

HIGHLANDS & ISLANDS DANCING COMPETITION
SUNDAY 3rd MAY 2026
CONDITIONS OF ENTRY



RSOBHD. REG.No. B5

Entries close Friday 3rd April 2026 at 7pm

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Atlantis Leisure Centre, Oban

Session 1, Arrive 8.30am, Start 9am

Premier 12 yrs, Premier 13 yrs, Premier 14 yrs, Premier 15 yrs
Premier Confined to Argyll & Bute & the Western Isles 11 yrs & under
Premier Confined to Argyll & Bute & the Western Isles 16 yrs & over

Session 2, Arrive 1pm, Start 1.30pm

Intermediate (Age Groups According to entries)
Premier 7 & Under 10 yrs, Premier 10 yrs, Premier 11 yrs
Premier 16 yrs & under 18 yrs, Premier 18 yrs & over
Premier Confined to Argyll & Bute & the Western Isles 12 & under 14yrs
Premier Confined to Argyll & Bute & the Western Isles 14 & under 16 yrs

[2026 Highlands & Islands Music & Dance Festival Intermediate & Premier Competition – Fill in form](#)

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Judges

Gemma Baillie, Lothian

Allana Brown, Kingdom of Fife

Dawn Fraser, Stirling & Clackmannanshire

Rhona Lawrence, North Aberdeenshire

Alison Munro, Moray, Kincardine & Deeside

1. Hall capacity is 410
2. Competitor's age will be taken as that on the first day of the Festival, 1st May 2026.
3. The judges decision is final.
4. The competition committee reserves the right to combine, split or delete classes according to entries.
5. Trophies will be awarded in all categories; competitors must be in dancing costume to receive awards.
6. If dancers enter the Hullahan, they are agreeing to 'fill in' for Reels as requested. Dancers from the first four may be asked to fill in.
7. Complaints must be in writing, signed and presented to the Chairman on the day of the pertinent competition.
8. All dancers **must** be registered with the RSOBHD for the current year and should have their registration card available at registration on the day of the competition.
9. First to enter will be last to dance.
10. Dancers living in the current council boundaries of Argyll & Bute & The Western Isles for at least six months prior to the competition on Sunday 3rd May 2026 can dance in the Premier Confined.
11. Competitor numbers and two wristbands (one for dancer and one for accompanying adult) for entry to Atlantis Leisure Centre will be sent to competitors by post.
12. Premier Entry Fee £24 (includes entry for 6 dances, one £5 adult admission and digital programme and £1 postage for number and admission wristbands).
13. Entry Fee for dancers entering both Premier and Premier Confined sections: £27 (which includes entry for 8 dances, one £5 adult admission and digital programme and £1 postage for number and admission wristbands).
14. If more than one dancer in the family, and only one adult attending, you only pay the £5 adult admission and £1 postage fee once.
15. No entry fees will be refunded unless Festival is cancelled.
16. Timings for sessions may be adjusted after entries have closed.
17. All participants must abide by Rules, Regulations, the Code of Ethics and Child Protection Procedures of the RSOBHD.
18. The use of video cameras and flash photography is strictly forbidden. This includes mobile phones and any form of tablets.
19. Entry records will be electronically stored for one year from the date of the competition.

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HIGHLAND DANCING COMPETITION**

1. Highland Fling (4) 2. Sword Dance (2&1) 3. Seann Triubhas (3&1)
4. Hullachan (1/2) 5. Barracks Johnnie (4) 6. Hornpipe (4)

Section	Class	Age	Dances
Intermediate.	1	(age group according to entry).	1 2 3 4 5 6
Premier	2	7 years & under 10 years	1 2 3 4 5 6
Premier	3	10 years	1 2 3 4 5 6
Premier	4	11 years	1 2 3 4 5 6
Premier	5	12 years	1 2 3 4 5 6
Premier	6	13 years	1 2 3 4 5 6
Premier	7	14 years	1 2 3 4 5 6
Premier	8	15 years	1 2 3 4 5 6
Premier	9	16 years & under 18	1 2 3 4 5 6
Premier	10	18 years & over	1 2 3 4 5 6

Intermediate Classes will be awarded Medals for all events

**Premier Classes 2-7 will be awarded money for Highland Events 1 2 3 4,
medals will be awarded for National Events 5 & 6**

Premier Classes 8-10 will be awarded money for Highland & National Events.

Premier Confined to Argyll, Bute & the Western Isles (current Council boundaries for each area apply)

11	11 years & under	1 2 3 4 5 6
12	12 years & under 14 years	1 2 3 4 5 6
13	14 years & under 16 years	1 2 3 4 5 6
14	16 years & over	1 2 3 4 5 6

Premier Confined Classes will be awarded Medals.

**2026 SCOTTISH NATIONAL CHALLENGE
A Final will be held for the Sailors Hornpipe
(Set steps as below)**

11 years & under, 12 years & under 16 years and 16 years & over

From the Sailors Hornpipe results, the first and second placed dancers in the Premier 7 years & under 10 years, Premier 10 years & Premier 11 years will be recalled to dance in the 11 years & under final.

The first and second placed dancers in the Premier 12 years, Premier 13 years, Premier 14 years and Premier 15 years will be recalled to dance in the 12 years & under 16 final.

The first, second, third and fourth placed dancers in the Premier 16 years & under 18 and Premier 18 years & over will be recalled to dance in the 16 years & over final.

Dancers will be recalled to dance in the Final which will be held after the national results are announced.

Set Steps for 7 years & Under 12 years
Introduction: Basic, 1st Step: Circle, 2nd Step: Shuffle Over the Buckle
12th Step: Rocking ,16th Step: High Cutting

Set Steps for 12 years & under 16 years
Introduction: Alternative with Break A (without shake)
1st Step: Circle, 2nd Step: Shuffle Over the Buckle
12th Step: Rocking
11th Step: Low Cutting (with break)
16th Step: High Cutting

Set Steps for 16 years & Over
Introduction: Alternative with Break A (with or without shakes)
1st Step: Circle, 2nd Step: Shuffle Over the Buckle
12th Step Alternative: Rocking
11th Step: Low Cutting (any method)
16th Step: High Cutting