



SASKATOON HIGHLAND DANCING ASSOCIATION

Membership Guidelines

The **Saskatoon Highland Dancing Association** offers three different categories of membership: Full Membership, Teacher Membership and Associate Membership.

1) Full Membership:

For **competing dancers** and their families, residing in or near Saskatoon or primarily taught by a teacher member. Benefits include subsidized competition and workshop fees, regular newsletters and more. Full members participate in fund-raising activities, dance-outs, and Folkfest, as well as volunteer opportunities and community building events throughout the season. Full member families have a vote at association general meetings.

- ❖ Fees: \$75 for the first dancer, and \$25 for each additional dancer within the same family.
- ❖ Late fee of \$50 added to membership fee effective November 18th, 2023 for **renewing** members.
- ❖ SHDA is a volunteer-run organization. We greatly appreciate our volunteers and could not carry on without them. As Folkfest is a key fundraising event for SHDA, **members are required to commit to volunteer hours to Folkfest** and/or other fundraising events.
 - Fundraising commitments for 2023/24 are: **30 hours** per membership: 20 hours reserved for Folkfest (however, you may be asked to volunteer more time should additional shifts need to be filled) and an additional 10 hours to other fundraising opportunities and community building events, as needed. If SHDA does not host the Scottish Pavilion, volunteer commitments will be 10 hours for the year.
 - Full members are required to submit a \$500 cheque, **post-dated for August 1, 2024**, to cover fundraising commitments.
 - If fundraising commitments are not met, the cheque will be cashed. ***It is the Full Member's responsibility to provide a worker to cover their fundraising commitments.***
- ❖ SHDA competitions are also run by our volunteers. **Members are required to volunteer a *minimum of one shift per dance family at SHDA competitions at which their dancer(s) is competing.*** If additional shifts need to be filled, you may be contacted by the Competition Chair to volunteer for an additional shift. This commitment is over and above fundraising volunteer hours.
- ❖ Dancers must participate in a **minimum of 3 dance-outs per year per dancer** (not including Folkfest). A completed Dance-out Form for **each dancer** is required and can be completed on RAMP during the registration process.

2) Teacher Membership:

Open to teachers of SHDA members or non-practicing teachers in the Saskatoon area. Teachers who participate in fund-raising activities (i.e. a Fundraising Teacher Membership) are accorded the benefits of a Full Member.

- ❖ Fees: \$5 per year

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 - Fundraising commitments for 2023/24 Teacher Membership are the same as a full member (i.e. Fundraising Teacher commitments for 2023/24 are a total of **30 hours** per member: 20 hours per membership to Folkfest, plus an additional 10 hours to other fundraising opportunities as needed). If SHDA does not host the Scottish Pavilion, volunteer commitments will be 10 hours for the year.
 - Fundraising Teacher members are required to submit a \$500 cheque, **post-dated for August 1, 2024**, to cover fundraising commitments.
 - If fundraising commitments are not met, the cheque will be cashed. ***It is the Fundraising Teacher Member's responsibility to provide a worker to cover their fundraising commitments.***

3) Associate Membership:

For **recreational/non-competing dancers** and anyone who wishes to support the SHDA. Associate members receive our regular newsletter and may participate in membership events including dance-outs and Folkfest.

- ❖ Fees: \$25 per dancer
- ❖ Late fee of \$50 added to membership fee for renewing members after November 18th, 2023
- ❖ Associate Members who choose to compete are **not** eligible for subsidized competition registration and workshop fees.
- ❖ SHDA is a volunteer-run organization. We greatly appreciate our volunteers and could not carry on without them. As Folkfest is the sole fundraising event for SHDA, members are required to commit volunteer hours to Folkfest and/or other fundraising events.
 - Fundraising commitments for Associate Members for 2022/23 are: **15 hours** per membership: 10 hours for Folkfest (however, you may be asked to volunteer more time should additional shifts need to be filled), and an additional 5 hours for other fundraising opportunities as needed. If SHDA does not host the Scottish Pavilion, volunteer commitments will be 5 hours for the year.
 - Associate members are required to submit a \$250 cheque, **post-dated for August 1, 2024**, to cover fundraising commitments.
 - If fundraising commitments are not met, the cheque will be cashed. ***It is the Associate Member's responsibility to provide a worker to cover their fundraising commitments.***
- ❖ SHDA competitions are also run by our volunteers. ***Members must volunteer a minimum of one shift per dance family at SHDA competitions at which their dancer(s) is competing.*** If additional shifts need to be filled, you may be contacted by the Competition Chair to volunteer for an additional shift. This commitment is over and above fundraising volunteer hours.
- ❖ Dancers in this membership category are invited to participate in dance-outs and are also eligible to dance at Folkfest. A completed Dance-out Form is required and can be completed on RAMP.

Membership Cancellation:

Should any member choose to cancel their membership:

- ❖ Cancellation must be done in **writing** to the Membership Coordinator and **received by December 31st, 2023.**
- ❖ Membership fee is **not** refundable.
- ❖ Volunteer bond **will be returned** if notification of cancellation is **received** by December 31st, 2023.

To Register:

Please register using RAMP at <http://saskatoondance.rampregistrations.com/>.

We ask that payment be made only by e-transfer to shdatreasurer@gmail.com Fundraising cheques will be collected at the Saskatoon competition on November 25th, 2023. If you are unable to attend the event to submit fundraising cheques, or if e-transfer is not an option please contact the Membership Coordinator to make arrangements to submit fees and post-dated commitment cheques before November 18th, 2023.

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