

161st Antigonish Highland Games

2026-07-05 to 2026-07-12 · Columbus Field and venues around Antigonish, NS

A record of the 161st Antigonish Highland Games, held July 5 to 12, 2026, at Columbus Field and venues around Antigonish, Nova Scotia, organized by the Antigonish Highland Society. This record covers the week's public events, competition results, and the Reel's coverage. Photographs and the Highland Society's official summary will be added as they arrive.

The record

The 161st Antigonish Highland Games ran July 5 to 12, 2026, organized by the Antigonish Highland Society, which describes the Games as the longest continuously running Highland games outside Scotland. Competition centred on Columbus Field: Highland dance on the Main Stage, solo piping and drumming at Piper's Glen, heavy events and pipe band championships on the Main Field, with ceilidhs, community meals, and the Grand Street Parade running through the week around town.

Official summary

The Antigonish Highland Society's official summary of the 161st Games will be added here when it is released.

Results

Complete results, entered from the official scrutineer sheets, live on the Reel's [161st Games results board](#), organized by discipline with each competition linking its event page. Highland dance results are complete; remaining heavy-event disciplines are added as their sheets arrive.

The week

Tuesday, July 7 - [Culloden Memorial Ceremony](#) at the Culloden Memorial Cairn, Knoydart.

Wednesday, July 8 - [Kilted Classic golf tournament](#) at the Antigonish Golf Club; [Highland Society Night](#) with Fairmont Road; [Games Week Pub](#) at Oak Manor.

Thursday, July 9 - [Games Week Ceilidh](#) at the Antigonish Heritage Museum.

Friday, July 10 - [5 Mile Road Race](#) from Columbus Field; [Official Opening of the 161st Games](#).

Saturday, July 11 - [Grand Street Parade](#) from StFX to Columbus Field; [Pre-Premier Highland dancing](#); the [New Scotland Open Championship, morning and afternoon](#); [solo piping and drumming](#) at Piper's Glen; [Heavy Weight for Distance](#); the [Nova Scotia Pipe Band Championships](#); the [Mary Dundas Sword event](#); [Massed Pipe Bands and awards](#); ceilidhs through the day and evening.

Sunday, July 12 - [Pre-Premier Primary and Beginner dancing](#); the [Florence MacMillan Flora event](#); the [Highland Heart Open Premiership](#); [Open Stone](#) and [Light Weight for Distance](#); [Tug-of-War](#) through [three rounds](#); the [Atlantic Canada Pipe Band Championships](#); the [closing Massed Pipe Bands and awards](#) and [Closing Ceilidh](#).

Coverage on the Reel

The Reel carried the week live: the homepage Games banner with schedules and same-day results, the [results board](#), the [Highland Games spotlight](#), and [the week in review](#).

Sources

Official sources

- Antigonish Highland Society - antigonishhighlandgames.ca — <https://antigonishhighlandgames.ca/>
- Official scrutineer result sheets, 161st Antigonish Highland Games

Written by the Reel

- The Antigonish Reel live coverage, July 5-12, 2026 — <https://antigonishreel.ca/games/results>

Corrections and revisions

- **addition:** Record created: the week's chronology, sources, and links to the complete results board. Photographs and the Highland Society's official summary to follow.

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