

Carson Kennedy Academy of Irish Dance  
Presents



**Northern Irish Dance Championships 2016**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**Lagan Valley Island,  
Lilburn BT27 4RL**

**Adjudicators**

Chris Ryan (Cork, Ireland)  
Claire McCole Moran (Galway, Ireland)  
David Smith (Glasgow, Scotland)  
Michelle Higgins Wyse (Waterford, Ireland)  
Linda Ball Hoban (Limerick, Ireland)

**Musicians**

Paul O'Donnell (Belfast, Ireland)  
Stephen Carolan (Drogheda, Ireland)

**Open Championship and Preliminary Championship pre entry  
by e-mail (3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016)**

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# Welcome letter

Teachers, Parents & Dancers,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to The Northern Irish Dance Championships 2016. The feis will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March & Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in the Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn. This complex has an amazing theatre where all competitions will take place.

We have employed 5 fabulous adjudicators and 2 fine musicians to officiate at this year's championship. ***There will also be 100% Recall in all Championships if less than 25 dancers.*** Anyone that doesn't make the recall will be placed within the overall championship based on his or her placement before the recall.

Preliminary Championships will be incorporated within the open championships from Under 10-Under 16 and a separate result will take place based on Round 1 & 2. Preliminary dancers will place in both the Open and the Prelim Result.

There will be 3 Champion of Champions (Minor, Junior & Senior) and Top 3 of each open championship are eligible to dance in this.

## Schools Points Cup

We also have introduced the Schools Points Cup. This will take place throughout the weekend anyone that places 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in any competition throughout the weekend their school will receive 3 points (1<sup>st</sup>), 2 points (2<sup>nd</sup>) & 1 Points (3<sup>rd</sup>). The school with the most points at the end of the weekend will win this cup. The host school is not eligible to take part in this.

If there are more than 6 boys in each championship we will make it a separate competition. (This will be notified before the event when the entries are in). Grade dancers will be indulged with the fabulous awards like previous years with top 5 in trophy dances receiving trophies and the winners a sash. Everyone will be placed in the Reel and the trophy Dances. All Grade winners will receive a riser.

We will have championships size stages in the main hall and a result room for results. There will also be a canteen serving the usual hot and cold goodies. Michelle McKernon TCRG, Belfast will be our tabulator and detailed result packs will be available after the result. Solo Results will be pre-selected before the event starts.

We have had to put a strict email entry deadline as ***3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016*** in order to keep our championship day running smoothly. We urge all teachers to have their Championship entries emailed to ***carson\_kennedy@icloud.com*** before this date and the dancers can pay on the day. A detailed timetable will be sent to schools with entries one week prior to the Championships starting. Anyone wishing to vendor at the feis or advertise within our program please e-mail ***carson\_kennedy@icloud.com*** for more information. There are limited spots and will come on a first come first served basis. Any other questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event,

***Anne Kennedy Armstrong ADCRG***  
***Jacqueline Kennedy Bohill ADCRG***  
***Gerard Carson TCRG***

# Provisional Timetable

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016

	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>
08:30	Mean grad Under 7 & 8 Mean grad Under 9 & 10	Mean grad Under 11 & 12 Mean grad Under 14 & Over 14
10:45	<b>Under 9 Open Championship</b> <b>Under 10 Open &amp; Prelim Championship</b> 8-10 Traditional Set Dance	
12:30	<b>Under 11 Open &amp; Prelim Championship</b> <b>Under 12 Open &amp; Prelim Championship</b> 10-12 Traditional Set Dance	
14:30	<b>Under 13 Open &amp; Prelim Championship</b> <b>Under 14 Open &amp; Prelim Championship</b> 12-14 Traditional Set Dance <i>Junior Champion of Champions</i>	
16:30	<b>Under 13 Ceili Championship</b>	
16:45	<b>Under 5 Open Championship</b> <b>Under 6 Open Championship</b> Under 6 Ard Grad Slip Jig & Heavy Jig	
17:30	<b>Under 7 Open Championship</b> <b>Under 8 Open Championship</b> 6-8 Ard Grad Slip Jig & Hornpipe <i>Minor Champion of Champions</i>	

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016

	<u>Stage 1</u>	<u>Stage 2</u>
08:30	Ungraded Reel Under 5 / Bun grad Under 6 & 7 Tus grad Under 6 & 7	Bun grad Under 8 & 9 Tus grad Under 8 & 9
11:30	Bun grad Under 10 & 11 Tus grad Under 10 & 11	Bun grad Under 12 & Over 12 Tus grad Under 12 & Over 12
13:00	<b>Under 15 Ceili Championship</b> <b>Senior Ceili Championship</b>	
13:30	<b>Under 15 Open &amp; Prelim Championship</b> <b>Under 16 Open &amp; Prelim Championship</b> 14-16 Traditional Set Dance	
15:15	<b>Under 17 Open Championship</b> <b>Under 18 Open Championship</b> 16-18 Traditional Set Dance	
16:45	<b>Under 20 Open Championship</b> <b>Over 20 Open Championship</b> Over 18 Traditional Set Dance	
	<i>Senior Champion of Champions</i>	

# Information

## Open Championship

**Under 5 Championship-** Reel, Single Jig or Light Jig

**Under 6 & 7 Championship-** Reel, Single Jig & Jig

**Under 8 & 9 Championship-** Heavy Jig, Reel & Traditional Set Dance

**Under 10- Over 20 Championship-** Heavy Jig or Hornpipe, Reel or Slip Jig & Open Set Dance

## Bungrad Competitions

Trophy Reel\*\*

Single Jig

Light Jig

Slip Jig

Light Trophy Dance\*\*

St. Patrick's Day

## Tusgrad Competitions

Trophy Reel\*\*

Single Jig

Light Jig

Slip Jig

Light Trophy Dance\*\*

Heavy Trophy Dance

## Meangrad Competitions

Trophy Reel\*\*

Slip Jig

Heavy Jig or Light Jig

Hornpipe

Light Trophy Dance\*\*

Heavy Trophy Dance

\*\* -This trophy dance will be danced in single age groups.

## Price List

Under 5 Championship- £10.00 (include 2 solo results)

Under 6 & 7 Championship- £20.00 (include 3 solo results)

Under 8- Senior Championship- £25.00 (include 2 solo results)

Open & Prelim combined- £30.00 (dancers will be placed in both championships)

Ceili Competitions- £4.00 per dancer

Solo Competitions- £4.00

Trophy Dances- £5.00

Traditional Set Dance- £5.00

## Information

- Separate boys competition if more than 6 boys in under 10-Senior Open Championship.

- Preliminary Championship will be available From Under 10-Under 16 Championship.

- Top 5 will receive sashes, cups and the winner a perpetual cup in both Open & Prelim.

- Solo winners will receive a riser.

- Top 5 in trophy dances will receive trophies and the winner a sash.

## Host Hotel

**Premier Inn, Lisburn**

# Rules

1. Adjudicators' decision is final
2. Age as at 1st January 2016.
3. No Refunds.
4. Objections in writing to committee members accompanied by a fee of £20.00
5. The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injuries or articles lost at the feis.
6. Eligibility for Preliminary Championships: A) Never previously won an Open Championship B) Never Previously won more than three preliminary championships judged by 3 or more adjudicators C) not have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2015/2016.
7. Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in Motion, using electronic or manual means e.g.; mobile phones, standard cameras, video camcorders, cine Recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is forbidden during competition.
8. Bun Grad & Tus Grad competitions are open to dancers from any region worldwide.
9. In Bun Grad & Tus Grad, make up will not be permitted.
10. In Bun Grad & Tus Grad Dancers in all age groups must wear either Class costumes or 'day clothes'
11. Bun Grad confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in any age or grade or who have been upgraded. Basic steps only.
12. Tus Grad confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in any age in Tus Grad, Mean Grad or Ard Grad. Dancers may perform either basic steps or their first hard/difficult version of each dance. Steps in Tus Grad Heavy Jigs and Hornpipe must be similar to those used in St. Patrick's Day and Blackbird.
13. Dancers may only perform a dance in Mean Grad, if they have never won 1st prize for that dance in Mean Grad or Ard Grad in that age or a higher age.
14. No Block, en point, stationery or moving will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 11.
15. The feis committee reserves the right to a) transfer competitions/results to a different hall, B) alternate competitions if it becomes necessary in order to help the feis run smoothly and C) Relief an adjudicator.
16. All competitors are required to dance a Minimum of 40 bars, except in Slip Jig, Hornpipes & Bun Grad Reel where a Minimum of 32 bars will be required.
17. Re-grading of dancers:
  - a. Less than 30 dancers in competition- 1 dancer moves up to next grade
  - b. 31-50 dancers in competition- 2 dancers move up to next grade
  - c. Over 50 dancers in competition- 3 dancers move up to next grade
18. Dancers must perform the following speeds:
  - a. Bun Grad: Reel 122-124, Light Jig 116, Single Jig and Slip Jig 124, Heavy Jig 96, Hornpipe 144.
  - b. Tus Grad: Reel 116-118, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 120, Heavy Jig 82, and Hornpipe 130.
  - c. Mean/Ard Grad: Reel, Slip Jig & Hornpipe 113, Light Jig, 116, Single Jig 124, Heavy Jig 73
  - d. Traditional Set Dances: Blackbird 144, St. Patrick's Day 94, Job of Journeywork 138, Garden of Daises 138, King of Fairies 130, 3 Sea Captain 96, Jockey 90
19. Make-up (including false eyelashes) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group. For the purposes of this rule the term "make up" includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products.