

United Scottish Society's 91st Annual Scottish Fest

Highland Dance Competition

May 27th and 28th, 2023

Sat: 10am-6pm Sun: 10am-6pm

**SDUSA West Closed Championship / Pacific Coast Open Championship/
Pre-Premier Highland Dancing Entry Form**

OC Fair & Event Center, Costa Mesa, CA

USW-0615

Saturday:

EVENT #1. SDUSA WEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (CLOSED)

Check in: 9:30 am Dancing Begins: 10:00 am

Premier - (7&U10) (10&U12): Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Triubhas (3&1), Strathspey & Half Tulloch

Premier - (12&U14) (14&U16) (16&U18) (18&U22) (22&O):

Fling (6), Sword (3&1), Triubhas (4&2), Strathspey & Half Tulloch

Dance off: City of Edinburgh Shield (at end of Championship) (See Rule #11)

Dance will be 4&2 Seann Triubhas – no set steps

EVENT #2. PREMIER NATIONALS (OPEN)

Check in: 2:30 pm Dancing Begins: 3:00 pm

Premier* - (7 & U12): Irish Jig (3&1), Village Maid (4), Blue Bonnets (4), Flora (4)

Premier* - (12 & U16) (16 & O): Irish Jig (4&1), Village Maid (4), Blue Bonnets (4), Flora (4)

*Age groups for the above categories will be determined based on entries received.

EVENT #3. PRE-PREMIER HIGHLAND COMPETITION

Check in: 2:30 pm Dancing Begins: 3:00 pm

Beginner* - Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Triubhas (3&1)

Novice* - Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Triubhas (3&1)

Intermediate* - Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Triubhas (3&1)

*Age groups for the above categories will be determined based on entries received.

EVENT #4. SATURDAY PRIMARY COMPETITION

Check in: 2:30 pm Dancing Begins: 3:00 pm

Primary - 16 PDB, PDB/Hi-Cuts (4), Sword (2&1), Fling (4)

Sunday:

EVENT #5. PACIFIC COAST OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Check in: 9:30 am Dancing Begins: 10:00 am

Premier - (7&U12) Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Triubhas (3&1), Strathspey & Half Tulloch

Premier - (12&U16) (16&U18) (18&U22) (22&O):

Fling (6), Sword (3&1), Triubhas (4&2), Strathspey & Half Tulloch

*Age groups for the above categories will be determined based on entries received.

EVENT #6. CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Check-in: 1:30 pm Dancing Begins: 2:00pm

Premier* - Solo Pre-Premier* - Solo

Premier* - Duets Pre-Premier* - Duets

*Age groups for the above categories will be determined based on entries received.

EVENT #7. PRE-PREMIER NATIONALS COMPETITION

Check in: 2:30 pm Dancing Begins: 3:00 pm

Beginner* - Lilt (4), Flora (4), Strathspey & Highland Reel (2&2)

Novice* - Lilt (4), Flora (4), Strathspey & Highland Reel (2&2)

Intermediate* - Lilt (4), Flora (4), Barracks Johnnie (4)

*Age groups for the above categories will be determined based on entries received.

EVENT #8. SUNDAY PRIMARY COMPETITION

Check in: 2:30 pm Dancing Begins: 3:00 pm

Primary - 16 PDB, PDB/Hi-Cuts (4), Sword (2&1), Fling (4)

**ALL DANCING EVENTS WILL BE HELD UNDER THE RULES OF THE ROYAL SCOTTISH OFFICIAL BOARD OF
HIGHLAND DANCING (RSOBHD).**

ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE NAN DALEY PAVILION (The Hangar Building).

1. Any protest must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Highland Dance Committee, properly signed and accompanied by a fee of \$20, and it must be made immediately following the posting of the results. If the protest is sustained, the fee will be returned.
2. Communication with a judge, piper or scrutineer, with respect to a competitor, will result in disqualification of that competitor.
3. The Organizer reserves the right to change any event or time schedule and to split or combine dance groups based on the number of entries within the scope of RSOBHD rules. Age groups for the Pacific Coast Open Championship may be changed at the discretion of the Organizer after entries have been received.
4. Dancers must be in costume to receive awards. If there are three dancers or fewer in any event, medals will be awarded at judges' discretion.
5. Last to enter, first to dance. Dancers must be ready and appear when called or forfeit the chance to dance in that event.
6. All dancers must be registered with SDUSA or another registration body in order to dance. **YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR 2023 DANCER REGISTRATION CARD TO COMPETE! No digital or paper copy of card will be accepted.**
7. All dance competitors, teachers, and parents are expected to comply with the ScotDance USA Code of Ethics.
8. Competitor numbers will be given out during event check in.
9. WEST REGIONAL (CLOSED) CHAMPIONSHIP and PACIFIC COAST OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – 2023 set steps as prescribed by the RSOBHD must be danced.
10. WEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS – The top three place finishers in each age group in the Saturday championship are expected to represent the West Region at the United States Inter-Regional Championship in Portland, OR on July 22nd, 2023. All USIR representatives in each age group are required to participate in the USS' Saturday Closing Ceremonies. Champions MAY be asked to dance the Highland Laddie with the pipebands.
11. CITY OF EDINBURGH SHIELD – To qualify for the City of Edinburgh Shield, a dancer must win a 1st prize in the Fling, Sword or Seann Triubhas in the 7 & U10, 10 & U12, 12 & U14, and 14 & U16 sections in the West Regional Closed Championship. The dance-off will be danced immediately after the Championship. Total aggregate points of the judges will determine the winner. The dance is listed on the first page of the entry. No set steps are required for the dance-off.
12. Competitors may only compete in events in which their respective birth date applies. Saturday Regional Championship, age as of July 15th, 2023. In all other events, age as of May 27th, 2023.
13. CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITIONS – RSOBHD Choreography rules will be followed. No separate entry fee is required – any dancer (Pre-Premier or Premier) who enters another competitive event during the weekend is eligible to compete. Please notify Organizer of intent to compete on the entry form. Dancers may enter both the Solo and Duet competitions. Dancers may enter AT MOST one Solo event and as part of one Duet team. Both dancers in the Duet team must be entered in another competitive event during the weekend. Duet teams pairing a Premier dancer and a Pre-Premier dancer will be entered in the Premier Duet group. Duet teams pairing a dancer older than 16 years with a dancer under 16 years will be entered in the 16 years and over section. Music must be pre-recorded and electronically submitted to Megan Ashworth (at megan.ashworth1@gmail.com) by May 15th. Music may include vocals or percussion, but must be predominantly Scottish or Celtic in style. SOLO EVENTS: Maximum time length of 2 minutes. DUET EVENTS: Maximum time length of 2 minutes.
14. AGGREGATE TROPHIES – PREMIER EVENTS: An aggregate trophy will be presented in the Saturday Nationals competition. An aggregate trophy will be awarded for any Championship age group with fewer than 6 competitors. PRE-PREMIER EVENTS (Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate): One aggregate trophy will be presented in each Pre-Premier age group on Saturday. One aggregate trophy will be presented in each Pre-Premier age group on Sunday. CHOREOGRAPHY EVENTS: Only cash awards will be presented in each group for Solos and for Duet teams.
15. PRIZE MONEY – PREMIER EVENTS: Cash prizes for dancers in each 16 & over age groups in the Pacific Coast Open Championship and Premier Nationals – 1st-\$30, 2nd-\$25, 3rd-\$20, 4th-\$15, 5th-\$10, 6th-\$5. Number of cash prizes awarded in each category will be 2 fewer than the number of competitors, up to a maximum of 6 prizes. CHOREOGRAPHY EVENTS: PREMIER SOLOS – 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$75, 3rd-\$50 provided there are 6 or more competitors in the group; 1st-\$50, 2nd-\$30, 3rd-\$20 if there are fewer than 6 competitors. PREMIER DUETS - 1st-\$200, 2nd-\$150, 3rd-\$100 provided there are 6 or more competitors in the group; 1st-\$100, 2nd-\$60, 3rd-\$40 if there are fewer than 6 competitors. PRE-PREMIER SOLOS – 1st-\$40, 2nd-\$30, 3rd-\$20 provided there are 6 or more competitors in the group; 1st-\$30, 2nd-\$20, 3rd-\$10 if there are fewer than 6 competitors. PRE-PREMIER DUETS - 1st-\$80, 2nd-\$60, 3rd-\$40 provided there are 6 or more competitors in the group; 1st-\$60, 2nd-\$40, 3rd-\$20 if there are fewer than 6 competitors.
16. ENTRY FEES- Review the Highland Dance Entry Fee Table below to determine the entry fee required.

Highland Dance Entry Fee Table

<u>Saturday Events</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
Event 1. West Regional Championship (Closed to West Region Premiers)	\$60
Event 2. Premier Nationals Competition (Open to all Premiers)	\$50
Event 3. Pre-Premier Highland Competition (Beginners, Novices, Intermediates)	\$50
Event 4. Saturday Primary Competition (Primaries)	\$25

<u>Sunday Events</u>	<u>Entry Fee</u>
Event 5. Pacific Coast Open Championship (Open to all Premiers)	\$60
Event 6. Choreography – Solo and Duet (Open to all Premiers and Pre-Premiers)	Free*
Event 7. Pre-Premier Nationals Competition (Beginners, Novices, Intermediates)	\$50
Event 8. Sunday Primary Competition (Primaries)	\$25

*There is no additional entry fee to compete in any Choreography event. Only dancers entered in any other event - #1, 2, 3, 5, or 7 – may participate in the Choreography events. Dancers may enter both the Solo event and the Duet event. Dancers may enter AT MOST one Solo event and as part of one Duet team.

<u>Enter Saturday Only</u>	<u>Pay Entry Fee</u>
Premiers – Event 1 only	\$60
Premiers – Event 2 only	\$50
Premiers – Events 1 and 2	\$100
Pre-Premiers – Event 3 only	\$50
Primaries – Event 4 only	\$25

<u>Enter Sunday Only</u>	<u>Pay Entry Fee</u>
Premiers – Event 5 only	\$60
Pre-Premiers – Event 7 only	\$50
Primaries – Event 8 only	\$25

<u>Enter Saturday and Sunday</u>	<u>Pay Entry Fee</u>
Premiers – Event 1, 2 and 5	\$150
Premiers – Event 1 and 5	\$100
Premiers – Events 2 and 5	\$100
Pre-Premiers – Event 3 and 7	\$80
Primaries – Event 4 and 8	\$40

Scottish Fest website for pre-event ticket sales: www.scottishfest.com.

Note: Tickets will be sold at the OC Fair Gate.

Scottish Fest Host Hotel:
Irvine Marriott
18000 Von Karman Ave.
Irvine, CA 92612

Room rate - \$119/night (taxes not included); Parking - \$15/day
Check Scottish Fest website – www.scottishfest.com – for host hotel link.

Entry must be completed by April 28th, 2023. Competitors will receive an entrance ticket for each day the dancer is competing via email.

Entries completed after April 28th will be accepted with entry fee and a \$50 late fee for all events except the SDUSA West Regional Championship. The competitor will need to purchase her/his own entrance ticket. **NO** entries for the SDUSA West Regional Championship (Event 1) will be accepted after April 28th, 2023.

Additional Entry Tickets - The USS recommends that dancer families and friends purchase tickets in advance at www.scottishfest.com. **Note: Tickets will be sold at the OC Fair Gate.**