



**Loch Norman Highland Games & Carolinas Open  
Championship at Rural Hill  
April 20-21, 2024  
Competition USSE0416**



**HIGHLAND DANCING RULES:**

Competition will conform to **RSOBHD RULES**. **Dancer must present a current 2024 RSOBHD Registration card when registering. If a dancer does not bring their RSOBHD card with them, they will not be allowed to compete.**

Age will be computed as of April 20, 2024. Proof of age must be furnished if requested. Age groups for Pre-Premier Groups for Saturday and Sunday will be determined by entries received. Age groups for Premier Groups on Sunday will be determined by entries received. Championship Age Groups will be as listed with the exception that should an age group not make a championship due to the number of entries, the organizer may choose to combine groups as needed. Competitors will dance in reverse order of entry. **If you are unable to attend the competition, please contact Elaine at [Elaine.Burgin@gmail.com](mailto:Elaine.Burgin@gmail.com) ASAP.**

All judges' decisions are final. Competitors must remain in dancing attire until all medals and trophies have been awarded. Any competitor not present when called for an event by the announcer and/or marshall may be disqualified. In the event of a protest, a fee of \$25 must accompany the written complaint. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.

Trophy will be awarded to the dancer with the highest points in each class, with the exception of Primary. Primary will receive medals only. Six medals per class in Pre-Premier depending on the number of entries. Cash awards for all Premier/Championship Groups both days.

**Perpetual Trophies for Championship** – All perpetual trophies must be returned 4 weeks prior to the Carolinas Open Championship. Parent or Guardian must sign to receive perpetual trophy if dancer is under 18 years of age. Daners 18 years of age and over must sign to receive perpetual trophy.

It is the dancer's responsibility to abide by the Three-Month Rule (may not have taken any classes, Skype lessons, workshops, etc. with any of the judges for the event).

The dancing competitions will be held under a large tent with chairs available for spectators. There will be 2 changing tents provided for dancers. **Small pop-up tents may be placed outside of the main tent during the competitions. They must be removed at the end of the day and may not be left over night. They should not block entrances/exits to the tent.**

**All Pre-registered Highland Dancing Competitors will receive Day of the Event Tickets. No one will be admitted to the Games without a ticket. Parking passes will be emailed to registered dancers. Please print and display in your vehicle.**

**\*\*On-Line Registration Only\*\*. On-Line Entry Deadline Date is April 5, 2024. Anyone missing the On-Line Entry Deadline may contact Elaine Burgin at [Elaine.Burgin@gmail.com](mailto:Elaine.Burgin@gmail.com). Late entries will be subject to double entry fees. No field entries will be accepted!**

**Judges:** Bill Troock, Edmonton, Alberta CA; Eleanor Belton, Burlington, Ontario, CA; Steven MacRae, Owensboro, KY

**Pipers:** Douglas Frobese, Duncanville, TX; Josh Adams, Dunedin, FL

**Committee:** Elaine Burgin – Director, Towns Killough Paolucci, Margo Mulick-Rosenthal, Catherine Smith

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**SATURDAY, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Schedule of Events**

<b>MORNING</b>	<b>8:30am: Registration; 9:00am Competition begins</b>
<b>Section A – Premier – Entry Fee: \$45</b> <b>THE CAROLINAS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	<b>2024 Championship Steps Must Be Danced</b>
<b>AFTERNOON</b>	Pre-premier Registration will open either at the end of the last Championship dance, or at the end of Championship Awards (to be determined based on time). Pre-Premier will start immediately after the lunch break.
<b>Section B – Beginner – Entry Fee: \$25</b>	HF (4), SD (2+1), ST (3+1)
<b>Section B (1.) – Beginner Trophy Fling – Entry Fee: \$7</b>	HF (4) ( <i>Trophy Fling is a separate, single dance competition not included with the dances in Section B</i> ). If a dancer does not receive a stamp in Section B, dancer may earn a stamp at event B (1.)
<b>Section C – Novice – Entry Fee: \$25</b>	HF (4), SD (2+1), ST (3+1)
<b>Section C (1.) – Novice Trophy Fling – Entry Fee: \$7</b>	HF (4) ( <i>Trophy Fling is a separate, single dance competition not included with the dances in Section C</i> ). If a dancer does not receive a stamp in Section C, dancer may earn a stamp at event C (1.)
<b>Section D – Intermediate – Entry Fee: \$30</b>	HF (4), SD (2+1), ST (3+1), Jig (3+1)
<b>Section E – Primary (Under 7 years) – Entry Fee: \$20</b>	Pas de Bas, Pas de Bas & Hi-Cuts, HF (4), SD (2&1)
<b>Saturday Special Awards:</b>	Premier Dancer of the Day (Caithness Glass) awarded on aggregate points Most Promising Beginner Most Promising Novice

Championship	1 <sup>st</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4 <sup>th</sup> place	5 <sup>th</sup> place	6 <sup>th</sup> place
7-11	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$7	\$5
12-13	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5
14-15	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5
16-17	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
18-21	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$10
22 +	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$10

Please see note on page 1 of this entry regarding the perpetual Trophies for Championship.

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SUNDAY Events, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**



<b>MORNING</b>	<b>Pre-Premier and Premier Registration begins at 9:00am; Dancing for all groups begins at 9:30am.</b>
<b>Section A – Premier – Entry Fee: \$35</b>	HP (4), Lilt (4), Earl of Errol (4), Highland Laddie (4)
<b>Section B – Beginner – Entry Fee: \$25</b>	Lilt (4), Flora (4), ½ Tulloch (4)
<b>Section C – Novice – Entry Fee: \$25</b>	Lilt (4), Flora (4), ½ Tulloch (4)
<b>Section D – Intermediate – Entry Fee: \$30</b>	HP (4) Lilt (4), Flora (4), ½ Tulloch (4)
<b>Section E – Primary (Under 7 years) – Entry Fee: \$20</b>	Pas de Bas, Pas de Bas & Hi-cuts, HF (4), SD (2+1)
<b>Choreography Competitions</b>	Following Pre-Premier and Premier National Dances. Music must be predominately Celtic. Solo time limit: 1 ½ minutes. Group time limit: 2 ½ minutes. Email music to <a href="mailto:Elaine.Burgin@gmail.com">Elaine.Burgin@gmail.com</a> by 4/5/24 and bring a copy on your cellphone as a back-up.
<b>Solo Choreography – Entry Fee: \$25</b>	Intermediate and Premier Dancers
<b>Group Choreography – Entry Fee: \$35</b>	3 or more dancers; Intermediate and Premier Dancers; If dancers from different dance schools wish to compete in a joint group, the team must notify the Organizer <a href="mailto:Elaine.Burgin@gmail.com">Elaine.Burgin@gmail.com</a> .
<b>Sunday Special Awards</b>	Most Promising Intermediate Marguerite Reid Memorial Sheild (Most Successful Premier Dancer over 2 days), aggregate points.

Premier Awards	1 <sup>st</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4 <sup>th</sup> place	5 <sup>th</sup> place	6 <sup>th</sup> place
Group 1	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$7	\$5
Group 2	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$7	\$5
Group 3	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$7
Group 4	\$40	\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10
Group 5	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$10
Group 6	\$50	\$40	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$10

Planning on 6 age groups. **Organizer may choose to combine groups based on entries received.**

Choreography Awards	1 <sup>st</sup> place	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4 <sup>th</sup> place	5 <sup>th</sup> place	6 <sup>th</sup> place
Solo Choreography	\$55	\$45	\$35	\$25	\$20	\$15
Group Choreography	\$75	\$65	\$55	-	-	-

Sponsorship	Your Name / In Honor of:
Pre-Premier Medal Sponsor - \$25	
Pre-Premier Trophy Sponsor - \$50	
Premier Award Sponsor - \$25	
Premier Award Sponsor - \$50	
Premier Trophy Sponsor - \$100	
As Needed by Committee - \$_____ (Fill in the amount)	

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