



**Scottish Dance Teachers' Alliance – Highland Choreography Challenge**  
**Sunday 8 December 2024, The Bay Hotel, Pettycur,**  
**Burntisland Road, Kinghorn, KY3 9YE**

<b>Dance Number</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Details</b>
	<b>Session 1 – introductory</b>	
1	Dusty Miller	4 steps Dusty Miller Steps: 1, 2, 3, 6 (spring points accepted rather than shuffles in breaks)
2	Solo choreography – Scottish/Celtic theme	Piece restricted to 1.5 minutes. Lyrics are permitted.
3	Solo choreography - open theme	Piece restricted to 1.5 minutes. Lyrics are permitted.
4	Duets/trios choreography – Scottish/Celtic theme	Piece restricted to 1.5 minutes. Lyrics are permitted.
5	Duets/trios choreography – open theme	Piece restricted to 1.5 minutes. Lyrics are permitted.
6	Group choreography – open theme	Piece restricted to 2 minutes. Lyrics are permitted
	<b>Session 2 - Advanced</b>	
7	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
8	Hebridean Laddie	4 steps Hebridean Laddie 13 and under set steps: 1 2 3 8 14 and over set steps: 1 3 7 8
9	Lochaber Swords	3 & 1 Double Swords – set steps
10	Broadswords	3 & 1 – Choreographed by teacher. Traditional sword dance music will be used.
11	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Dance	6 steps
12	Irene Baird Celebration of Life Dance	4 steps
13	Solo Choreography – Scottish/Celtic theme	Piece restricted to 1.5 minutes.
14	Solo Choreography – open theme	Piece restricted to 2 minutes
15	Duet/Trio Choreography – open theme	Piece restricted to 2 minutes.
16	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. Dancers can enter as many events as they wish. Overall places will be determined by results from the dancer's highest places in three of the events and 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. Start time for session two will be sent out by email once entries close.

Dancers can enter as many events for session 2 as they wish. Overall places will be determined by results from the dancer's highest places in six of the events and 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](mailto:sineadances@hotmail.co.uk) no later than 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Please include the event, the dancer's name and title of the dance.

Entry fee: £5 per event. Four events or more: Session 1 - £20.00. Five events or more: Session 2 - £25.00. Payment to be made via PayPal: [sdtahighland@gmail.com](mailto:sdtahighland@gmail.com) by "FRIENDS AND FAMILY"

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

Entries taken through google forms: [SDTA Highland Choreography Challenge 2024 - Entry Form](#)  
Entries close 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 or when capacity is reached. **Late entries accepted until 24 November with a late payment charge of £5.00 per dancer.** Each dancer should pay separately for duets/trios/groups: however, if they are entering four events or more in session 1 or five events or more in session two, the total session fee covers their payment for the duet/trio/group. 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 Members.
- 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 with the theme and enhance the theme.
- Lyrics are permitted if 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.
- Group choreography age section will be calculated by the average age of all dancers, by adding the dancers' ages together and dividing by the amount of dancers. Age groups will depend on entries.
- Duet and trios age section will be based on the oldest dancer.
- No video or photographic equipment to be used in the venue except when advised.
- The Organiser will not be held responsible for any injury or loss or damage to equipment.