



Fraser Valley Highland Dancing Association

2026 Fraser Valley Open Championship, Pre-Championship, Premier & Pre-Premier Competition

Saturday April 25, 2026

**Fraser Valley Open Championship,
Pre-Championship & Pre-Premier
Competition**

Event Registration #: C-BC-CO 261018

The Championship is sanctioned by the RSOBHD

Sunday April 26, 2026

**Open Premier & Pre-Premier
Competition**

Event Registration #: C-BC-CO 261019

NOTE: each date is considered a separate competition providing the opportunity to Beginner, Novice and Intermediate dancers to earn a stamp each day.

Langley Fine Arts School
9096 Trattle Street
Fort Langley, BC V1M 2S6

Judges

Shendl Russell, SCO
Sherril Medd, BC
Cheryl Rafter, BC
Katie Gardner, AB
Richelle Edwards, AB

Pipers

Alastair Lee, BC
Andrew Lee, BC
Richard Brown, BC
Cameron Bonar, BC

Online Entry

Entry open date: March 8, 2026 at 6PM PDT

Entry close date: April 10, 2026 at 11:59PM PDT

Entries received after the close date will be subject to a late fee of \$10/entry.

Link to online entry form will be posted here: <https://www.fvhda.org/upcoming-events/>



competitions@fvhda.org

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Schedule of dance events

Saturday April 25, 2026

Chief Sepass Theatre	
MORNING	AFTERNOON
<p>PREMIER</p> <p>FRASER VALLEY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP <i>See Rule #21</i></p> <p>7 & Under 10 Years 10 & Under 12 Years 12 & Under 14 Years 14 & Under 16 Years</p> <p>Callbacks</p> <p>Fling (6)* Sword (3+1)* Seann Triubhas (4+2)* Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch (2+4)</p> <p><i>*Under 12 Years will dance short steps</i></p>	<p>PREMIER</p> <p>FRASER VALLEY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP <i>See Rule #21</i></p> <p>16 & Under 18 Years 18 & Under 21 Years 21 Years & Over</p> <p>Championship Awards</p> <p>Fling (6) Sword (3+1) Seann Triubhas (4+2) Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch (2+4)</p>

Gymnasium	
MORNING	
PRIMARY	Pas de Basque Pas de Basque & High Cuts Fling (4) Sword (2+1)
BEGINNER <i>*The Trophy Fling is a second opportunity to perform the Fling (4) but for a Trophy award (see Rule #22)</i>	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Trophy Fling (4)* Lilt (4)
NOVICE	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Lilt (4) Flora (4)
INTERMEDIATE	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Highland Laddie (4) Hornpipe (4)
PREMIER – PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP <i>See Rule #21 & #25</i>	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch (2+4)

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Chief Sepsass Theatre		
MORNING	AFTERNOON	
PREMIER NATIONAL Lilt (4) Flora (4) Blue Bonnets (4) Earl of Errol (4) Hornpipe (5)* <i>*Under 12 Years will dance Hornpipe (4)</i>	PRIMARY	Pas de Basque Pas de Basque & High Cuts Fling (4) Sword (2+1)
	BEGINNER	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Lilt (4) Flora (4)
	NOVICE	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Lilt (4) Flora (4)
	INTERMEDIATE	Fling (4) Sword (2+1) Seann Triubhas (3+1) Highland Laddie (4) Hornpipe (4)

Fees

Championship	\$60.00 per dancer
Pre-Championship	\$50.00 per dancer
Primary	\$5.00 per dance
Beginner/Novice/Intermediate	\$9.00 per dance
Premier National – 15 Years & Under	\$9.00 per dance
Premier National – 16 Years & Over	\$10.00 per dance
ScotDance BC surcharge	\$2.00 per day
Administration fee	\$5.00 per entry
Program (Single program for both days)	\$8.00 each
Door admission – daily rate	\$5.00 per person (12 years of age & over)
Door admission – 2-day rate *on-line only* (Only available via on-line purchase with entry)	\$8.00 per person (12 years of age & over)
Late entry fee	\$10.00 per entry (after 11:59pm on April 10 th)

Volunteering

The FVHDA is a not-for-profit organization governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Our events thrive thanks to the generous support of volunteers, and we warmly invite parents and families to help make the 2026 Open Competition a memorable experience for all our dancers. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Some important information regarding volunteering:

- FVHDA members of the 2025-2026 season may fulfill outstanding hours of their volunteer commitment at the 2026 Open competition.
- Volunteers can specify on the entry form their preferred date, time (“morning” or “afternoon”), and tasks for volunteering. The Volunteer Coordinator will make every effort to accommodate these preferences.
- The Volunteer Coordinator will contact volunteers approximately 2 weeks before the competition to confirm their assignment.
- Volunteers will be required to sign an acknowledgment of the ScotDance Canada [Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program](#) via the on-line entry form.
- An overview of the volunteer tasks can be found in the table below. Except for “Runner”, multiple volunteers are required for each task.
- Questions about volunteering? Email volunteer@fvhda.org.

Volunteer Task	Description
Door	Collect payment for door admission and programs
Numbers	Check in dancers and distribute numbers
Line-up/Marshalling	Arrange dancers in correct order backstage and assist them to the platform
Platform signs	Update stage signs during the competition to identify which dance events are in process
Awards	Assist the FVHDA Awards team in distributing medals/awards on stage
Runner	Shuttle the judges’ scoring sheets backstage to the scoring volunteers
Scoring/Scrutineering	Enter judges’ scores into the Scrutineer scoring program on computers

Competition Rules and Regulations

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 may be cancelled at any time up to and including on, or during, the date of competition dependent on public health concerns.
3. The decision of the judge(s) is final.
4. Dancers will compete in inverse order of entry. First to enter is last to dance in all events except Championship (see rule #27)
5. Age is as of 12:01am on each competition date.
6. Only online entries will be accepted.
7. Entry fees are to be remitted via on-line payment.
8. Late entries will be accepted at the Organizer's discretion with an applicable fee. For Championship, please see rule #30.
9. Fees are non-refundable.
10. In order to compete, dancers must be registered with the RSOBHD or RSOBHD subsidiary body (such as ScotDance Canada). All competitors must present their current RSOBHD registration card at the registration table on the day of competition for every competition. Any dancer unable to show a valid registration card will pay a \$10.00 fee to the organiser and will forfeit all awards until such time as the card is produced. If the card is not produced within 10 days, their name will be passed on to all Organisers who will be advised not to accept entries from the dancer or allow them to compete until such matters are satisfactorily resolved. Costs incurred for mailing awards will be payable to the Competition Organiser.
11. 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.
12. Age classes will be determined upon receipt of entries for all dance events except Championship (see rule #28)
13. The Organizer reserves the right to combine or split classes. For Championship, see rule #28.
14. No category changes will be accepted on the day of competition.
15. Competitors must be on hand when their event is called or forfeit entry in that dance.
16. All competitors must remain in costume for award presentations.
17. Dancers must be dressed appropriately at all times.
18. Dancers and parents must respect the ScotDance Canada Risk Management Guidelines; local, Provincial and Federal health authority directives, and RSOBHD Code of Ethics.
19. Dancers must fill in for the Reel when asked and must dance the entire dance.
20. Dancer number will be used both days.
21. Premier dancers may enter the Pre-Championship (if eligible – see Rule #25) or the Championship, NOT both.
22. Trophy Fling: this event is a second opportunity to perform the Fling (4). It does not count towards the dancer's aggregate score. A trophy is awarded for placings in the Trophy Fling.
23. Medals will be awarded for placings in Pre-Premier and Pre-Championship events, except the Trophy Fling event (see Rule #22).
24. **PREMIER NATIONAL:** Medals will be awarded for placings in the 15 Years & Under classes. Cash prizes will be awarded for placings in the 16 Years & Over classes.
25. **PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP:** Entry is restricted to those who have never won a Pre-Championship or a Championship.
26. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** all dancers must dance the 2026 Championship steps set forth by the RSOBHD.
27. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** order of dance will be determined by a computer-based random draw for all dances except the Reel. For the Reel, first to enter is last to dance.
28. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** Age classes are pre-determined. Should there not be sufficient entries for a Championship class, classes will be combined.
29. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** Medals will be awarded for placings in the 15 Years & Under classes. Cash prizes will be awarded for placings in the 16 Years & Over classes.
30. **CHAMPIONSHIP:** no late entries will be accepted.

ScotDance Canada Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability



Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Participation in a ScotDance Canada Sanctioned Event (competition/workshop), including Covid-19/other contagions of concern as identified by the World Health Organization/local/provincial/federal government authorities.

This waiver and declaration must be completed by the Organizer of the sanctioned event and provided either by email, via online participant registration or at the event. Participants are required to acknowledge (participant definition meaning dancer of legal age/parent/guardian/volunteer/professional, judge, piper).

The Fraser Valley Highland Dancing Association (FVHDA) and its members commit themselves to comply with the requirements and recommendations of National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities, and to put in place and adopt all necessary measures to that effect. However, the FVHDA cannot guarantee that you (or your child, if participant is a minor/ or the person you are the legal guardian of) will not become infected with COVID-19/other contagions. Further, attending the Event could increase your (or your child, if participant is a minor/ or the person you are the legal guardian of) risk of contracting COVID-19/other contagions, despite all preventative measures put in place.

By signing this document,

I declare that I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) am participating voluntarily in the **2026 Fraser Valley Open Championship, Pre-Championship, Premier and Pre-Premier Competition**.

I am aware that participating in the **2026 Fraser Valley Open Championship, Pre-Championship, Premier and Pre-Premier Competition** (the "Event") involves the potential for risks, dangers and hazards, including but not limited to:

- (a) Covid 19/other contagions; and,
- (b) injury to myself/ my child as a result of the physical nature of dance competition/workshop and performance; and
- (c) the taking and/or release of unauthorized photographs, video and/or other recordings of myself and/or my child, notwithstanding efforts to enforce Event policies.

I declare that neither I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) nor anyone in my household, have experienced in the last 48 hours prior to the date of the **2026 Fraser Valley Open Championship, Pre-Championship, Premier and Pre-Premier Competition**, Covid-19/other contagions symptoms (as identified by public health authorities).

I declare that neither I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) have tested positive for COVID-19/other contagions, and have not yet been cleared to discontinue isolation in accordance with applicable criteria communicated by public health officials (awaiting results); have been in close contact with a person who, to my knowledge, had symptoms of COVID-19/other contagions or has tested positive for COVID-19/other contagions, and have not yet been cleared to discontinue isolation in accordance with applicable criteria communicated by public health officials; or am currently subject to a quarantine or self-isolation order for any reason, including travel.

I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) declare that I have not been required to self-isolate under timelines set out by public health authorities (except for essential school or work activities).

If I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) experience, or if anyone in my household experiences any Covid 19/other contagions symptoms after submitting this declaration, I (or my child, if guardian of) will not attend any of the FVHDA programs or services until no longer required to self-isolate or for 48 hours after symptoms resolve or as directed by public health authorities.

I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) agree to the requirements and recommendations of National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities and to those special safety regulations put in place by the FVHDA as it pertains the Covid-19/other contagions and to adopt all necessary measures to those effects.

I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of) agree that, by filling out and signing this waiver and agreeing to the terms and conditions set out in it, I am giving up my legal rights to sue the FVHDA and its officers and directors, in the event that I (or my child, if participant is a minor/ or the person I am the legal guardian of), contracts Covid-19/other contagions.

This document will remain in effect until the FVHDA as per the direction of the National, Provincial and local Public health and other governmental authorities, determines that the aforesaid acknowledgments pertaining to Covid 19/other contagions in this declaration are no longer required.

In consideration of my / my child's participation in the Event and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS against ScotDance Canada, its directors, agents, employees, executive members, volunteers and organizers of the Event (the "Releasees"), which I now have, or hereafter may have against the Releasees. In particular, but without limiting the foregoing, I agree to release the Releasees from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY for any loss, damage, injury, or expense I / my child may incur as a result of my / my child's participation in or attendance at the Event. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR EXPENSE, including legal costs, that the Releasees may incur due to my / my child's participation in or attendance at the Event, whether caused by the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, and whether caused to my child or otherwise. I understand that the Releasees will photograph and otherwise record the Event, its participants and attendees. I consent to and authorize such recording. I further consent to and authorize the Releasees to publish my/my child's image, likeness and information in any medium, including but not limited to photographs, videos, DVDs, and web-casts. I understand that this publication will take place in the public domain, including in printed materials, public announcements, and on the internet.

I specifically consent to the public release of the following information: 1. Name; 2. City, Province, Country of Residence; 3. Tartan; 4. Age; 5. Results.

This document is in addition to and does not replace all other FVHDA waivers.

I acknowledge that by signing and submitting this entry, electronically or otherwise, that I have read this agreement carefully and fully understand it, and agree to all of the above terms and conditions.

Signature required if in person, otherwise acknowledge by email or via online entry form.

ScotDance Canada Policies

The ScotDance Canada policies listed below can be found on the following page: <https://scotdance.ca/about/>

- ScotDance Canada Risk Management Policies
 - *Child and Youth Abuse Protection Policy*
 - *Anti-Bullying / Anti-Harassment Policy*
 - *Code of Ethics / Conduct Policy*
 - *Privacy Policy*
 - *Data Protection Policy*
- Gender Inclusive Policy
- SDC/RSOBHD Social Media Guidelines

RSOBHD Code of Ethics

R.S.O.B.H.D. Code of Ethics

In this Code “Participant” means any organisation, body, association or individual with full or associate membership of the Board; any individual who is a member of an organisation, body, or association with full or associate membership of the Board; any individual who is registered with the Board; any person directly connected to a body or individual who is registered with the Board.

This includes Judges, Teachers, Organisers, Parents, Dancers & all parties connected with dancers.

General Behaviour

1. Participants will display honesty, fairness and equality of opportunity in all relationships in association with Highland Dancing, this includes but is not limited to social network communication, e.g. Facebook
2. Participants will make themselves aware of Social Media guidance provided by RSOBHD
3. Participants will not engage in behaviour which undermines the status and esteem of Highland Dancing.
4. Participants will recognise the authority of judges and other officials and treat them with courtesy and respect.
5. Participants will treat all other participants with courtesy and respect, whether successful in competition or not.
6. Participants will not discriminate between other participants on the grounds of sex, ethnic background, religion or ability.
7. Participants will respect the competence of teachers and judges and will not engage in public criticism; nor will participants be exposed to adverse public criticism. This includes but is not limited to verbal, textual or social networking communication.
8. Participants will not compromise the integrity of any competition result by seeking to influence any judge’s decision.
9. Participants will not actively persuade dancers to change teacher nor will participants seek to influence other participant’s choice of teacher.
10. Participants are responsible to maintain trophies and return them in the same conditions as received.
11. Participants will dress appropriately and modestly when in public at competitions.
12. Participants are reminded that when adding any photos to social media with dancers/children in them, that they have parental permission to do so.

Child protection/Well-being of Dancers

All participants will seek to ensure the health & well-being of the dancer at all times. In particular, the RSOBHD recommends that the teacher will comply with the disclosure requirements as applicable in the country/countries in which they are teaching and will provide planned programmes of preparation and competition for dancers; Organisers will have a child protection policy, adhere to national child protection policy, provide a safe environment, and suitable programming of events to ensure sufficient recovery time for the dancers.

Teachers/Judges

Teachers/judges must be suitably qualified, and will have a responsibility to maintain their qualification and expertise. Teachers/judges must behave in a professional manner at all times and will not compromise dancers by advocating an unfair advantage.

Legislation

Participants who do not adhere to the above will be subject to a penalty decided by the Board.