

The McConomy School of Irish Dancing Presents

IRELAND'S NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

3RD AND 4TH OCTOBER 2020



Venue

White Horse Hotel

68 Clooney Road

Derry

BT47 3PA

Adjudicators

Paschal Lyons, Ulster

Jonathan McMorrow, Connacht

Claire Usher McMorrow, Connacht

Musician

JD McLaughlin

Registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha. The approval of this syllabus is simply to ensure that the competitions etc., adhere to the rules pertaining to Comhairle Uladh and An Coimisiún le Rincí 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.

Syllabus approved by Feis Registrar of An Comhairle Uladh - Don McCarron ADCRG

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Dear Teachers, Parents and Dancers,

We would like to welcome you to Derry, to our 20th Irelands Northwest Championships.

This year, please take note of the many changes in place due to Covid19 & government/venue regulations. Entries will be capped in line with these regulations. They will only be accepted from registered CLRG teachers, via email, on a first come first served basis.

We are delighted to be able to run this year, in light of the current circumstances. **We want you to know your safety is our priority. Therefore, we are running at a smaller capacity than government guidelines.**

We look forward to your support. Thank you.

Elizabeth and Tara

List of championships and required dances

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Under 6 Championship	Reel	Single Jig	Light Jig
Under 7 Championship	Reel	Single Jig	Light Jig
Under 8 Championship	Reel	Heavy Jig	Traditional Set Dance
Under 9 Championship	Reel	Heavy Jig	Traditional Set Dance
Under 10 Open Championship	Reel	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Set Dance
Under 11 Open Championship	Reel	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Set Dance
Under 12 Open Championship	Reel	Hornpipe	Set Dance
Under 13 Open Championship	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Set Dance
Under 14 Open Championship	Reel	Hornpipe	Set Dance
Under 15 Open Championship	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Set Dance
Under 16 Open Championship	Reel	Hornpipe	Set Dance
Under 16-18 Open Championship	Reel / Slip Jig	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Set Dance
Over 18 Open Championship	Reel / Slip Jig	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Set Dance

Trophies and sashes will be awarded to the top 5 dancers in each championship.

Each Championship from u8-u16 will incorporate a prelim result taken over the first 2 rounds and will be awarded trophy and sash for 1st place and trophy for 2nd and 3rd.

Championships u6/u7/u8 & u9 will be capped at 25 and all dancers will dance all 3 rounds
 Championships U10 and over will be capped at 30 with a recall for set dance
 All dancers will dance 2 at a time on a championship size stage

Please take note of the following:

Reel and Heavy Jig – 40 Bars

Slip Jig and Hornpipe – 32 Bars

Provisional days timetable

Saturday 3rd October: Under 12 and below - open and prelim championships

Sunday 4th October: Under 13 and above - open and prelim championships

These dates are provisional and the timetable will only be finalised when all entries have been received and paid for.

Entry process

Entries will only be accepted from **CLRG registered teachers** via email on a first-come first-served basis. We have an entry cap over the entire weekend which will be strictly adhered to. Each competition will additionally be capped in line with government/hotel legislation.

Please send entry in the below format:

Name	School	Age Group	Prelim / Open

Each school's information should be sent in **one email** within the main body text (not as an attachment) with the **school name** and **total number of entries** at the top of the email.

ENTRIES OPEN ON: TBC when Syllabus is passed – Will close when cap is reached.

EMAIL ADDRESS: Northwest Championships < northwestchampionships@gmail.com >

ENTRY FEES: £40 per dancer (This includes an overall championship result, two solo results and an entry wristband for one parent/guardian. Results will be available online.

Teachers will receive an email requesting online payment which must be made within 48 hours. Once payment has been received, teachers will be notified that their dancers are fully registered, timetable and other feis information at a later date.

If the entry cap has been reached, teachers will receive an email letting them know that their entries are on a waiting list and will be notified should a space become available due to non-payment. The junk mail folder will also be checked and entries will be allocated according to the time the email was received.

Entry for the feis indicates that dancers entered and their parents/guardians agree to adhere to the feis and venue guidelines. Fees are non-refundable except in the case that the event does not go ahead as planned.

Running of the feis

Dancers will be permitted **one adult** with them at any one time (parent / guardian) and will be allocated one colour-coded wristband per dancer. There will be no other spectators, apart from teachers. Face coverings are to be worn by persons (over the age of 12) except dancers while performing or anyone who has a medical exemption from wearing a face covering.

Upon entering the hall, attendees will have their temperature checked and persons with a temperature of 38 degrees Celcius or higher cannot be admitted. Attendees will be asked to sanitise their hands at the sanitisation station beside the door. Several sanitisation stations will be available at the feis.

Dancers will be assigned their entry pack at the entry desk. Accompanying adults will provide contact tracing information and also sign a waiver at this point - a copy of which is included later in this syllabus. The entry pack will include:

- **competitor number and sanitised pin**
- **start numbers for the competition and order of dancers**
- **1 championship medal**
- **2 solo medals**
- **wristband for accompanying adult**

Attendees will sit in socially distanced stations of chairs in the hall. Dancers will be given 15 minutes to get dressed and warm up. Any missed rotations may result in disqualification.

Dancers, when called, will line up sidestage on the socially distanced X marks . They will perform their rounds 2 at a time on a championship size stage. Stage hands will assist in this process. This will be done in groups of 10 dancers. Light rounds will be performed first in all championships.

Once the dancing has been completed for the particular time slot, dancers and their accompanying adults will be ushered via a one-way system to the results hall.

An accurate timetable can only be put together when all entries have been received. As an example, a group of 20 dancers could be allocated a time slot of 2 hour 15mins:

- **15 minutes:** enter the hall and warm up/get ready
- **25 minutes:** all dance Round 1
- **30 minutes:** all dance Round 2
- **40 minutes:** all dance Round 3
- **10 minutes:** results will be given out once all rounds completed
- **15 minutes:** to clean and sanitise the hall before next session starts

This timeline allows extra time for any possible mishaps and provides more accurate start and end times.

Awards ceremonies

Dancers and parents will remain socially distanced in the results hall until the result is ready to be given.

The championship result will be called in reverse order with dancers making their way to the socially distanced awards presentation area **one at a time** when their number is called. There will be a podium for the top 5 dancers who will **lift their own trophy and put on their own sash**.

Dancers then return to the floor and the two solo results are read aloud. The winner of each round will come up to collect their solo round trophy while the remaining dancers will already have their solo medals from the entry pack and will not come up for these results.

The championship result and marks will not be sold but will be posted on Irelands Northwest Championships' Facebook page after it is read aloud.

Maximum people in hall at any one time

MAIN HALL: 2 stage hands, 3 adjudicators, 1 musician, 1 entry desk attendant, 2 cleaners, 10 teachers, dancers in each competition and their accompanying adult– subject to change due to government/hotel guidelines

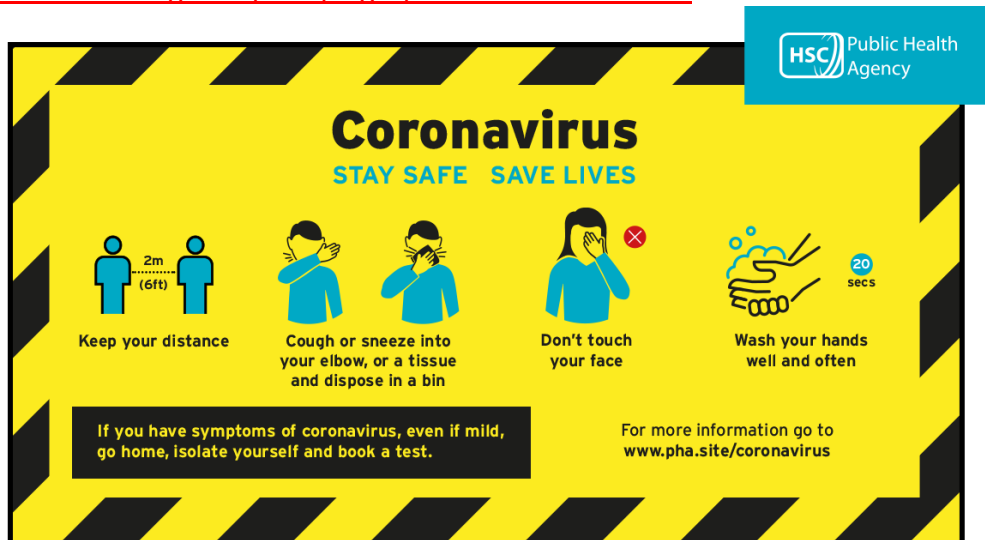
WARM UP AREA: will be in the main hall 15 minutes before competition start time.

VENDOR AREA: 2 staff, maximum 3 customers

- I Dance Irish will be in attendance

Safety rules and information

Ireland's Northwest Championships will run in accordance with NI government guidelines which can be found in full on the NI Direct website at: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>



By entering the feis you agree to:

- Sanitise your hands often - several stations will be available in the halls
- Stay at least 2 metres apart from those not in your group
- Wear a face covering if you are not competing
- Comply with all contact tracing procedures
- Arrive at your assigned time and be prepared to dance at your assigned times
- Follow the one-way system which will be clearly marked

Other safety measures in place:

- Online entry and payment eliminates the need for cash handling on the day
- Temperature checks at the door on entry
- All surfaces will be sanitised between each group entering the hall by cleaners
- Toilets will be sanitised regularly throughout the day by cleaners (2 at a time in toilets)
- Strictly only one accompanying adult per dancer - no exceptions
- Dancers will perform two at a time on a split stage - if there are falls or sickness on stage, only the accompanying adult will be permitted to assist
- No contact in presentations of awards
- Risk assessment required by law has been carried out and will be on display at the feis

If you have a temperature, sore throat, headache, loss of taste, loss of smell, etc. you should NOT attend the feis. Please note that anyone who refuses to comply with the rules of the feis will be asked to leave, in the interest of the safety of all attendees of the feis.

General 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 Daisies 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), I 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 a member of CLRG, I 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 northwestchampionships@gmail.com

Enquiries

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT:

Tara Doherty 07715214687 Elizabeth Hegarty 07740103504

Email: northwestchampionships@gmail.com (Teachers only)

Waiver of liability agreement

(to be signed 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 their 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): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Date signed: _____