



HIGHLAND DANCE COMPETITIONS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

ScotDance USA MW-0202

May 27-29, 2022

Alma, Michigan 48801

EVENTS:

Choreography Competition
Great Lakes Open Championship
Great Lakes Open Premiership
Pre-Premier Competition

Great Lakes Closed Championship – Midwest Regional Qualifier for USIR

Judges:

Diane Krugh – Houston, Texas

Pat McMaster – Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario

Jill Young – Calgary, Alberta

Registration:

Visit [Ticketleap](#) for registration information for all events. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. \$5 from each entry goes to support ScotDance USA Midwest.

Entries accepted through May 15, 2022, unless otherwise noted.

Rules:

1. Competitions will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing (RSOBHD).
2. The judge's decision is final.
3. Age groups will be determined according to the number of entries and competitors' ages as of the day of the competitions, with the exception of the Great Lakes Closed Championship.
4. Dancers must present their 2022 registration card to register and receive awards.
5. Dancers first to enter shall be last to dance.
6. Dancers must be ready and appear when called or forfeit the chance to dance.
7. Dancers must be in full costume to receive awards.
8. Awards are given at the judge's discretion.
9. Alma Highland Festival reserves the right to make changes to the event or schedule so long as the change falls within the scope of RSOBHD Rules.

Questions:

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Additional Event Information:

1. Socially distanced, designated spaces will be available for dancers/family member.
2. Dancers, volunteers, and spectators at SDUSA competitions must comply with state and local guidelines for mask wearing. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that their unvaccinated children are protected by wearing a mask and practicing social distancing, especially if the child is under 5 years of age.
3. All dancers may wear a mask when entering the competition stage. Dancers may remove their mask and place it in a paper bag at the back of the competition stage or opt to compete while wearing a mask.
4. If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask, especially if you are not vaccinated, please do so even if state and local guidelines do not require it.
5. Extra masks will be made available by the organizer. Please have a mask available to use for crowded indoor areas.
6. Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the venue.
7. A paper bag will be provided by the organizer upon arrival for holding the dancer's mask while on the platform, if needed.
8. SDUSA [Covid Waiver & Day of Competition Certification](#) will need to be signed upon arrival.
9. On the day(s) of the event(s), only one dancer may register/check-in at a time. All attendees must practice social distancing while waiting in line in accordance with state and local guidelines.
10. The stage will not be available for warm-up. Dancer warm-up can occur in either the designated family space or a socially distanced area outside the event perimeter.
11. Water will not be available; all dancers must provide their own water and snacks.
12. Awards may be placed in a bag with the dancer's name and available for pickup at the awards table along with dancers' Pre-Premier cards.
13. Trophy winners may be awarded on stage.

Friday, May 27, 2022: Choreography Competition

Registration opens at 5:30pm, competition begins at 6:00pm.

Open to Premier dancers only. Age groups will be determined based on the number of entries. Music must be Celtic in nature and meet the time requirements listed below. Please send digital file of music to competition organizer AND bring digital music on the day of the competition.

Time Requirements and Entry Fees:

Solo Choreography (2 minutes maximum)	\$25.00
Duet Choreography (2 minutes, 30 seconds maximum)*	\$35.00
Group Choreography (3 minutes maximum)*	\$45.00

*Dancers must maintain social distancing throughout their choreography. No propelled pivot turns, holding of hands, etc.

Awards:

Cash prizes for top three places. Trophy awarded for first place winner in each group/category.

Saturday, May 28, 2022: Great Lakes Open Championship

Registration opens at 8:00am, Championship will begin at 9:00am.

Dances will consist of the published 2022 Championship Dances.

Age Groups:

7 and Under 10
10 and Under 12
12 and Under 14
14 and Under 16
16 and Under 18
18 and Over

*Age groups may be combined depending on number of entries.

Championship Order:

	<u>7&U10, 10&U12</u>	<u>12&U14, 14&U16, 16&U18, 18&O</u>
Highland Fling	(4)	(6)
Sword	(2+1)	(3+1)
Seann Triubhas	(3+1)	(4+2)
Strathspey & Highland Reel*		

*Dancers may dance the Reel at their discretion based on their comfort level of close proximity to other dancers.

Fill-ins will be utilized as necessary.

Entry fee: \$50.00

Awards:

Cash prizes for all groups. Trophy for overall group winner. Special awards may also be given:

Donna McLeod O'Neill Memorial Trophy – Most Promising Premier Dancer Under 10

Anna Frutiger Memorial Award – Dance-Off for Under 16 Best Seann Triubhas

Alma Queen of Scots Dancer of the Day – Highland Fling (4) Dance-Off - Group Trophy Winners

Saturday, May 28, 2022: Great Lakes Open Premiership

Registration will open at 12:00pm, Premiership will begin at approximately 1:00pm.
Dances will consist of the published 2022 Premiership Dances.

Age Groups:

- 7 and Under 10
- 10 and Under 12
- 12 and Under 14
- 14 and Under 16
- 16 and Under 18
- 18 and Over

*Age groups may be combined depending on number of entries.

Premiership Order:

	<u>7&U10, 10&U12</u>	<u>12&U14, 14&U16, 16&U18, 18&O</u>
Sailor's Hornpipe	(4)	(5)
Earl of Errol	(4)	(4)
Scotch Measure	(4)	(4)
Scottish Lilt	(4)	(4)

Entry fee: \$50.00

Awards:

Cash prizes for all groups. Trophy for overall group winner. Special award may also be given:

Pat Templeton Kelman Hornpipe Challenge

Sunday, May 29, 2022: Alma Highland Festival Pre-Premier Competition

Registration opens at 8:00am, competition will begin at 9:00am.

Dances:

Primary

Pas de Basques (16)
Pas de Basques and Highcuts
Fling (4)
Sword (2+1)

Novice

Lilt (4)
Fling (4)
Sword (2+1)
Seann Triubhas (3+1)

Beginner

Lilt (4)
Fling (4)
Sword (2+1)
Seann Triubhas (3+1)

Intermediate

Lilt (4)
Fling (4)
Sword (2+1)
Seann Triubhas (3+1)

Entry Fee: \$40.00

Competition Order:

Lilt
Primary Pas de Basques
Primary Pas de Basques and Highcuts
Fling
Sword
Seann Triubhas

Awards:

Medals will be awarded in Primary, Beginner, Novice and Intermediate levels. Overall trophies will be awarded to the highest point winner in each age group, with the exception of Primary. Special awards may also be given:

Christie McLeod Freestone Most Promising Beginner Trophy
Kathy Johnston Memorial Most Promising Novice Trophy
Kathy Francis Memorial Most Promising Intermediate Trophy
Max McLeod Memorial Award for Excellence in Highland Dance Instruction
ScotDance USA Midwest Scholarships

Sunday, May 29, 2022: Great Lakes Closed Championship – Midwest Regional USIR Qualifier

Registration opens at 12:00pm. Championship will begin at approximately 1:00pm.

Premier dancers from the Midwest Region only are eligible to compete: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Age groups and dances are determined by ScotDance USA and RSOBHD rules. Qualifiers from each age group will represent the Midwest Region at the United States Inter-Regional Championship held in Madison, Wisconsin in July 2022. Qualifiers must be prepared to make the necessary travel arrangements.

Age Groups:

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16 and Under 18
18 and Over

Championship Order:

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Highland Fling	(4)	(6)
Sword	(2+1)	(3+1)
Seann Triubhas	(3+1)	(4+2)
Strathspey & Highland Reel*		

*Dancers may dance the Reel at their discretion based on their comfort level of close proximity to other dancers.
Fill-ins will be utilized as necessary.

Awards:

Medals given for all placings. Trophies given for top 6 dancers in each group.

Entry Fee: \$50.00

Entries for Great Lakes Closed Championship – Midwest Regional are accepted through April 29, 2022. No late entries allowed.

Midwest Qualifiers Informational Meeting & Celebration Reception

Following the Closed Championship, qualifiers and their families are invited to an information meeting and celebration reception. Location will be announced on the day of the event.

**PERPETUAL TROPHIES FROM ANY PREVIOUS YEAR EVENT MAY BE RETURNED
AT ANY POINT DURING THE FESTIVAL WEEKEND.**

PLEASE ENSURE TROPHIES ARE RETURNED CLEANED AND ASSEMBLED.