

**CELTIC ARTS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
& HIGHLAND DANCING COMPETITION**

Sponsored by the Celtic Arts Foundation

Saturday, February 17, 2018

Syre Center, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham, WA

(#NW-CHAMP) (#USNW-0305)

Entry Closing Date: February 1, 2018

Dancing competition begins at 9:00 a.m.

Host Hotel: Baymont Inn & Suites, 125 E. Kellogg Road

Group Rate of \$69.00 plus tax

Call: (360) 671-6200 and reserve by February 7 for this rate

Mention Group Name “Celtic Arts”

Dancing Events

Primary

Event # 1 Pas de Basques (16)
2 Pas de Basques & High Cuts
3 Highland Fling (4)
4 Sword Dance (2&1)

Novice

Event #11 Highland Fling (4)
#12 Sword Dance (2&1)
#13 Seann Triubhas (3&1)
#14 Scottish Lilt (4)
#15 Flora MacDonald (4)

Special Event

#16 *Trophy Fling (4)

Beginner

Event # 5 Highland Fling (4)
6 Sword Dance (2&1)
7 Seann Triubhas (3&1)
8 Scottish Lilt (4)
9 Flora MacDonald (4)

Special Event

#10 *Trophy Fling (4)

Intermediate

Event #17 Highland Fling (4)
#18 Sword Dance (2&1)
#19 Seann Triubhas (3&1)
#20 Highland Laddie (4)
#21 Scottish Lilt (4)
#22 Flora MacDonald (4)

***Special Events: Trophy Fling** - A dance with a trophy prize. This dance does not count towards the aggregate trophy.

Celtic Arts Open Championship

Events scheduled to begin at 11:00 a.m.

**Classes: 7 & Under 12 Years
12 & Under 14 Years**

**14 & Under 16 Years
16 Years & Over**

- **2018 Championship Steps must be danced for Championship Dances:
Highland Fling, Sword Dance, Seann Triubhas, Strathspey & Reel of Tulloch**
- **Championship Awards
Champion in each age group receives \$100 cash award**
- **Classes will be combined if insufficient entries are received**

Premier National Events

Premier Under 16

Special Events

#23 Barracks Johnnie (4)
#24 Highland Laddie (4)
#25 Irish Jig (3&2)

Premier 16 & Over

Special Events – cash awards

#26 Barracks Johnnie (4)
#27 Highland Laddie (4)
#28 Irish Jig (3&2)

*****Premier 16 & Over**

Special Events – medals

#30 Barracks Johnnie (4)
#31 Highland Laddie (4)
#32 Irish Jig (3&2)

Premier Special Event (will be split by age) *Cash Awards & Special Prizes*

#29 Sailors' Hornpipe (5 steps)

***** Dancers ages 16 & Over may choose between dancing for cash prizes or medals in special events. Note: all premiers 16 & Over may compete in Championship events and in Special Hornpipe event #29.**

Competition Rules

1. Dancing competition will run under Scottish Official Board (SOBHD) rules.
2. The Celtic Arts Open Championship is recognized by the SOBHD.
3. The committee reserves the right to combine, cancel or divide events.
4. Competitor's age on February 17, 2018 determines the class for competition.
5. Event start times are approximate and subject to change.
6. Dancers will compete in inverse order of entry.
7. Any dancer causing delay will forfeit entry in that dance.
8. Judges' decisions are final.
9. No refunds will be given for dancing entries received.
10. Dancers must present SOBHD registration cards. All dancers must include number on entry form.
11. Pre-premier category changes must be made by February 7, 2018.
Contact Heather Richendrfer at (360) 733-5043 or e-mail: dance@clanheather.com
12. Closing date for entries is January 29, 2018. All entry forms must be postmarked by this date.
13. Complaints must be written, signed and submitted by the end of the competition, accompanied by a \$25 (U.S.) fee, refundable if sustained.
14. Dance classes will be split at close of entries.
15. It is the responsibility of the competitor to pick up prizes at the competition. Unclaimed prizes will be forfeited after February 28, 2018.
16. Championship dancers are required to notify Dance Chairman 24 hours in advance if unable to compete.

Entry Information

Entry fees payable in US funds only. Entries from Canada must be money order or bank drafts only (no Canadian personal checks). VISA/MasterCard payments are accepted.

Photocopies of entry forms are acceptable.

Competitor numbers will be mailed.

Please mail entry forms to:

Heather Richendrfer
2919 Birchwood Avenue
Bellingham, Washington 98225-1447

Awards: (dependant upon number of dancers entered)

Pre-Premier and Premier Under 16: medals

Cash Awards:

Premier 16 & Over: \$35/\$25/\$15/\$10/\$5/\$3

Championship Awards: Champion in each age group receives \$100

Entry Fees:

Primary, Beginner, Novice and Intermediate:	\$ 6.00 per event	Championship Entries:	\$45.00 per dancer
Premier Under 16 National Dances:	\$ 6.00 per event		
Premier 16 & Over National Dances:	\$ 7.00 per event (receiving cash awards)		
Premier 16 & Over National Dances:	\$ 6.00 per event (receiving medals)		
Premier Special Hornpipe:	\$ 6.00 under age 16, \$7.00 16 & over		

Directions to Whatcom Community College, 237 West Kellogg Road, Bellingham, WA 98226

From I-5 Southbound: Take the Bakerview Road Exit (#258). Turn left onto Bakerview Road, turn left onto Cordata Parkway, then turn left onto W. Kellogg Road.

From I-5 Northbound: Take the Meridian St. Exit (#256A). Turn right onto Meridian Street, left onto Kellogg Road

From Meridian Street Southbound from Aldergrove Border Crossing: Follow Meridian to Bellingham and turn right on Kellogg Road.

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Dance Competition Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

SOBHD Registration Number: _____

Birthdate: _____ Age as of February 17, 2018: _____

Teacher: _____ Category: _____

Tartan: _____

Events Entered: _____

Championship Entered: _____

Fees Enclosed: _____

VISA/MasterCard #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Makes checks payable to: Celtic Arts Foundation

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

I hereby represent that I wish to participate in the Celtic Arts Championship and Competition on February 17, 2018 sponsored by Celtic Arts Foundation (CAF). I recognize that any activity may involve certain dangers, including but not limited to the hazards of the forces of nature, and the actions of other participants and other persons unaffiliated with CAF. I understand that these hazards produce a risk of physical harm or death, as well as a risk of loss or damage to my personal property. I further understand and agree that CAF would not be able to sponsor such Events without some form of agreement providing protection for CAF and its officers, directors, paid staff and volunteer workers.

In consideration of, and as part payment for my privilege to participate in the Celtic Arts Championship and Competition, I hereby release the Whatcom Community College, the Clan Heather Dancers, CAF and its officers, directors and volunteer workers from any and all liability, claims and/or causes of action arising out of, or in any way connected with my participation in any and all of the activities of the Event. I personally assume all risks in connection with these activities, and further agree to hold Whatcom Community College, Clan Heather Dancers, and CAF and its officers, directors, paid staff and volunteer works harmless from any against any and all liability, claims and/or causes of action which I may have arising from my participation in any and all of the activities of the Event, including but not limited to those involving negligence on the part of such officers, directors, paid staff or volunteer workers, which result in personal injury or death to myself and/or loss or damage to my personal property. The terms of this agreement shall bind my self and my heirs, assigns, and personal representatives.

I agree to allow Celtic Arts Foundation and the Clan Heather Dancers to photography or record my activities, or those of the competitor for whom this application is begin submitted at the Event(s) for promotional purposes.

If submitting credit card information for payment of registration fees, my signature here also authorizes CAF to process a charge against my account in the amount indicated in the "Total Amount Enclosed" field on this page.

I have fully informed myself of the contents of this release and hold harmless agreement by reading it before I have signed it.

Signature: _____

Waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian if entrant is not at least 18 years of age.