



DURHAM REGION HIGHLAND DANCE ASSOCIATION

Winter Competition

January 25th, 2025

Pickering High School - 180 Church Street North, Ajax, ON L1T 2W7

Competition # C-ON-CO-25-2429

CLOSING DATE: Friday January 17th, 2025 at 10:00PM or when capacity limits have been reached.

DRHDA MEMBERSHIP YEAR: January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

NOTE: All waivers associated with this competition (available on the [DRHDA website](#)) must be read and acknowledged prior to registration.

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Judge: Deborah Wardrope

Piper: Jamie Douglas

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ORDER OF DANCE:

Registration for Primary, Beginner and Novice will begin at 8:30 am – Prepare to dance at 9:00 am

Beginner / Novice Flora (4)

Primary Pas de Bas (16) / Primary Pas de Bas & High Cuts (4X)

Beginner / Novice / Primary Fling (4)

Beginner / Novice / Primary Sword (2&1)

Beginner / Novice Seann Triubhas (3&1)

Registration for Demonstration Event will begin at 11:00 am - Prepare to dance at 11:30 am

Pas de Bas (16), Pas de Bas & High Cuts (4X), Fling (4)

Registration for Intermediate and Premier will begin at 12:00 pm – Prepare to dance at 12:30 pm

Premier Robbie Burns Special Sword (2&1) 11 yrs & under

Premier Robbie Burns Special Sword (2&2) 12 yrs & over

Intermediate / Premier 11 yrs & under / Premier 12 yrs & over Barracks (4)

Intermediate / Premier 11 yrs & under Fling (4) / Premier 12 yrs & over Fling (6)

Intermediate / Premier 11 yrs & under Seann Triubhas (3&1)

Premier 12 yrs & over Seann Triubhas (4&2)

Intermediate / Premier 11 yrs & under / Premier 12 yrs & over Strathspey & Highland Reel

Intermediate Vanessa Rivard Memorial Trophy Seann Triubhas (3&1) Dance Off

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DEMONSTRATION OPPORTUNITY:

Do you have a dancer who might not be ready to compete yet but wants to try their dancing skills on the stage and perform? This is the demonstration event for them!

We are pleased to offer this opportunity for our non-competitive dancers, who have never competed before. This will not be a judged or critiqued event, and there are no entry or membership fees to participate. It will consist of Pas de Basques, Pas de Basques and High cuts and a 4-step Fling. Dancers may dance 1, 2 or all 3 dances. Costuming requirements: Kilt(ie) or Tartan skirt, white blouse or solid black top, white knee socks, and dance shoes (ghillies, ballet shoes, or gymnastic shoes). Hair should be neatly pulled back from the face.

The demonstration event will be held before the Morning Awards. Participants can sign up at the registration desk on the day of the competition.

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ENTRY FEES:

- Primary** \$17.00 + \$1.00 SDCCS Fee = **\$18.00**
- Beginner/Novice** \$22.00 + \$1.00 SDCCS Fee = **\$23.00**
- Intermediate/Premier** \$25.00 + \$1.00 SDCCS Fee = **\$26.00**
- Non-Member Fee:** **\$25.00** per dancer
- Premier Special Sword:** **\$10.00** per dancer

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SPECIAL EVENTS:

Vanessa Rivard Memorial Trophy

There will be a special **Seann Triubhas (3&1)** dance off for all Intermediate dancers who place first or second in the Seann Triubhas.

Premier Robbie Burns Special Sword

Sword (2&1) 11 yrs & under

Sword (2&2) 12 yrs & over

Groups will be determined by entries and will be to a minimum of 6 dancers.

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd placings in each group only.

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Premier Group 11 yrs & under	\$50	\$30	\$20
Any Premier Groups 12 yrs & under 16	\$75	\$50	\$35
Any Premier Groups 16 yrs & over	\$100	\$75	\$50

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COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS:

This competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD). Categories are defined by the RSOBHD. Groups will be formed at the discretion of the Organizer. Numbers will be handed out on the day of the competition.

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1. All dancing events are governed by the rules and regulations of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD) and ScotDance Canada.
2. This event will follow all current provincial health and safety guidelines, including Covid-19 requirements. If you or your dancer are unwell, please stay home.
3. This event may be cancelled at any time up to, and including on or during the date of competition, dependent upon public health concerns or public safety concerns including extreme weather conditions.
4. All competitors must present a current RSOBHD Registration card at the registration desk on the day of the competition to compete. Any Beginner, Novice or Intermediate dancer that forgets their card for any reason must pay a \$10 penalty and have any awards withheld until such time as the dancer presents the card.
5. Registration is deemed complete only after payment has been received
6. **Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of DRHDA and only if received 48 hours prior to event. All late entries will be subject to an additional fee of \$25.**
7. No refunds on entry fees.
8. No category changes will be accepted on the day of competition.
9. Age is as of 12:01am on competition date.
10. Dancers will compete in inverse order of entry. First to enter is last to dance.
11. Competitors must be on hand when their event is called or forfeit entry in that dance.
12. The decision of the judge(s) is final.
13. Protests must be made in writing, signed and submitted to the Organizer by the end of the competition day and must be accompanied by a \$35.00 fee, refundable, if sustained.
14. The Organizer reserves the right to combine or split groups on the date of the competition as they deem necessary.
15. All competitors must remain in costume for award presentations.
16. Dancers must be dressed appropriately at all times, as per the ScotDance Canada "Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program" policy.
17. DRHDA and Pickering High School will not be responsible for loss of clothing or injuries to dancers or persons attending this competition.
18. Medal placings to (6) placings in Primary, Beginner, Novice and Intermediate groups, excluding Special Dances.
19. Cash prizes will be awarded to all Premier groups.



20. Premier Robbie Burns Special Sword and Vanessa Rivard Memorial Trophy Special Seann Triubhas dance off do not count towards the overall awards.
21. Winner trophies will be awarded in all groups, regardless of the number of dancers, except Primary.
22. Beginner, Novice and Intermediate Overall perpetual trophies will be awarded to the dancer with the most points in the category. Only groups with at least six competitors will be eligible.
23. Dancer of the Day will be awarded to the Premier dancer with the most points across all age groups with at least six competitors. In the event of a tie, there will be a 4-step fling dance off between those dancers.

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PLEASE LET US KNOW ABOUT ANY CHANGES & ABSENCES:

If a dancer changes category before the date of competition, or has decided not to compete after having registered, please email drhda.highlanddance@gmail.com ahead of time in order to make proper changes.

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2025 DRHDA MEMBERSHIP EARLY BIRD DRAW!

New for 2025! Purchase your 2025 DRHDA membership online by December 31st, 2024, and you will be entered into the **EARLY BIRD DRAW** for a **FREE MEMBERSHIP!** The draw will take place at our January 25th competition.

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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR COMPETITIONS IN 2025!

Spring Competition – **Saturday, April 5th, 2025** – Venue TBD

Fall & Choreography Competition - **Saturday, November 25th, 2025** – Venue TBD

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