



The SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES 2026

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Highland Dance Entry Information
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Saturday June 20, 2026
Mission Valley River Park
2025 River Park Road
San Diego, CA, 92108

Judge: Louise Reid, California
Piper: Dane Chambers, California

For any questions please contact Organizer:
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Tickets

- Parents and non- dancers are encouraged to PRE-PURCHASE their tickets online to avoid lines at the gate. Online tickets will be on sale soon. Please note: Dancer entry fee includes dancer admission to the games.
- <https://sdhighlandgames.org/tickets/>

Venue Information

- This is a new outdoor venue and more information will be communicated as it becomes available.
- Shade Tents Recommended (Tents may not be staked into grass, bring weights)
- No Weapons (includes warm up swords real or fake)
- No Dogs

Competitive Events

Dance start time for all categories anticipated to be no earlier than 10:00am. Official start time will be announced closer to event based on entries.

Primary

1. Pas de Basque
2. Pas de Basque & High Cuts
3. Highland Fling (4)
4. Sword Dance (2&1)

Beginner

1. Highland Fling (4)
2. Sword Dance (2&1)
3. Seann Triubhas (3&1)
4. Scottish Lilt (4)
5. Flora MacDonalds' Fancy (4)

Novice

1. Highland Fling (4)
2. Sword Dance (2&1)
3. Seann Triubhas (3&1)
4. Scottish Lilt (4)
5. Flora MacDonalds' Fancy (4)

Intermediate

1. Highland Fling (4)
2. Sword Dance (2&1)
3. Seann Triubhas (3&1)
4. Scottish Lilt (4)
5. Sailor's Hornpipe (4)

Premier - Ages 7 & Under 12 Years

1. Highland Fling (4)
2. Sword Dance (2&1)
3. Seann Triubhas (3&1)
4. Strathspey & Half Tulloch
5. Scottish Lilt (4)

Premier - Ages 12 & Under 16

1. Highland Fling (6)
2. Sword Dance (3&1)
3. Seann Triubhas (4&2)
4. Strathspey & Half Tulloch
5. Scottish Lilt (4)

Premier - Ages 16 & Over

1. Highland Fling (6)
2. Sword Dance (2&2)
3. Seann Triubhas (4&2)
4. Strathspey & Half Tulloch
5. Scottish Lilt (4)

Premier - All Ages

- SDSHG Golden 50th Anniversary
Sailor's Hornpipe Award (4)

Special Dance Events

San Diego Scottish Highland Games Golden 50th Anniversary Sailors' Hornpipe Award

- Premier all ages will dance The Sailor's Hornpipe (4).
- Placings to be awarded up to 6th place.
- 1st Place to receive \$50.00 to commemorate the Games 50th anniversary donated by SDSHG.

Margo Naismith Memorial Sword Dance

- To qualify, dancers must place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the Sword Dance in their respective Premier age group and be under 16 years old.
- Qualifiers will dance a Sword (2&1).

House of Scotland Sword Dance

- To qualify, dancers must place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the Sword Dance in their respective Premier age group and be 16 years or older.
- Qualifiers will dance a Sword (2&1).
- 1st Place to receive \$50.00 donated by the House of Scotland.

Pre-Premier Scholarships

- An "Honorable Mention" \$25.00 scholarship will be awarded to one Beginner, one Novice, and one Intermediate. (Sponsor: Macleod Pacific Region). The "Honorable Mention" scholarship will be awarded to the dancer who is first runner up in the Beginner, Novice, and Intermediate categories. In the event of multiple age groups, the first runner up winner will be at the judge's discretion. The scholarship will be made out to the dancer's teacher to support further dance education.

Dancing Rules

1. The competition is governed by RSOBHD and ScotDance USA rules.
2. All dance competitors and teachers are expected to comply with the RSOBHD Code of Ethics & SDUSA Code of Ethics.
3. All dancers must be registered with ScotDance USA, or another registration body in order to dance.
4. Registration Number MUST be on Entry Form and current years dance card must be produced on the day of the event to compete.
5. Age groups and start time will be determined after entries are received.
6. Organizer reserves the right to split or combine classes the day of the competition.
7. Dancers who are last to enter will be first to dance, and when applicable the dancer will fill in for a reel.
8. Communication by a dancer or parent of a dancer with the judge is not allowed.
9. Pre-Premier category changes must be made by June 6, 2026.
10. Dancers not on hand when their class is called will forfeit entry on that event.
11. All winners must be in costume to accept awards.
12. Entry fee includes dancer admission to the competition.
13. Competitor numbers will be distributed at the event during registration.
14. Entries must be SUBMITTED by June 6, 2026. Late entries will be accepted with DOUBLE FEES.
15. Entry fees are as follows: Primary- \$35, Beginner- \$40, Novice- \$40, Intermediate- \$40, Premier- \$45
16. \$5 per dancer entry goes to SDUSA West.
17. Entry fees are non-refundable.
18. 3 Month Rule: Judges who conduct teaching or coaching classes, seminars or any other forms of tuition (eg. by video conferencing), may not adjudicate any competitor who has attended any of these classes, for a period of three months after the last class, workshop, or any other form of tuition that competitor has attended.
19. Judge's decision is final. Any protest must be in writing, signed, and handed to the Dance Director by the end of the competition, accompanied by a fee of \$30.00 that would be refundable if the protest is sustained.
20. SDUSA takes data privacy very seriously. Personal data is collected by competition organizers and SDUSA Officers for the purpose of performing our duties within RSOBHD and SDUSA guidelines. All data is recorded in electronic format (for example Excel or Highland Scrutineer) and retained for a period of one year at which time electronic records will be deleted and paper entry forms properly disposed.