

**Friday, July 12, 2024 through Sunday, July 14, 2024**

MacRae Meadows - Grandfather Mountain - Linville, NC  
e-mail: [highlanddance@gmhg.org](mailto:highlanddance@gmhg.org)

Online entries close at 11:59 pm EST on June 26, 2024  
Late entries accepted via e-mail (DOUBLE ENTRY FEE) until July 6, 2024

NO FIELD ENTRIES ACCEPTED / NO REFUNDS / ALL FEES MUST BE USD

[Ticketing and Registrations – Grandfather Mountain Highland Games \(gmhg.org\)](https://gmhg.org)

**You will be asked to provide the following information when registering:**

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| 1. Dancer's Name (First / Last)          | 8. Teacher(s) Name(s) and Dance School Name                    |
| 2. Address                               | 9. Teacher(s) E-mail Address(es)                               |
| 3. City                                  | 10. Dancer Age (as of July 12, 2024)                           |
| 4. State                                 | 11. Dancer Date of Birth                                       |
| 5. Zip Code                              | 12. Category: Primary/Beginner/Novice/<br>Intermediate/Premier |
| 6. <b>Dancer/Parent's E-mail Address</b> | 13. Sign a Waiver                                              |
| 7. Phone Number                          |                                                                |

**\*\*RULES & REGULATIONS\*\***

- ❖ RSOBHD rules will govern all events and trophies.
- ❖ Dancers must be in appropriate full costume to receive awards.
- ❖ All dancers must show their 2024 registration card prior to dancing and to receive any awards.
- ❖ Proof of age must be provided if requested.
- ❖ Age applies as of July 12, 2024.
- ❖ Age groups will be determined or adjusted as needed by entries received by due date.
- ❖ The adjudicator's decision is final.
- ❖ Medals/ribbons and trophies will be awarded in all Pre-Premier sections except Primary where medals/ribbons only will be awarded.
- ❖ Entries must be received on or before June 26, 2024, OR FEES WILL BE INCREASED.
- ❖ No field entries will be accepted.
- ❖ All fees must be in US Currency.
- ❖ NO REFUNDS
- ❖ Open to all dancers

Sanctioned by and conducted under the rules of the  
Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD)  
**FUSTA Competition Registration Number: USE-0405**

Judges: Friday – TBD  
Saturday/Sunday – Sharon Farrar, Marjorie Hart, and TBD  
Pipers: Doug Frobese and Stanton Man

**Highland Dance - Primary: SATURDAY**

*Select the dances you will compete in*

**Highland Dance: Primary: SATURDAY**

Highland Fling 4 steps

Sword Dance 2/1  
16 Pas de Basques  
Pas de Basques & High Cuts

**Highland Dance - Primary: SUNDAY**

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Select the dances you will compete in

Highland Dance - Primary: SUNDAY

Highland Fling 4 steps  
Sword Dance 2/1  
16 Pas de Basques  
Pas de Basques & High Cuts

**Highland Dance - Beginner: SATURDAY**

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Select the dances you will compete in

Highland Dance - Beginner: SATURDAY

Highland Fling 4 steps  
Sword Dance 2/1  
Seann Triubhas 3/1

**Highland Dance - Beginner: SUNDAY**

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Select the dances you will compete in

Highland Dance - Beginner: SUNDAY

Flora 4 steps  
Lilt 4 steps  
½ Tulloch

### **Highland Dance - Novice: SATURDAY**

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Select the dances you will compete in

Highland Dance - Novice: SATURDAY

Highland Fling 4 steps

Sword Dance 2/1

Seann Triubhas 3/1

### **Highland Dance - Novice: SUNDAY**

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Select the dances you will compete in

Highland Dance - Novice: SUNDAY

Flora 4 steps

Lilt 4 steps

1/2 Tulloch

### **Highland Dance - Intermediate: FRIDAY**

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Select the dances you will compete in

Highland Dance - Intermediate: FRIDAY

Barrack Johnnie 4 steps

Highland Laddie 4 steps

### **Highland Dance - Intermediate: SATURDAY**

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Select the dances you will compete in

Highland Dance - Intermediate: SATURDAY

Hornpipe 4 steps

Highland Fling 4 steps

Sword Dance 2/1,

Seann Triubhas 3/1

## Highland Dance - Intermediate: SUNDAY

*Select the dances you will compete in*

### Highland Dance - Intermediate: SUNDAY

Flora 4 steps

Lilt 4 steps

1/2 Tulloch

Jig (3+1 steps) Must dance in order:

Female intro method 1

Male intro

All intros must use 3rd position

1st - Circle

10th - Four Beat Side Run

11th - Second Diagonal Travel

Second Finishing Step - Triple Shuffle

## Highland Dance - Premier Pre-Championship: FRIDAY

Select the dances you will compete in

### Highland Dance - FRIDAY

Highland Fling 4 steps

Sword Dance 2/1

*Seann Triubhas 3&1 steps*

Reel of Tulloch

## Highland Dance - Premier: SATURDAY

Select the dances you will compete in (Under 12 HF-4, S-2&1, ST-3&1; 12&Over HF-6, S-3&1,ST-4&2)

### Highland Dance - Premier / SATURDAY - Atlantic International Championship

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(2024 steps must be danced if 6 or more are in the age group)

Highland Fling

Sword Dance

Seann Triubhas

Reel of Tulloch

### Jig Challenge (3+1 steps – under 12)

Must dance in order:

Female intro method 1

Male intro

All intros must use 3rd position

1st - Circle

10th - Four Beat Side Run

11th - Second Diagonal Travel

Second Finishing Step - Triple Shuffle

## Jig Challenge (4+1 steps – 12 and over)

Must dance in order:

Female intro method 1

Male intro

All intros must use 3rd position

1st - Circle

2nd – Shuffle, turning Bar 5 and 6

10th - Four Beat Side Run

11th - Second Diagonal Travel

Second Finishing Step - Triple Shuffle

## Highland Dance - Premier: SUNDAY

Select the dances you will compete in

PREMIER : SUNDAY

### Hornpipe and Nationals

Hornpipe – (Under 12 - 4 steps/ 12 & over 5 steps)

Earl of Errol - 4 steps

Lilt - 4 steps

Highland Laddie 4 steps

## Choreographies for Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Premier - FRIDAY

- Choreography – Choreography music must be Celtic and not exceed posted time limit or will be disqualified.
  - **Solo** - open to BEG/NOV and INT/Premier. Time limit – 2 minutes.
  - **Duet** – open to BEG/NOV/INT/Premier. Time limit – 2 minutes.
  - *Age groups to be determined after registration.*
  - *The Celtic music must be e-mailed to [highlanddance@gmhg.org](mailto:highlanddance@gmhg.org) by June 30<sup>th</sup> in the .mp3 format. Backups are recommended. Competitor music not received by June 30 subject to removal from event.*

## General Competition Rules and Regulations

The GMHG is excited to announce the return of the Atlantic International Open Championships for 2024 on Saturday. Competitive events will include Premier PreChampionship, Intermediate Barracks Johnnie / Highland Laddie, and Solo Choreography (open to all levels) on Friday. Pre-Premier Highland dances on Saturday. Pre-Premier and Premier National dances on Sunday. A Special JIG Challenge for Intermediate and Premier on Sunday.

Schedule (Initial – subject to change)

**Friday July 12, 2024**

**Premier Pre-Championship (Premier dancers who have not won a Championship or Pre-Championship)**

**Intermediate          BJ and HL Competition**

9:00 am - Registration

9:30 am - Dancing begins.

**Premier HF-4**

**Premier SD-2/1**

**Premier ST-3/1**

**INT BJ - 4**

**Premier Reel of Tulloch**

**INT HL - 4**

Awards

Choreography – Solo and Duet

Awards

## **Saturday July 13, 2024**

Atlantic International Championships | Primary and Intermediate Competition | Pre-Premier Highland Competition

8:00 am - Atlantic International Championship - Premier

11:00 am - Break for Opening Ceremonies

Intermediate Hornpipe and Primary Competition

Premier and Primary Awards

Pre-Premier Highland Competition

Pre-Premier Awards

## **Sunday July 14, 2024**

Atlantic International Pre-Premier National Competition | Atlantic International Primary Competition | Atlantic International Intermediate & Premier JIG Challenge | Atlantic International Premier Hornpipe / National Competition

8:00 am - Pre-Premier Nationals Competition  
Primary

Approximately 9:00 am - Premier and Intermediate JIG Challenge

Primary Awards

Premier Hornpipe

Pre-Premier Awards

Premier Nationals Competition EE, Lilt, & HL

Premier Awards

*12:45 pm – 1:05 pm - Opening Ceremonies*

1. Dancers will retain the same category status over the 3-day event.
2. Dancers will compete in reverse order of entry received.
3. Where noted, the organizers will determine age groups according to the number of entries.
4. Organizer reserves the right to combine, split, or delete classes the day of the competition.
5. Judges may not adjudicate any competitor that they have instructed for a period of three months. If a competitor has entered a competition with a judge with whom they have attended a class or workshop within the last three months, the dancer must step down from the competition.
6. Any complaint made by an individual against the organizer or adjudication of an event must be made in writing giving the complainant's full name and address and lodged with

the Organizer, if possible, on the day of the event and certainly not later than 48 hours after the event. Such complaints must be accompanied by a fee of \$25. The deposit shall be returned should the complaint be upheld.

**7. PARKING OPTIONS - 2024 - Please choose only one option per "dancer/family".**

**A Parking Pass will be issued for Option 1. One pass per family. There is a limited number available for all day parking - first requested - first issued.**

**Option 1. Traditional "parking" on the mountain with a pass. All day parking (nose to trunk). May be blocked in all day.**

**Highland Dance Competitor and Family – ONLY- shuttle will be noted on your e-mail receipt after completion of registration.**

**Option 2. Competitors only lot (Sugar Mountain location, Road #2); with AC Shuttle Bus service (not big yellow school bus) for all days available. In and out will be available and multiple shuttles will be running back and forth from lot limited to Highland Dancers and their family only. Drop off inside Gate #2. More detailed schedule to be provided after dance entries close.**

**Tickets for GMHG Shuttle Bus service will be provided by GMHG.**

**Option 3. GMHG Shuttle Bus service for all days available - visit [www.GMHG.org](http://www.GMHG.org) for details on Shuttle Bus service.**

8. Visit [www.GMHG.org](http://www.GMHG.org) for additional general information., hotel/accommodations, award donations, advanced ticket sales, etc.)



## Choreography Rules

1. Solo choreographies will be divided in Beginner/Novice and Intermediate/Premier groups.
2. Solo choreography will be divided into age groups based upon entries received.
3. Solo choreography is a maximum of 2 minutes including entrances and exits.
4. Duet (2 dancers) choreography may be a combination of any BEG/NOV/INT/Premier.
5. Music for choreography events will be timed. Judges will be notified of overage. Penalty is disqualification.
6. Individuals may use props during their performance; either static or non-static provided they do not require set-up or takedown. Live animals are not permitted.
7. The Celtic music must be e-mailed to [highlanddance@gmhq.org](mailto:highlanddance@gmhq.org) by June 30<sup>th</sup> in the .mp3 format. Backups are recommended.
8. Per RSOBHD rules, music may include vocal or percussion selections, but in all cases must be predominantly Scottish or Celtic in style.

## Awards

The Pat & Steve Johnston Spirit of the Dance Award is a perpetual trophy to be given by the GMHG. The winner is to be chosen by the judges. The recipient should be the dancer who best embodies the spirit and joy of highland dancing. This dancer should also captivate the audience and fill them with the joy of dance.

- Pre-Premier, Restricted Premier, Solo Choreography & Premier age groups split per entries received.
- Pre-Premier, Restricted Premier & Premier (Friday/Saturday/Sunday) - One trophy per group (No trophy for Primary)
- Premier – cash prizes – all groups (Friday/Saturday/Sunday)
- Best Premier Dancer Saturday (Premier) – Saturday (aggregate + \*\*)
- Best Premier Dancer – overall 2 days (aggregate-Sat/Sun +\*\*)
- Most Promising Beginner Dancer - Saturday (Judge's choice)
- Most Promising Novice Dancer – Sunday (Judge's choice)
- Best JR/SR Carolina Dancer (Premier) - (aggregate-Sat/Sun +\*\*) **SPONSORED BY CLAN JOHNSTON/E IN AMERICA**
- Best Male Dancer (one for each Pre-Premier BEG/NOV/INT) - overall 2 days (aggregate-Saturday/Sunday - no minimum)
- Best Male Dancer (Premier)–overall 2 days (aggregate-Saturday/Sun/no min/day)
- SPIRIT OF THE DANCE / Pat & Steve Johnston Memorial (Premier - Judge's choice)

*(+\*\* requires a minimum of 6 in the age group all 3 days)*

## Competition / Participant WAIVER

**You will be required to agree with the following waivers to complete all dancer registrations:**

By proceeding with this online registration, I agree to the following:

I am aware that participating in the 2024 GMHG Atlantic International Championship/ Competition(s) (the "Event") 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.

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 do hereby, for myself, my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators, waive and release all rights and claims for damages I may have against the SDUSA, its directors, agents, employees, executive members, volunteers and organizers of the Event (the "Releasees"), Grandfather Mountain Highland Games/MacRae Meadow, the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dance (RSOBHD) and all its agents or representatives, for any/all injuries suffered by me or any member of my family or group at any/all events to be held.

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 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. Country of Residence; 3. Results.

I acknowledge that by signing and submitting this entry, electronically or otherwise, that I have read this agreement carefully and fully understand it, and I agree to all the above terms and conditions. FUSTA/ScotDance USA (the "Organizers") reserve the right to cancel the Event, or any part thereof, at any time if the Organizers deem such cancellation to be necessary due to events beyond its control or should it become necessary to cancel the Event at the Organizers' sole discretion (the "Cancellation").

The Organizers shall not be responsible to any purchaser and/or attendees for any direct or indirect financial loss caused as a result of the Cancellation including, but not limited to, airfare, hotel deposits, entry fees, and tickets.

The purchaser and/or attendees agree to indemnify and save harmless the Organizers from all claims arising from the Cancellation.

I acknowledge the contagious nature of the Coronavirus/COVID-19 and that the CDC and many other public health authorities still recommend practicing social distancing.

I further acknowledge that ScotDance USA, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and the RSOBHD has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus/ COVID-19.

I further acknowledge that ScotDance USA, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and the RSOBHD cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with the Coronavirus/Covid-19.

I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to and/or infected by the Coronavirus/COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to other event participants and their families.

I voluntarily seek to participate with events provided by ScotDance USA and acknowledge that I am increasing my risk of exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

I acknowledge that I must comply with all set procedures to reduce the spread while attending the event.

I attest that:

\* I am not experiencing any symptoms of illness such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.

\* I do not believe I have been exposed to someone with a suspected and/or confirmed case of the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

\* I have not been diagnosed with Coronavirus/Covid-19 and not yet cleared as non contagious by state or local public health authorities.

\* I am following all CDC recommended guidelines as much as possible and limiting my exposure to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

I hereby release and agree to hold ScotDance USA, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and the RSOBHD harmless from, and waive on behalf of myself, my heirs, and any personal representatives any and all causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and compensation for damage or loss to myself and/or property that may be caused by any act, or failure to act of the organization, or that may otherwise arise in any way in connection with any events from ScotDance USA, Grandfather Mountain and the RSOBHD.

I understand that this release discharges ScotDance USA, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and the RSOBHD from any liability or claim that I, my heirs, or any personal representatives may have against the organization with respect to any bodily injury, illness, death, medical treatment, or property damage that may arise from, or in connection to, any services received from ScotDance USA.

This liability waiver and release extends to ScotDance USA, Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and the RSOBHD together with all organizational volunteers.