

“CHICAGO OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP”

SPRING FLING DANCE COMPETITION (2 days)

**“SPECIAL” EXTRA DANCE FOR
PRE-PREMIER CATEGORIES on Saturday**

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP

and PREMIERSHIP

*****CPD Session*****

(COMPETITION REGISTRATION USMW-0208)

February 25th and 26th, 2017

EAGLEWOOD RESORT

ITASCA, IL

SPONSORED BY THE THISTLE & HEATHER
HIGHLAND DANCERS OF CHICAGOLAND

****ACCOMMODATIONS****

EAGLEWOOD RESORT

1401 Nordic Road

ITASCA, ILLINOIS 60143

(877) 285-6150

Please note that staying at the “host hotel” allows us to continue to financially be able to put on this event! Your support of this request is greatly appreciated!!!

EAGLEWOOD RESORT will serve as our competition site as well as our host for accommodations.

Eaglewood offers an indoor pool, fitness center, and much more. Check out www.eaglewoodresort.com Fabulous shopping is just minutes away at Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg, the largest indoor mall in Northern Illinois, including such fine shops as Macy’s, Nordstrom’s and Lord & Taylor.

There is a special room rate of **\$119.00** (includes resort fee) + tax per night, but you must mention **“SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DANCERS”** to the reservation agent. **Book your rooms early to insure availability** (rate is not guaranteed after cut-off date of January 27th). The hotel is easily accessible from the North-South Tollway (I-355). The hotel will be happy to supply you with directions when you reserve your room.

***MEETINGS

THERE WILL BE A MIDWEST FUSTA and a GREAT LAKES BATD MEETING on Sunday morning before the competition begins. Time and room location to be announced! Hope you will make arrangements to attend!

*****PROFESSIONALS:** We will be offering a 1 – 1½ hour “**CPD**” session *immediately following the championship awards on Saturday.* All **TEACHERS** and **JUDGES** are welcome and encouraged to attend.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM (please print or type)

ENTRIES CLOSE FEBRUARY 17, 2017

I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators waive and release any and all rights and claims I may have for damages against the Thistle & Heather Highland Dancers, their agents or representatives and Eaglewood Resort where the competition will be held, for any personal loss or injuries which may be suffered by me or my child during this dance competition.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST/PROV _____

ZIP OR POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE (with area code) _____

BIRTHDATE _____ *AGE as of 2/25/17 _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (please **print** clearly)

EVENT LETTERS

Please use the “letter” designation instead of numbers!

FUSTA/SCOT DANCE REG. _____

SIGNATURE _____

(Parent if dancer is less than 18 years)

TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED (Canadian entries please add \$5.00 for bank processing fee – including money orders!)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

THHDDPA (Thistle & Heather Highland Dancers Parents Association)

SEND TO:

**MARGARET WILHELM
61 S. LODGE LANE
LOMBARD, IL 60148**

QUESTIONS? NANCY STROLLE (630) 967-8623 or e-mail n.strolle@comcast.net or thhd@comcast.net.

If you would like to make a donation toward the continued operation of this competition and championship, please make your checks (any size) payable to THHDPA. If you would like to donate a medal set, the cost is \$20.00. Pre-premier, Pre-Championship, Championship, and Premiership trophies range in price from \$40.00 - \$100.00. Thank you for your continued support of this event! Please indicate how you'd like name to appear on line below category.

Medal set @\$20.00

Pre-Premier trophy \$40.00

Pre-Championship trophy \$60.00

Choreography trophy \$40.00

Championship trophy @\$100.00

1st Runner-Up trophy @\$80.00

2nd Runner-Up trophy @\$60.00

Premiership trophy @50.00

All noncompetitors (family members, friends, & spectators) will purchase entrance ticket at the door.

Children under 6 yrs free;

6 yrs – 12 yrs \$3.00;

13 yrs and up \$5.00

REGULATIONS FOR COMPETITION/CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The competition/championship will be conducted following SOBHD rules. The judge's decision is final.
2. Pre-Premier Age groups will be determined according to the number of entries. All competitors' ages determined as of the day of the competition, February 25, 2017. Proof of age must be furnished upon request.
3. Medals will be awarded in each event, except in the top two Championship age groups, where cash prizes will be awarded. **DANCERS MUST BE IN COSTUME TO RECEIVE AWARDS.** If there are three dancers or less in any event, medals will be awarded at judges' discretion.
4. A trophy will be awarded to the highest aggregate point winner in each age group. No trophy for Primary.
5. Dancers entering first will dance last. Dancers must be ready and appear when called or forfeit the chance to dance in that event.
6. **Choreography – (MUSIC will be timed – Judges will be notified of overage – penalty is disqualification. Must be Celtic music! Please bring music on i-pod or cd. Label music. Have back-up available!**
- SOLO – PREMIER ONLY** (age groups will be determined based on entries) **(MAX OF 2 MINUTES including staging of props/on/off)**
- DUETS – no category restriction (max. of 6 entries) (MAX OF 2 MINUTES 30 SECONDS including staging of props/on/off)**
- GROUP – no category restriction (max. of 6 entries) (MAX OF 3 MINUTES including staging of props/on/off)**
7. Entries will be accepted with 2016 registration numbers as long as you remember to bring your “2017” registration card to the competition.
8. THHD reserves the right to add or remove events from the schedule and to make other changes as long as its action is within the scope of SOBHD rules and is, in its judgment, in the best interest of the event.
9. No refunds.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM - PRIMARY, BEGINNER, NOVICE & INTERMEDIATE and PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION

8:30 AM - PRE-PREMIER AND PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION BEGINS

10:00 AM – CHOREOGRAPHY REGISTRATION (Choreography competition will take place at the conclusion of the PRE-PREMIER competition and PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP)

12:30 PM - PREMIER REGISTRATION

1:00 PM - PREMIER CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS

***CPD immediately following afternoon awards**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Please check on Saturday for possible adjustments to the Sunday schedule. Anticipated ending time is 2:00ish.

9:00 AM – PRE-PREMIER REGISTRATION

9:30 AM – COMPETITION BEGINS

10:00 AM – PREMIERSHIP REGISTRATION

10:30 AM – PREMIERSHIP BEGINS

ENTRY FEES

\$25.00 for Pre-Premier Saturday

\$25.00 for Pre-Premier Sunday

\$30.00 for Pre-Championship Saturday

\$5.00 Challenge Dances – Beginner, Novice & Intermediate - Special Trophy/Challenge Fling, and Pre-Championship Sword

\$40.00 for Championship Saturday

\$40.00 for Premiership Sunday

\$20.00 for Solo choreography Saturday

\$30.00 for Duet choreography Saturday

\$40.00 for Group choreography Saturday

Please postmark your entries before February 17^h, 2017 in order to insure the best possible breakdown of categories!

Note: \$1.00 of each entry goes to Midwest FUSTA.

SATURDAY – please include “letter” in EVENTS

PRIMARY - A

16 PAS DE BASQUES

6 PAS DE BASQUES & 4 HIGHCUTS (4X)

HIGHLAND FLING (4)

SWORD DANCE (2&1)

BEGINNER - B

HIGHLAND FLING (4)

SWORD DANCE (2&1)

SEANN TRIUBHAS (3&1)

C SPECIAL TROPHY FLING (ADDITIONAL ENTRY FEE)

NOVICE - D

HIGHLAND FLING (4)

SWORD DANCE (2&1)

SEANN TRIUBHAS (3&1)

E SPECIAL TROPHY FLING (ADDITIONAL ENTRY FEE)

- Special TROPHY/CHALLENGE FLING for beginner, novice, and intermediate and Special SWORD for the Pre-Championship are separate events and do not count towards the overall age group trophy. Age groups in Beginner and Novice will be divided according to entries received and may not match category age groups. Intermediate and Pre-Championship will be an all age group.

INTERMEDIATE - F

HIGHLAND FLING (4)

SWORD DANCE (2&1)

SEANN TRIUBHAS (3&1)

STRATHSPEY & HIGHLAND REEL (2&2)

G SPECIAL CHALLENGE FLING (4) (ADDITIONAL ENTRY FEE)

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP – H

Age groups to be determined based on entries!

(Premier dancer who has never won a Championship or Pre-Championship)

HIGHLAND FLING (4)

SWORD DANCE (2&1)

SEANN TRIUBHAS (3&1)

STRATHSPEY & HIGHLAND REEL (2&2)

I SPECIAL SWORD CHALLENGE (2&1) (ADDITIONAL ENTRY FEE)

Must be registered for the Pre-Championship in order to participate!

All ages will be combined – winner receives a SWORD!

PREMIER CHOREOGRAPHY (MUSIC will be timed – Judges will be notified of overage – penalty is disqualification. Must be Celtic music! Music should be on i=pod or labeled cd. Please bring “back-up” cd!

SOLO - J (age groups will be determined based on entries) (MAX OF 2 MINUTES including staging of props/on/off) PREMIER ONLY

DUETS – K (max. of 6 entries) (MAX OF 2 MINUTES 30 SECONDS including staging of props/on/off) NO CATEGORY RESTRICTION

GROUP – L (max. of 6 entries) (MAX OF 3 MINUTES including staging of props/on/off) NO CATEGORY RESTRICTION

(2017 Championship steps must be danced)

Age groups may be combined according to SOBHD guidelines if not enough entries in an age group.

PREMIER – M 7&U10; 10&U12;

HIGHLAND FLING (4)

SWORD DANCE (2&1)

SEANN TRIUBHAS (3&1)

STRATHSPEY & HIGHLAND REEL (2&2)

PREMIER – N 12&U14; 14&U16; 16&U18; 18&U22, 22&O

HIGHLAND FLING (6)

SWORD DANCE (2&2)

SEANN TRIUBHAS (4&2)

STRATHSPEY & HIGHLAND REEL (2&2)

SUNDAY

PRIMARY - 0

16 PAS DE BASQUES

6 PAS DE BASQUES & 4 HIGHCUTS (4X)

HIGHLAND FLING (4)

SWORD DANCE (2&1)

BEGINNER - P

FLORA (4)

LILT (4)

STRATHSPEY & HIGHLAND REEL

NOVICE - Q

FLORA (4)

LILT (4)

STRATHSPEY & HIGHLAND REEL

INTERMEDIATE - R

HORNPIPE (4)

IRISH JIG (3 & 1)

BARRACKS (4)

LADDIE (4)

PREMIERSHIP - S 7&U12

48. HORNPIPE (4)

49. BLUE BONNETS (4)

50. VILLAGE MAID (4)

51. LADDIE (4)

PREMIERSHIP - T 12&O

52. HORNPIPE (5)

53. BLUE BONNETS (4)

54. VILLAGE MAID (4)

55. LADDIE (4)