

Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival

May 18–19 in Victoria Park

Welcome

Welcome to the Saskatchewan Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival! We are excited to welcome competitors and spectators to historic Victoria Park, at the centre of Regina's beautiful downtown.

We are indebted to the many sponsors whose support makes it all possible, and we encourage you to be in touch with them to express your thanks.

An event like this would not be possible without months of work by dedicated Board members and volunteers, and we extend thanks to all those who worked on the event, including the many partner organizations, businesses and funding agencies whose vision for the Gathering helped bring it all together.

We extend best wishes to all competitors and participants in this weekend's Gathering, and also thanks to all those who travelled to Regina for the event.

We hope you enjoy the Saskatchewan Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival, and we look forward to your return in future years. As the Scots say, "Will ye no come back again!"

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Saturday, May 18

8:30 am	Queen City Highland Dance Championship in Hotel Saskatchewan Ballroom
9:00 am	Solo Piping & Drumming
9:00 am	Scottish Athletics Competition on main field
10:00 am	Music and dance performances at main dance stage
12:00 pm	"War in the West" Strongman and strongwoman competition
12:00 pm	Saskatchewan Craft Beer Tent opens with live music and dance
1:00 pm	Saskatchewan Pipe Band Championships
2:30 pm	Pre-Premier Afternoon Dancing at Victoria Park Dance Stage
5:00 pm	Massed Pipes and Drums and Awards

Sunday, May 19

8:30 am	Prairie Valley Premiership Dancing Begins at Victoria Park Stage
9:00 am	Solo Piping & Drumming
12:00 pm	Saskatchewan Craft Beer Tent Opens – Live Music & Dance
12:00 pm	"War in the West" - strongman and strongwoman competition
1:00 pm	Pre-Premier Highland Dancing begins
1:00 pm	Parade Band Competition, then pipe bands
4:00 pm	Massed pipes & drums and awards

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Victoria Park Event Site

Entrance to the festival is through the East Gate on Scarth Street. Pipe Bands will have areas marked for each band set-up. Please be considerate of other bands and events. Some areas of the grass are off limits, please respect the park and follow directions to stay off marked areas.

Saskatchewan Craft Beer Tents

This year we are partnering with **Pile O' Bones Brewing Co.** to bring you some amazing locally produced beer. We have taps and cans from some great makers, including Pile O'Bones, Rebellion, Bushwakker, Black Bridge and Nokomis. We also have premium Saskatchewan spirits from Last Mountain Distillery.

MAIN CRAFT BEER TENT: This tent is located next to the "War in the West" event and will have a stage featuring regional Celtic musicians and bands.

We also have some tempting food to keep you fully refreshed and ready to enjoy the show!

PIPE BAND BEER TENT: This tent is located right at the pipe band circle – close enough for the Highland dancing folks to wander over and have a listen!



Regina Hotel Association Pipe Band Competitions

The unique and thrilling sound of pipes and drums may have started in Scotland, but it is now heard everywhere around the world. From Montreal and Argentina to Pakistan Russia, pipes and drums are played and enjoyed by people from all cultures.

One of the highlights of the weekend is the massed pipe bands at the conclusion of each day!

Adjudicators: James McGillivray, (Aurora, Ontario), Dave Hicks (Calgary), John Fisher (Vancouver) and Andrea Boyd (Ontario).

Our world-class adjudication panel gives music students and bands the opportunity to get feedback from the best. We also have a panel of regional adjudicators who provide important feedback on student performances in solo events.

PARTICIPATING PIPE BANDS

Saskatchewan: The City of Regina Pipe Band, The Conservatory of Performing Arts Pipe Band (Regina), The Regina Police Service Pipes & Drums, The Saskatoon Police Pipes & Drums, The Estevan PPCLI Cadet Pipes & Drums.

Manitoba: The Winnipeg Police Pipe Band, The Lord Selkirk Robert Fraser Memorial Pipe Band (Winnipeg), The St. Andrew's Pipe Band (Winnipeg), The Transcona Pipe Band (Transcona).

Alberta: The Edmonton Youth Pipe Band, The Grande Prairie Pipes and Drums



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Scottish Highland Dancing *Power and Grace*

From the wee bairns to the seasoned premiers, the Highland dancing will showcase the athleticism, musicality and poise of dancers at all levels in their dancing careers with the largest entry ever!

Saturday morning will feature the prestigious Championship event at the Regency Ballroom of

the Hotel Saskatchewan. Premier-level dancers will compete for the title of Champion as well as take home cash prizes.

The Premiership will take place Sunday morning in Victoria Park and will give a different look to

Highland dance with flowing nationals and a Sailor's Hornpipe. The young and upcoming dancers will compete both afternoons in Victoria Park.

Traditional dances such as the crowd favourite Sword dance, the Highland Fling and 4-person Reel can be seen during the 2-day event.

Dancers are expected to attend from five provinces. It will be an important and exciting weekend for Saskatchewan's Highland dancing community.

Highland Dancing Judges: Christa Mackie (Ontario), Mary Munro (BC), Jennifer Stephenson (Quebec).

Dance Pipers: Sean McKeown (Toronto), Mary Ann Houston, (Alberta).



We have a strong line-up of amateur athletes competing today from Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta! Come cheer them on!

Highland Games events include Open Stone, the Braemar Stone, the Hammer

Throw, Weight Over Bar, Sheaf Toss, heavy and light weights for distance, and the always popular Caber Toss. These traditional feats of strength go back to the days of the clans and have been an integral part of Highland games across the world.



War in the West: Strongman and Strongwoman Contest

Come check out the heaviest and highest calibre strongman and strongwoman event Western Canada has ever seen. Be there to watch Regina's very own Tracey Halladay – the reigning Canada's Strongest Woman – fight to establish her place in this year's strongwoman season. Don't miss local professional strongman talent test their mettle against some of Canada's best talent while putting Saskatchewan on the map. These strongmen and strongwoman will be pulling giant

trucks, lifting massive concrete boulders, hoisting monster dumbbells overhead and more. This show will not disappoint! Be there to support our local talent in their journey to the professional Canadian Championships and Worlds.



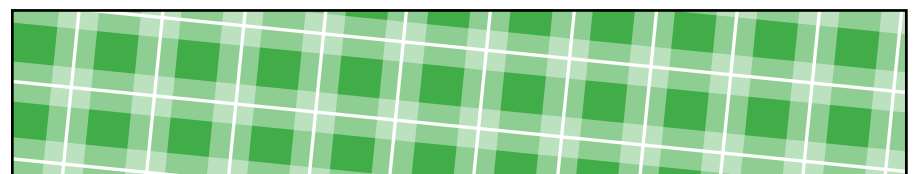
Scottish Highland Games Athletics

The Saskatchewan Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival is proud to offer open and amateur Scottish Athletics events at this year's festival. These events pre-date modern strength competitions and are the origin of the shot put and hammer throw Olympic events.

Field Judge: Don Cann (Saskatoon)

Scoring: Victoria Martin (Calgary)

Open Competitors: Matt Reling (Winnipeg), Jason MacDonald (Winnipeg), Curtis Durocher (Calgary), Jesse Cann (Saskatoon), Alisha Thompson (Calgary)



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