



2023 HIGHLAND DANCE COMPETITIONS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

ScotDance USA MW-0202 May 26-28, 2023

Alma, Michigan 48801

EVENTS:

Choreography Competition

Great Lakes Open Championship

Great Lakes Premiership

Pre-Premier Competition

Great Lakes Closed Championship – Midwest Regional Qualifier for USIR

Judges:

Kathleen Drummond – Maple Glen, Pennsylvania

Megan Grant – Fredericksburg, Virginia

Lindsay Recknagel – Tucker, Georgia

Recorded music will be used for all events.

Registration:

Visit <https://almahighlandfestival.ticketleap.com/2023ahfhighlanddance/> for registration information for all events. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

\$5 from each entry goes to support ScotDance USA Midwest.

Entries accepted March 1, 2023, through May 14, 2023, 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 2023 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.

Location:

Alma High School - Gymnasium

1500 North Pine Ave

Alma, MI 48801

Questions:

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Friday, May 26, 2023: 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

Awards:

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

Saturday, May 27, 2023: Great Lakes Open Championship

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

Dances will consist of the published 2023 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 & Reel of Tulloch	(2+4)	(2+4)

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 29, 2023: Great Lakes Premiership

Registration will open at 12:00pm, Premiership will begin at approximately 1:00pm.
Dances will consist of the published 2023 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> (4)	<u>12&U14, 14&U16, 16&U18, 18&O</u> (4+1)
Irish Jig	(4)	(4+1)
Blue Bonnets	(4)	(4)
Flora MacDonald's Fancy	(4)	(4)
Village Maid	(4)	(4)

Entry fee: \$50.00

Awards:

Cash prizes for all groups. Trophy for overall group winner.

Sunday, May 28, 2023: 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)

Beginner, Novice, Intermediate

Flora (4)

Fling (4)

Sword (2+1)

Seann Triubhas (3+1)

Entry Fee: \$40.00

Competition Order:

Flora

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 28, 2023: 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 Portland, Oregon in July 2023. Qualifiers must be prepared to make the necessary travel arrangements.

Age Groups:

- 7 and Under 10
- 10 and Under 12
- 12 and Under 14
- 14 and Under 16
- 16 and Under 18
- 18 and Under 21
- 22 and Over

Championship Order:

	<u>7&U10, 10&U12</u>	<u>12&U14, 14&U16, 16&U18, 18&U21, 22&O</u>
Highland Fling	(4)	(6)
Sword	(2+1)	(3+1)
Seann Triubhas	(3+1)	(4+2)
Strathspey & Highland Reel	(2+4)	(2+4)

Awards:

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

Entry Fee: \$30.00

Entries for Great Lakes Closed Championship – Midwest Regional are accepted through April 28, 2023. No late entries allowed per ScotDance USA rules.

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.