
	NOVICE	Flora (4)	Fling (4)	Sword (2&1)	Seann Truibhas (3&1)	
12:30:PM	INTERMEDIATE	Flora (4)	Fling (4)	Seann Truibhas (3&1)	Half Hullachan (4)	
	PREMIER	Flora (4)	Fling (4)	Seann Truibhas (3&1)	Half Hullachan (4)	Hornpipe (5)

Special Events

PREMIER Hornpipe (5)

*Cash prizes

1st \$40, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$30, 4th \$25, 5th \$20 and 6th \$15

Special Awards

BEGINNER Most Promising AHDA Award

*Presented to an AHDA beginner dancer whom the judges deem "Most Promising".

INTERMEDIATE Seann Truibhas Dance-Off Award (3&1)

*1st and 2nd place winners from each group will compete in a dance-off for the Overall Intermediate Seann Truibhas Award.

PREMIER Deannie Beaton Memorial Seann Truibhas Dance-Off Award (3&1)

*1st and 2nd place winners from each group will compete in a dance-off for the Deannie Beaton Memorial Trophy.

PREMIER Stephanie Grant Dancer of the Day

*Premier dancer who accumulates the most points, including the special event.

Please Note

- Beginner/Novice flora will be danced immediately following the Primary sword.
- Primary awards will take place following the Beginner/Novice flora.
- Demonstration Event will take place after the Beginner/Novice awards.
- Intermediate awards will take place after the Seann Truibhas Dance-Offs.
- Special Event Hornpipe will begin immediately after the Intermediate awards.

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

Competition Registration Fees

Primary		\$25/\$40
Beginner		\$40
Novice		\$40
Intermediate		\$40
Premier		\$40
Premier Special Event Hornpipe		\$10
In addition to registration fees, all dancers must pay a mandatory SDNS levy.		\$5

Registration

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY. Entries Open Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 7pm Atlantic Time

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE COMPETITION](#)

- Payment may be made by Debit, Credit Card, or PayPal
- Entries are limited to 200 dancers
- Registration closes October 24, 2026, at 11:59 pm AST
- Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizers - \$20 late entry fee
- Confirmation of registration will be sent via email
- Changes in categories or confirmation requests may be made by e-mailing antigonishhighlanddancing@gmail.com

Demonstration Event

- We are delighted to announce that the Antigonish Highland Dancing Association (AHDA) will host a special demonstration event as part of our 50th Annual Fall Competition, celebrating Antigonish's rich Highland dancing tradition.
- We are proud to welcome new dancers ages three and up who are not yet competing but would like to experience the excitement of performing at a Highland dancing competition.
- Dancers will perform their dances on stage, in front of the judge, just as they would in competition, but will not be adjudicated.
- Every dancer will receive a participation certificate as a keepsake of their experience. There will be no awards or placings.
- This is a wonderful opportunity for young dancers to take their first steps into the world of competitive highland dancing and experience the tradition that has been part of Antigonish for generations.
- It also allows dancers and parents to become familiar with the competition environment and build confidence without the pressure of being judged.
- Dancers may register for the individual dances they know: 16 Pas de Basques, Pas de Basques & Highcuts, and Fling
- Dancers are welcome to perform in a white shirt or blouse, white knee socks, ghillies, and a kiltie. Your dance teacher can help you with costuming and ensure you have everything you need.
- We ask dancers to arrive at the venue by 11:00 am. The demonstration will take place before the lunch break.
- Come be part of the 50th celebration and experience Highland dancing in Antigonish — the Highland Heart of Nova Scotia!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE DEMO EVENT](#)

Competition Rules

- Entry deadline is October 24, 2026, at 11:59 pm Atlantic Time.
- Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the AHDA. No refunds after entries are received.
- Age as of 12:01 am on November 7, 2026.
- 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 registration for this event.** Any dancer unable to show a valid registration card will pay a \$10.00 fee to the organizer. 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.
- Scrutineering shall be conducted as recommended by RSOBHD. Dancers will be judged according to the technique of the RSOBHD. Judges' decisions will be final, and there will be no access to the judges' sheets.
- Age categories will be based on the number of registrations in each classification. First to enter, last to dance.
- Dancers will pick up their numbers at the registration table upon verification of a current RSOBHD card.
- Medals and trophies will be awarded in all categories except in Primary, where no trophy is awarded.
- Dancers must report to the marshalling area when their group is called or risk disqualification.
- No coaching by teachers/parents while dancers are on stage.
- Teachers/parents are NOT to be in the line-up area unless working there.
- Designated changing areas will be provided. There is to be no changing in public areas, nor will the dancers be permitted to be in public areas wearing bra tops or sports bras with dickies. Please ensure that dancers are ready to dance when they arrive in the marshalling area, as marshalls are not permitted to fix costumes.
- Dancers must be in full dress to receive awards (including slippers).
- No flash photography while dancers are competing on stage.
- Any protest must be lodged in writing and postmarked within 48 hours, accompanied by a fee of \$35, which will be returned if the protest is upheld.
- The AHDA will not be responsible for lost articles, accidents, injuries or illness to competitors or spectators at the competition.

ScotDance Waiver (Sign the "Consent of Legal Guardian/Waiver" when registering)

I am aware that participating in the 50th Annual AHDA Fall Competition involves the potential for risks, dangers and hazards, including but not limited to:

- (a) injury to myself / my child as a result of the physical nature of dance competition and performance; and
- (b) the taking and/or release of unauthorized photographs, video and/or other recordings of myself and/or my child, notwithstanding efforts to enforce Event policies.

In consideration of my / my child's participation in the Event and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS against ScotDance Canada, its directors, agents, employees, executive members, volunteers and organizers of the Event (the "Releasees"), which I now have, or hereafter may have against the Releasees. In particular, but without limiting the foregoing, I agree to release the Releasees from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY for any loss, damage, injury, or expense I / my child may incur as a result of my / my child's participation in or attendance at the Event. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR EXPENSE, including legal costs, that the Releasees may incur due to my / my child's participation in or attendance at the Event, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, and whether caused to my child or otherwise. I understand that the Releasees will photograph and otherwise record the Event, its participants, and attendees. I consent to and authorize such recording. I further consent to and authorize the Releasees to publish my/my child's image, likeness, and information in any medium, including but not limited to photographs, videos, DVDs, and webcasts. I understand that this publication will take place in the public domain, including in printed materials, public announcements, and on the internet.

I specifically consent to the public release of the following information: 1. Name; 2. City, Province, Country of Residence; 3. Tartan; 4. Age; 5. Results.

I acknowledge that by signing and submitting this entry, electronically or otherwise, I have read this agreement carefully and fully understand it and agree to all the above terms and conditions.



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WORKSHOP - November 8, 2026

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Dance Category	Tentative Workshop Times	AHDA Member Fees	Non-AHDA Member Fees
Primary	9:00 am - 10:00 am	\$10	\$20
Beginner	9:00 am - 10:00 am	\$10	\$20
Novice	10:00 am - 11:30 am	\$15	\$30
Intermediate	10:00 am - 11:30 am	\$15	\$30
Premier	12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	\$20	\$40

Workshop Registration

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY. Entries Open Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 7pm Atlantic Time
Limited spots available. Registration closes upon capacity.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP](#)

- Payment may be made by Debit, Credit Card, or PayPal.
- Preference given to AHDA members.
- Groupings and times may change depending on workshop entries.
- Refunds will be issued if there is no availability in the workshop.
- An email will be sent closer to the date of the workshop to confirm times.

As per the 2025 RSOBHD Constitution & Rule Book, please see the rule regarding workshops:

- Judges who conduct teaching or coaching classes, seminars, or any other forms of tuition (e.g., by video conferencing) may not adjudicate any competitor who has attended any of these classes for a period of three months after the last class, workshop, or any other form of tuition that competitor has attended.
- *Dancers will bear the responsibility to ensure they do not compete in front of a judge who has given them any form of instruction in the preceding 3-month window.*