

Carson Kennedy Presents



CROWNE PLAZA
BELFAST

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th
October 2020

Feis Information

Date

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th October 2020

Venue

Crowne Plaza Hotel
117 Milltown Road, Belfast, BT8 7XP
(TWO SEPARATE HALLS)

Adjudicators

Anne Reid (Belfast, Ulster)
Donna Crouch (London, England)
Francis Curley (Louth, Ulster)
Kieran Rogers (Manchester, England)
Leanne Nelson (Birmingham, England)
Michael Stanley (Belfast/Nottingham)

Musicians


Stephen Devlin (Ulster)
TBC

Tabulation

Michelle McKernon (Belfast, Ulster)

Contact Details

E-Mail: carson_kennedy@icloud.com
Telephone: 07429496240 (teachers only)

Syllabus Approved:  (Don McCarron ADCRG, Feis Registrar, Ulster)

The approval of this syllabus is simply to ensure that the competitions etc., adhere to the rules pertaining to Comhairle Uladh and An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha. It is important to highlight that, during the Covid 19 pandemic, it is solely the responsibility of the organisers to ensure that all feiseanna abide by the relevant advice and directives of the government and public health authorities in force, where the feis is held, at the time of the event

Welcome Letter

Teachers, Parents & Dancers

We would like to welcome you to the Carson Kennedy Academy Feis 2020, held in the fabulous Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast (Largest conference Hotel in Northern Ireland). We have chosen this venue carefully to give plenty of space for this years' Championships.

It has been very difficult for everyone and in particular the Irish Dance Community. We are returning this year with a different set up to running a "feis". We will have strict measures in place and will be adhering to all local government guidelines on running an event.

In this syllabus you will find all information. Any enforcements put in place must be adhered to by all attendees. Anyone that fails to co-operate will be asked to leave the venue.

All entry Information is also attached. There will be a strict opening & closing date for the feis. Anyone that hasn't been successfully entered will be placed on a waiting list.

Hotel Information

Rates: £120.00 B & B (Twin/Single)
Please Contact Hotel Directly: 02890923500 quote "Irish Dancing Event"
Restaurant bookings at the hotel must be pre booked.

Please follow Carson Kennedy Facebook page for updates.

We look forward to welcoming you to this years' feis,

Gerard Carson ADCRG
Anne Kennedy ADCRG
Jackie Kennedy ADCRG
Conor McGurk TCRG

Competition Info

Open & Prelim Championships

Under 6 Championship	Reel	Single Jig	Light/Heavy Jig	
Under 7 Championship	Reel	Single Jig	Light/Heavy Jig	
Under 8 Championship	Reel	Heavy Jig	Trad Set	
Under 9 Championship	Reel	Heavy Jig	Trad Set	(Prelim Included)
Under 10 Championship	Reel/ Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance	(Prelim Included)
Under 11 Championship	Reel/ Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance	(Prelim Included)
Under 12 Championship	Reel/ Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance	(Prelim Included)
Under 13 Championship	Reel/ Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance	(Prelim Included)
Under 14 Championship	Reel/ Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance	(Prelim Included)
Under 15 Championship	Reel/ Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance	(Prelim Included)
Under 16 Championship	Reel/ Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance	(Prelim Included)
Under 17 Championship	Reel/ Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance	
Under 18 Championship	Reel/ Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance	
Over 18 Championship or (18-20 & Over 20)*Number dependent	Reel/ Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance	

Meangrad Championships

Under 8 Meangrad Championship	Reel	Light/Heavy Jig	Trad Set	
8-10 Meangrad Championship	Reel	Light/Heavy Jig	Trad Set	
10-12 Meangrad Championship	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Trad Set	
12-14 Meangrad Championship	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Trad Set	
Over 14 Meangrad Championship	Reel/Slip	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Trad Set	

Entry Fees

Open & Prelim Championships	£40.00	Includes Entry + 1 Adult Entrance + Marks
Meangrad Championship	£30.00	Include Entry + 1 Adult Entrance + Marks

Information

Provisional Days

Saturday 24th October: Under 12- Senior Championships

Sunday 25th October: Under 6-Under 11 Championships plus Meangrad Championships
(These days are provisional, and times will only be allocated when all entries are finalized)

Awards

Top 5 in Open, Prelim & Meangrad Championships will receive Trophies & Sashes.
Everyone will receive a Championship Medal and 2 Solo Medals in their entry pack.

Entrance Fee

This is included in your entry
(strictly only one person per entry can gain access to the halls,
i.e. Parent, guardian or teacher)

Championships

All Championships be will be adjudicated by 3 Adjudicators.

Entry Process

Entry Information

Entries can be made either by parents or teachers (not both), and this will be on a first come first served basis. All Information must completed for each dancer.

There will be two halls running each day, and these will be treated as two separate competition halls; (there will be strictly no mixing of halls).

In the case that one age group is over the capacity, it may be a split into either separate Prelim and Open *OR* combined competitions of A & B. For example, U12A in one hall & U12B in the other hall, split alphabetically and evenly with prelim & open dancers. Two Separate open & prelim results will then be given.

Our Cap in each competition is 30 dancers. There will be a recall of 50%.

We will post on social media "Carson Kennedy Irish Dance" when our entries have been capped.

Parents/Teachers please send; (1. Name 2. School 3. Age Group 4. Level 5. Total) to: carson_kennedy@icloud.com

Entries Open: Tuesday 15th September (9am)

Entries Close: When our cap is filled.

Successful entrants will be emailed with payment information. Failure to make payment within any assigned timeframe will void any entry. This spot will then pass to the next dancer on the waiting list.

Fees are non-refundable unless the event does not go ahead.

Entries received before the opening time or without complete information, will be null and void and will not be accepted.

Feis Running & Safety Rules

Covid-19 Feis Guidelines

The below guidelines are complying with the NI Stormont Executive, the Public Health Agency of Northern Ireland and the Crowne Plaza Hotel

- No one will gain entry to the area of the feis until your allocated time.
- There will be 2 separate social distanced Holding areas and allocated times for each age group will be on the timetable.
- Temperature checks will be undertaken before you gain entry into your holding area. If your temperature is above 38 degrees Celsius, you will not be permitted into this area or the Halls.
- When entering the holding area, you will need to have a waiver prefilled out which will be collected by a member of staff, (anyone that does not have this filled out will not gain entry).
- The holding area is where dancers will collect their dancers' packs. These areas are also where dancers will get dressed and ready to enter the designated hall. You will then be escorted to your dance hall ready to compete.
- Sanitizer stations upon entry, in hall & when exiting. Please ensure you sanitize your hands often. This will be provided by the venue.
- Separate Entry & Exits for each hall.
- Masks must be worn by all attendees as soon as you enter the hotel, except dancers when they are performing, (anyone that has medical reasons for not wearing must show exemption at entrance)
- One Adult only per entry, i.e. parent, guardian or teacher, each attendee will be given a colour-coded wristband.
- An entry pack will include; Number, Sanitised Pin, Wristband & Medals for solo rounds and championship.
- Chairs will be set out to adhere to social distancing in pods of 2 and cannot be moved. (no mixing of pods)
- Dancers when lining up will be brought up in groups of 8. The dancers will dance in 2's, the music will continually play for each group of 8. When you have finished you bow and walk off and the next two will walk on ready to dance. There will be a music break after each group of 8.
- If a dancer falls or is sick, the adult with them will have to assist them. This is not the stage steward's responsibility.
- There will be COVID-19 guideline posters throughout the building.
- Attendees are encouraged to download Stopcovid NI track and tracing app.
- Feis Helpers will be wearing masks throughout the venue.
- Results area will be separate and social distancing will apply here.
- When and if a podium is used, there will be distance between each placing.
- Please stay home if you or any of your family are feeling unwell.
- There will be Covid Cleaning in between each group provided by hotel staff.
- Idance Irish Vendor will be operating at the feis.
- Toilets will be cleaned regularly by hotel staff, please adhere to their allowance in a toilet at any one time.
- A Risk assessment has been carried out by the venue and the amount allowed in any one hall or holding area. This has been passed legally and deemed safe under the current guidelines.

If you are sick with a sore throat, high temperature, loss of smell/taste etc please do not attend the feis.



Syllabus Approved:

 ADCRG.

(Don McCarron ADCRG, Feis Registrar, Ulster)

Feis Rules

COMPETITION RULES

1. The adjudicator's decision is final.
2. Age taken as at 1st January 2020.
3. Entries only accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
4. No refunds except in the case that the event does not run.
5. In Prelim and Open Championships, up to and including under 10, make-up and tan is not permitted.
6. To be eligible for the Prelim Championship, dancers must never (a) previously won an open championship judged by 3 or more adjudicators, (b) never previously won more than three preliminary championships judged by 3 or more adjudicators and (c) not have qualified for the World Championships in either the current or previous year.
7. No block/en point (stationary or moving) will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 11.
8. Dances permitted in Traditional Set Dance are: St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journey Work, Garden of Daisies, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains or Jockey to the Fair.
9. Music will be played at the following speeds: Prelim & Open: Reel 113, Single Jig 124, Light Jig 116, Slip Jig 113, Heavy Jig 73, Hornpipe 113. Traditional Set Dances: Blackbird 144, St. Patrick's Day 94, Job of Journeywork 138, Garden of Daises 138, King of the Fairies 130, Three Sea Captains 96, Jockey to The Fair 90.

OTHER RULES

10. Any form of unauthorised photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means e.g. mobile phone, standard camera, video camcorder, with or without flash enhancement, is strictly prohibited. Photography is permitted during results.
11. Any parent who would not like their child to appear in photos taken by the feis committee should make the feis organiser aware prior to results being announced.
12. Any objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of result, accompanied by fee of £20.00.
13. The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injuries or articles lost at the feis.
14. The feis committee reserves the right to transfer competitions/results to a different stage or to alternate competitions if it becomes necessary in order to help the feis run smoothly. The committee reserves the right to use a relief adjudicator.
15. The feis committee reserve the right to refuse feis entries or entrance into the feis.

DATA PROTECTION

As a feis organiser and a member of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha (CLRG), we aim to protect all user information in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2018. Please see link for more information: <http://www.eugdpr.org/eugdpr.org-1.html>.

As members of CLRG, we comply with the CLRG GDPR Regulations. Please see link for more information: <http://www.clrg.ie/index.php/en/about-us/privacy-policy.html>

We are committed to ensuring that your information is secure. In order to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure, we have put in place suitable procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect. Some personal data is required to be shared in order to gain information about who is taking part in our competition. This information will be given to the feis organiser by registered teachers via email. This information may be shared with An Comhairle Uladh, CLRG and members of the feis committee. If you have any concerns with the way your data is being collected, stored or used, please contact carson.kennedy@icloud.com

Waiver of liability agreement
(to be signed and ready for on the day)

In advance of attending the feis we require you to carefully consider the following agreement as your/your child's entry will be determined on the signing of same.

ACKNOWLEDEMENT OF PANDEMIC

I am aware that the World Health Organisation and other governmental and health authorities have declared Covid-19 a pandemic. I am aware that social distancing is to be practiced and that any increased social contact during this pandemic poses an increased risk of transmissions which could cause injury, illness or death.

CONFIRMATION OF HEALTH AND NON-TRAVEL

I confirm that I (or on behalf of the participant) am in good health and have not travelled internationally in the past 14 days and will inform my teachers, who will inform the feis organisers, should they plan to travel abroad.

ACKNOWLEDEGEGMNT AND VOLUNTARY ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that other persons may attend the feis and may have been exposed to the Covid-19 virus. I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with attending the feis at this time and I (or on behalf of the participant) freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, illness or loss resulting there from. I am aware that I (or on behalf of the participant) may require first aid, which may require 'hands-on' care and social distancing may not be possible in this instance.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS

I agree to waive any and all claims that I now or in the future may have against the feis organisers, any of them directors, employees, contractors, assigns, and/or successors (the "releasees") and to release the releasees from any and all liability for any injury, illness or loss may suffer as a result of attendance at the feis due to Covid-19. I agree the feis organisers have carried out a thorough risk assessment prior to the running of the feis and have put in place all measures to negate any risk of the virus being spread and/or contracted during same.

INDEMNIFICATION

I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the releasees from any and all liability for any injury, illness or loss to from attendance at the feis as the case may be, due to Covid-19. I confirm that I have read and understood this agreement and I am aware that, by signing this agreement, I am waiving certain legal rights which I may have against the releasees.

I CONFIRM THAT I AM VOLUNTARILY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT.

Name of participant (Dancer) _____

Participant signature (Dancer to sign if over 18): _____

Date signed: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF THE FEIS)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against Covid-19. Furthermore, my child understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities particularly in relation to Covid-19. I for myself, my spouse, and child do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities in relation to Covid-19 relating to my minor child's presence or participation in the feis as provided above post Covid-19.

Name of participant (Dancer): _____

Parent/Guardian signature (Parent/Guardian): _____

Date signed: _____