



# United Scottish Society's 94th Annual Scottish Fest

## Highland Dance Competition

OC Fair & Event Center, 88 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA  
May 23-24, 2026

**USW-0615**

**Judges available upon request**

\*All event times to be determined based on entries

### Saturday Morning

#### **EVENT #1 SDUSA WEST REGIONAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP**

Premier (7&U10) (10&U12):

Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1), Strathspey & ½ Tulloch

Premier (12&U14) (14&U16) (16&U18) (18&U22) (22&Over):

Fling (6), Sword (3&1), Seann Triubhas (4&2), Strathspey & ½ Tulloch

**Special Dance off: City of Edinburgh Shield** (To be completed at end of Championship)

Dance will be Fling (6) – No set steps are required. (See Rule #11 for details)

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### Saturday Afternoon

#### **EVENT #2 PREMIER NATIONALS**

Premier (7 & U12) (12 & U16) (16 & Over): Hornpipe (4), Blue Bonnets (4), Scottish Lilt (4)

#### **EVENT #3 PRE-PREMIER NATIONALS**

Beginner: Lilt (4), Flora (4), Trophy Fling (4)\*

Novice: Lilt (4), Flora (4), Trophy Fling (4)\*

Intermediate: Hornpipe (4), Barracks Johnnie (4), Lilt (4)

\*Trophy Flings are not part of aggregate

#### **EVENT #4 SATURDAY PRIMARY**

Primary: 16 PDB, PDB & High Cuts, Sword (2&1), Fling (4)

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### Sunday Morning

#### **EVENT #5 PACIFIC COAST OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Premier (7&U12)

Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1), Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch

Premier (12&U14) (14&U16) (16&Over):

Fling (6), Sword (3&1), Seann Triubhas (4&2), Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch

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### Sunday Afternoon

#### **EVENT #6 PRE-PREMIER HIGHLAND**

Beginner: Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1)

Novice: Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1)

Intermediate: Fling (4), Sword (2&1), Seann Triubhas (3&1)

#### **EVENT #7 SUNDAY PRIMARY**

Primary: 16 PDB, PDB & High Cuts, Sword (2&1), Fling (4)

### Entry Fees

<b>Primary</b>	1-Day	\$25
	2-Day	\$50

<b>Beginner</b>	1-Day	\$50
	2-Day	\$80

<b>Novice</b>	1-Day	\$50
	2-Day	\$80

<b>Intermediate</b>	1-Day	\$50
	2-Day	\$80

<b>Premier</b>	All Events (Closed Championship, Open Championship, Nationals) *West Region Premiers Only	\$150
	Saturday Closed Championship *West Region Premiers Only	\$60
	Saturday Nationals	\$50
	Sunday Open Championship	\$60

### Sponsorship Opportunities

<b>Sponsorship Opportunities</b>	Medal Set	\$25
	Trophy	\$75

### Additional Details

- It is recommended families purchase tickets in advance to avoid gate lines. Please visit the Scottish Fest website for pre-event **ticket sales**: [www.scottishfest.com](http://www.scottishfest.com).
- **Scottish Fest Host Hotel:**  
Hilton Orange County/Costa Mesa  
3050 Bristol St, Costa Mesa, CA, 92626  
As host hotel details come available (sometime in March) they will be posted on the Scottish Fest website: [www.scottishfest.com](http://www.scottishfest.com)

## EVENT RULES

**Entries for the West Region Closed Championship MUST be received by April 23, 2026. No entries for the Closed Championship will be accepted after April 23, 2026. Entries for all other events will be accepted after April 23, 2026 with a \$50 late fee.**

1. The competition is governed by RSOBHD and ScotDance USA rules. All competitors, teachers, and parents are expected to comply with both the RSOBHD Code of Ethics & SDUSA Code of Ethics.
2. Any protest must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Highland Dance Committee, properly signed and accompanied by a fee of \$20, and it must be made immediately following the posting of the results. If the protest is sustained, the fee will be returned.
3. Communication with a judge, piper or scrutineer, regarding a competitor will result in disqualification of that competitor.
4. The Organizer reserves the right to change any event or time schedule and to split or combine dance groups based on the number of entries within the scope of RSOBHD rules.
5. Dancers must be in costume to receive awards.
6. Last to enter, first to dance. Dancers must be ready and appear when called or forfeit the chance to dance in that event.
7. All dancers must be registered with SDUSA or another registration body in order to dance. All dancers must be registered with SDUSA, or another affiliated registration body in order to dance. Registration card must be produced on the day of the event in order to compete.
8. Competitor numbers will be given out during event check in.
9. 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.
10. WEST REGIONAL (CLOSED) CHAMPIONSHIP and PACIFIC COAST OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – 2026 set steps as prescribed by the RSOBHD must be danced.
11. CITY OF EDINBURGH SHIELD – To qualify for the City of Edinburgh Shield, a dancer must win a 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Fling, Sword or Seann Triubhas in the 7 & U10, 10 & U12, 12 & U14, and 14 & U16 sections in the West Regional Closed Championship. The dance-off will be danced immediately after the Championship. Total aggregate points of the judges will determine the winner. The dance is Highland Fling (6). No set steps are required for the dance-off.  
\*Cash Awards: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$750, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$500, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$250. Prize money is donated by the St. Andrews Society of LA.
12. Competitors may only compete in events in which their respective birth date applies. Saturday Regional Championship, age as of July 15, 2026. In all other events, age as of May 23, 2026.
13. Video Taping: Please only video tape your dancer. Be respectful of the privacy of others and do not video tape any other dancers. Please do not post videos online of dancers without their or their parent's permission.
14. Aggregate Trophies: One aggregate trophy will be presented in all competitions that occur over the weekend with the exception of Primary. An aggregate trophy will be awarded for any Championship age group with fewer than 6 competitors. Beginner and Novice Trophy Flings are standalone events and not part of the aggregate trophy.
15. Prize Money (Premier Events): Cash prizes for dancers ages 16 & over in the Pacific Coast Open Championship and Premier Nationals – 1<sup>st</sup>-\$30, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$25, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$20, 4<sup>th</sup>-\$15, 5<sup>th</sup>-\$10, 6<sup>th</sup>-\$5. Number of cash prizes awarded in each category will be 2 fewer than the number of competitors, up to a maximum of 6 prizes.
16. Competitors entering by April 23, 2026 will receive an entrance ticket for each day they are competing via email.
17. **Entries for the West Region Closed Championship MUST be received by April 23, 2026. No entries for the Closed Championship will be accepted after April 23, 2026. . Entries for all other events will be accepted after April 23, 2026 with a \$50 late fee and competitor must purchase their own entrance ticket.**
18. REGIONAL CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP RULES:
  - a. The Closed Championship will be conducted under RSOBHD rules governing closed Championships.
  - b. The West Regional Closed Championship/competition is considered by the RSOBHD to be a preliminary heat to the USIR Championship. If there are age groups with fewer than six dancers, championship rules will apply. In classes with three or fewer dancers, in order to qualify to compete in the USIR Championship, a dancer must gain aggregate points in the Regional Selection Competition. (*ScotDance USA P and P, Article V Section A #6*).
  - c. Age groups as set by ScotDance USA and will not be altered 7 & Under 10, 10 & U12, 12 & U14, 14 & U16, 16 & U18, 18 & U22, 22 & Over.
  - d. A dancer's age for the regional championship will be as of July 15, 2026.
  - e. In order to enter the West Regional Closed Championship a dancer must have been born in the region, lived in the region for a period of six (6) months immediately prior to the championship or temporarily reside in the region for a period of more than six (6) months in a calendar year because they are attending an educational institution in the region or for another legitimate reason. (*ScotDance USA's Policies & Procedures Article V Section C #2*).
  - f. 2026 RSOBHD Championship Steps **required** for all dances: Fling, Sword, Sean Triubhas, Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch
  - g. Dancers are expected to fill in for Reels if required.
  - h. Entries close 1 month prior to the date of the championship – April 23, 2026. No late entries will be accepted.
  - i. The first three winners (more for those categories with dancers holding a bye from USIR 2024) will be expected to represent the Region at the United States Inter-Regional Championship to be held in Dallas, TX on Saturday July 25, 2026. <https://nationalchampionship.scotdanceusa.com/>. If you qualify as a representative and are unable to attend, please notify your regional delegate before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.
  - j. Dancers who win a perpetual trophy at the USIR are responsible for transport, storage and cleaning of the USIR perpetual trophy. If the dancer is unable to attend the following year's USIR, it is their responsibility to safely ship the trophy to the required destination.