



Gates Of Derry Championships 2022

Date

Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd January

Venue

The Vale Centre,
Clooney Road, Derry
BT47 3GE

Adjudicators

Nikki O'Meara A.D.C.R.G
Jean Taylor Pembroke A.D.C.R.G
Maria Stanley A.D.C.R.G
Lisa Waites A.D.C.R.G

Musician

Gerry Conlon

Provisional Dates

Saturday 22nd - Championships Under 10-Senior
Sunday 23rd - Championships Under 5-Under 9 & All Grades

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Maria McCaul-Mohan

Welcome Letter/ Information

Teachers, Parents & Dancers,

We would like to welcome you to the McConomy Bradley Doherty Academy Gates Of Derry Feis, held in the Vale Centre Greysteel, Co.Derry. In the syllabus you will find all information for this years' championships.

Any enforcements put in place by the local government, feis committee, or the venue must be adhered to by all attendees.

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Express

31 Strand Road, Derry

BT48 7BL

Please Quote : Gates Of Derry to secure our feis rate

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Entry Information

All Entries must be pre entered, no entries will be received on the day.

Entries from the 25th November

Entry will open as soon as syllabus is released

Please State if dancing Prelim Or Championship On Entry

Then a detailed timetable will be released.

Prelim & Open dancers could be separated

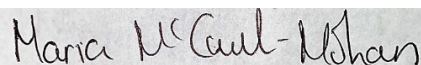
A separate boys championship will be run if there are more than 3 boys entered in championships.

Follow The Gates Of Derry Championships Facebook page for updates.

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

McConomy Bradley Doherty Academy Teachers

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Competition Information

Open & Prelim Championship (*Prelim Under 8-Under 16)			
Under 5	Any Light Dance		
Under 6	Reel	Single Jig	Light Jig
Under 7	Reel	Single Jig	Jig
Under 8	Reel	Heavy Jig	Trad Set*
Under 9	Reel	Heavy Jig	Trad Set*
Under 10	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance*
Under 11	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance*
Under 12	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance*
Under 13	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance*
Under 14	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance*
Under 15	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance*
Under 16	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance*
Under 17	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance
Under 18	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance
Under 20	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance
Over 20	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance
Ungraded	Bungrad	Tusgrad	Meangrad
Trophy Reel	Trophy Reel	Trophy Reel	Trophy Reel
	Single Jig	Single Jig	Slip Jig
	Light Jig	Light Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe
	Slip Jig	Slip Jig	Light Trophy Dance
	Light Trophy Dance	Light Trophy Dance	Heavy Trophy Dance
		Heavy Trophy Dance	Meangrad Priomh Comortas*
Under 5	Under 6	Under 7	Under 8
	Under 7	Under 8	Under 9
	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10
	Under 9	Under 10	Under 11
	Under 10	Under 12	Under 12
	Under 12	Over 12	Under 14
	Over 12		Over 14

Entry Fees

Under 5 Championship- £15.00 (Includes Overall Result, Solo Result & Marks)

Under 6/7 Championship- £25.00 (Includes Overall Result, Solo Results & Marks)

Under 8-Senior Open Championship- £40.00 (Includes Overall Result, Solo Results & Marks)

Open & Prelim Championship - £40.00 (Includes Overall Champ & Prelim Result, Solo Results & Marks)

Solo Dances- £4.00

Trophy Dances- £5.00

Meangrad Priomh Comortas- £15.00 (Includes Overall Results & 2 Solos)

If sufficient boys in the Championships, they will be separate

Awards

Open Championships- Top 5 Trophy & Sashes

Prelim Championships- Top 5 Trophy & Sashes

Trophy Dances- Top 3 Trophy & winner sash

Meangrad Priomh Comortas- Top 5 Trophy & Sashes

**Meangrad Priomh Comortas- One Heavy/ One Light.

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GENERAL RULES FOR FEISEANNA REGISTERED IN ULSTER REGION

- The adjudicator's decision is final.
- Age taken as at 1st January 2022.
- Entries only accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
- No refunds except in the case that the event does not run.
- Competitors in Bun Grad & Tus Grad, up to and including the Under 12 age group, may only wear traditional class costumes or long/short-sleeved blouses/shirts & skirts/trousers, polo tops & skirts/ trousers, body suits & skirts or tunics that conform to the regular costume length rule. Low-cut tops and short tight skirts are not permitted.
- Make-up (including false eyelashes and face tan) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group.
- Costume Length : Length of costumes must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps. Adjudicators who determine a costume to be too short or to lack modesty may ask a competitor to change into black tights (of a denier not less than 70 per cent) in order for the dancer to continue in the competition. When wearing body suits with skirts (commonly know as black-out attire) black tights (of a denier less than 70) must be worn from the age of 14 and above.
As a point of clarification, this rule is not limited to just body suits but also to tops/blouses and skirts/shorts of all colours and is in effect from the 14-15 age group upwards.
- In order to comply with health and safety measures, all dancers lining up side stage prior to any round at any competition will be required to perform the simple exercise of raising their arms to shoulder level unhindered. If unable to do this by the time of their rotation due to costume stitching or arm attachments, these competitors will not be permitted to perform.
- Bun Grád competitions are confined to competitors who at the time of entry have never won 1st place (or being regarded as per below) in that particular dance in any age group or grade. Basic Steps only permitted in Bun Grad.
- Tus Grad confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize (or being graded as per below) 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.
- In Bun Grád & Tus Grad competitions, one dancer moves up to next grade if there are less than 20 competitors, two dancers move up to next grade if there between 21 and 40 competitors and three dancers move up to next grade if there are over 40 competitors.
- Mean Grád competitions are confined to dancers who at the time of entry have never won 1st place for that particular dance in Mean Grad Or Ard Grád in that age group or a higher age group.

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- A Preliminary Championship must be adjudicated by 3 or more Adjudicators and must consist of 2 Rounds, 1 Light Round – Reel/Slip Jig and 1 Heavy Round – Heavy Jig/Hornpipe. Preliminary Championships may run as a “stand-alone” competition or may be incorporated into the Open Championship. Dancers may compete in an Open or a Preliminary Championship or both.

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in a Prelim Championship:

Dancers must not have placed in the top 3 in an Open Championship judged by 3 or more adjudicators.

Dancers must not have won a Preliminary Championship more than 2 times in the current year, **HOWEVER**, if there are 5 or less in a prelim competition the dancer is still eligible to compete in Preliminary Championship.

Dancers must not have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in the current year or previous year.

Dancers must not have recalled in the actual Championship at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann in the current year or previous year.

Dancers having won 2 Preliminary Championships may not compete in any Mean grad competition for the remainder of the year however, if a dancer has won only one Preliminary Championship they may continue to compete in Mean grad (with the exception of the dances that they have won the Prelim Championship with)

Dancers who qualify for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne where there are five dancers or less in the competition at their Regional Oireachtas are exempt from this ruling. They may remain in the Preliminary Championships if they so wish.

Boys who have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne, but were not placed in the top 3 at their Regional Oireachtas and who otherwise fulfil the Prelim Criteria, may continue to compete in Preliminary Grade.

- Dancers must perform to the following speeds:

Bun Grad:

Reel 122-124, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 124, Heavy Jig 96, Hornpipe 144

Tus Grad:

Reel 116-118, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 120, Heavy Jig 82, Hornpipe 130

Mean/Ard Grad:

Reel 113, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 113, Heavy Jig 73, Hornpipe 113

Traditional Set Dances:

St. Patrick’s Day 94, The Blackbird 144, Job of Journeywork 138, Garden of Daisies 138, King of the Fairies 130, Three Sea Captains 96, Jockey to the Fair 90

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- All competitors will be required to dance a MINIMUM number of 40 bars, Except in Slip Jigs, Hornpipes & Bun Grad Reels where a MINIMUM number of 32 bars will be required.
- Where there is a Treble Reel competitions, all competitors will be required to dance a MINIMUM of 16 bars.
- 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 phones, ipads, standard cameras, video camcorders, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is forbidden during competition.
- Changing of costumes, dressing and undressing, is not permitted in the halls or public areas.
- No block, en point, stationery or moving will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 12. However dancers who will be competing in the 12-13 age group in the following year, will be exempt from this rule from 1st September.
- If you wish your child to be excluded from any photographs that maybe uploaded onto social media websites, please ensure that you inform the feis organiser in advance
- Any objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of result, accompanied by fee of £20.00.
- The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injuries or articles lost at the feis.
- 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.
- The feis committee reserve the right to refuse feis entries or entrance into the feis.
- The Child Protection Designated Liason Officer for the Ulster Region is Paula Bell. If you have any concerns for any child's safety at the event, please contact her : CPDLOUlster@gmail.com

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 rosettamconomy@hotmail.com

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