



Scottish Dance Teachers' Alliance – Highland Choreography Challenge
Saturday 9 December 2023, Dunfermline High School, Jennie Rennie's Road, Dunfermline,
KY11 3BQ

Dance Number	Events	Details
	Session 1 – introductory	
1	Dusty Miller	4 steps Dusty Miller Steps: 1, 2, 3, 6 (spring points accepted rather than shuffles in breaks)
2	Solo choreography open theme	Piece restricted to 1.5 minutes. Lyrics are acceptable
3	Duets/trios/group choreography – open theme	Piece restricted to 1.5 minutes. Lyrics are acceptable
	Session 2 - Advanced	
4	Tribute to J L McKenzie	4 steps Tribute to J L McKenzie 13 and under set steps: 1 2 3 6 14 and over set steps: 1 4 5 6
5	Hebridean Laddie	4 steps Hebridean Laddie 13 and under set steps: 1 2 3 8 14 and over set steps: 1 3 7 8
6	Lochaber Swords *	3 & 1 Double Swords – set steps
7	Broadswords *	3 & 1 – Choreographed by teacher. Traditional sword dance music will be used.
8	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Dance	6 steps
9	Irene Baird Celebration of Life Dance	4 steps
10	Solo/Duet Choreography – Scottish/Celtic theme	Piece restricted to 1.5 minutes.
11	Solo Choreography – open theme	Piece restricted to 2 minutes
12	Duet/Trio Choreography – Christmas theme	Piece restricted to 2 minutes.
13	Group choreography – open theme	Piece restricted to 3 minutes.

Teacher's discretion to choose the session for their pupils to be entered. Only one session may be entered.

Session 1 – Introductory. Suggested for dancers with minimal experience of competitive/performance choreography and/or exam level "Silver" or below. In event 3, dancers can enter as many of the options listed as they wish but only the points for whichever dance places the highest will be added to the dancer's overall total. Doors open at 8:30 am. Registration at 8:45 am. Session 1 start time: 9:00 am.

Session 2 – Advanced. Suggested for dancers experienced in competitive/performance choreography or at exam level "Gold" or above.

* Dancers can enter **EITHER** dance 6 (Lochaber Swords) or dance 7 (Broadswords). If a dancer is required to 'make up numbers' they can enter both dances however the points for whichever dance places highest will be added to the dancer's overall total.

In events 12 and 13, dancers can enter as many of the options listed as they wish but only the points for whichever dance places the highest (in each event) will be added to the dancer's overall total.

Age groups according to entry. Timetable will be sent out once entries close.

Music for solos/duets/trios/groups to be sent to sineadances@hotmail.co.uk no later than 25.11.23. Please include the event, the dancer's name and title of the dance.

Entry fee: £5 per event. All events Session 1 - £15.00. All events Session 2 - £25.00.

A Highland adjudicator will award prizes from 1st – 6th (or entry dependent). Overall trophies will be awarded in session 1 and 2.

Entries taken through google forms: <https://forms.gle/V925X9RAiM3PkRpx6>. Entries close 25.11.23 or when capacity is reached. Each dancer should pay separately for duets/trios/groups of if they are entering all events the £25.00 covers their payment. Please state the name of the other dancer/s in relation to Lochaber Swords, Broadwords, duets, trios or groups.

Outfits

- **Dusty Miller:** national outfit or white dress or white blouse with tartan skirt or practice wear
- **Tribute to JL McKenzie, Hebridean Laddie, Lochaber Swords and Broadwords:** kilt outfit or white socks, blouse and kilt or practice wear.
- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Dance and Irene Baird Celebration of Life Dance:** national outfit or white dress or white blouse with tartan skirt or practice wear
- **Choreography:** teacher's/dancer's choice

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- This SDTA Highland Choreography Challenge is open to all dancers of SDTA teachers.
- All choreography is to be based on Highland/Scottish National/Sailors and Jig Technique
- This SDTA Highland Choreography Challenge event is open to dancers of all levels.
- It is important that the music, costume and routine should be in keeping to enhance the theme
- Lyrics are acceptable as long as they are in keeping with the theme requested - strictly no profanities.
- "Open Theme" means any theme
- The Judges' decision is final.
- The Organiser reserves the right to refuse any entry.
- All dancers should remain in costume for prize giving.
- No entry fees will be refunded for any reason.
- Dance order to be random generator
- All competitors under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- No video or photographic equipment to be used in the venue.
- The organiser will not be held responsible for any injury or loss or damage to equipment.