



# Convery Academy of Irish Dancing *presents*



## STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Open to all Regions registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha**

**Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March 2023**

**St Patrick's College  
Banbridge, BT32 3AS**

**Adjudicators**

**Bernadette Fegan – Leinster A.D.C.R.G**

**Dearbhail Bates – Leinster A.D.C.R.G**

**Kevin Armstrong – Ulster A.D.C.R.G**

**Musician**

**Stephen Devlin – Co. Down**



## ***Dear Teachers, Parents and Dancers,***

**The Convery Academy of Irish Dancing warmly invites you to the Star of the County Down Championship Feis on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th March 2023.**

**Our venue is St . Patrick's College, Scarva Road, Banbridge, County Down, BT32 3AS. It is situated in Banbridge town Centre. The College has both male and female changing areas, a practice area and carparking. Refreshments will be available on the day in both parent's area and the complimentary teacher's area.**

**Banbridge has a number of local places of interest such as, the F.E McWilliams Gallery which is situated close to the Boulevard. The Boulevard is an outlet retail village offering designer and high street brands. There are a number of places to enjoy eating out, as well as having an Omniplex showing all the latest movies. Take the opportunity to visit Banbridge's very popular boutique, Walk in Wardrobe, one of the top fashion destinations in Northern Ireland, located in Rathfriland Street.**

**The vendor 'I Dance Irish' will also be in attendance.**

**We look forward to seeing you and enjoying a day of excellent dancing.**

**Kind Regards,  
Melissa Convery Masterson A.D.C.R.G**



**Directions: -**

**From Dublin** – Follow signs for Belfast/Airport/M1/M50 and merge onto M50, keep right to continue on M1, follow signs for Belfast/Airport 1, keep right to continue on N1, continue onto A1, Turn left onto Rathfriland Road, Turn right onto Rathfriland Road/B10 (go through one roundabout), up Rathfriland Street, straight onto Scarva Street and straight onto Scarva Road and **St Patrick's College** is on the left.

**From Belfast** – Follow signs for Dublin, merge onto M1, take the A1 exit towards Sprucefield, At Sprucefield roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto A1, keep left to stay on A1, At Hillsborough roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Hillsborough Road/A1 (continue to follow A1), Turn left onto Rathfriland Road/B10 (go through one roundabout), up Rathfriland Street, straight onto Scarva Street and straight onto Scarva Road and **St Patrick's College** is on the left.

**Flights: -** Airlines that fly into Belfast & Dublin from England & Scotland.

EasyJet  
Ryanair  
Jet2  
Flybe  
Aer Lingus  
British Airways

**Accommodation: -**

**Belmont Hotel** – Rathfriland Road, Banbridge, BT32 3LH Tel: 028 40662517

**Downshire Arms Hotel** – 95 Newry Street, Banbridge, BT32 3EF  
Tel: 028 40668638

**The Bannville Hotel** – 174 Lurgan Road, Banbridge, County Down, BT32 4NR  
Tel: 028 40628884

**Banbridge Golfkeel Self Catering Cottages** – 15 Ballykeel Road, Banbridge, BT32 3UE Tel: 028 40625580

**Lisnacurran Country House** – 6 Listullycurran Road, Dromore, BT25 1RB  
Tel: 028 9269871



# Rules



- 1) Adjudicator's decision is final.
- 2) Ages as of 1st January 2023.
- 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) 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 Make up (including eye lashes and face tan) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the under 10 age group.
- 7) Any form of unauthorised photography will not be permitted whilst the dancers are performing on the stage.
- 8) All competitions are open to dancers from all regions.
- 9) The feis committee reserves the right to:
  - A) Transfer competitions/results to a different hall
  - B) Alternate competitions
  - C) Relieve an adjudicator
- 10) Appropriate undergarments covering the midriff must be worn. Undergarments must provide full coverage (as per illustration on [www.clrg.ie](http://www.clrg.ie)). Dancers wearing undergarments that do not cover the areas of the body as illustrated in the example will be asked to put on black tights of a denier of not less than 70 per cent. This is monitored by the adjudicator. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator all adjudicators on the panel must agree to ask the dancer to put on tights.



# Rules



- 11) No Block, en Pointe movements, (stationary or moving) will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 11.
- 12) The feis committee has the right to refuse entry to the feis.
- 13) If you wish your child to be excluded from any photography, which may be uploaded to social media websites, please inform the feis organisers in advance.
- 14) 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, black tights (of a denier not less than 70 per cent) must be worn from the age of 14 and above (i.e. 14-15 age group).
- 15) Music will be played at the following speeds: Reel 113, Single Jig 124, 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.



# 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: [converyacademy@gmail.com](mailto:converyacademy@gmail.com)

Any enquiries please feel free to contact:  
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# *Championship* *& Prelim Info*



- Recall for set dances in U10 championship upwards if more than 20 dancers
- Championship U10-U16 will incorporate a prelim result taken from round 1 & 2
- Top 5 dancers in open championship will receive trophies and sashes
- Top 5 in Prelim will receive trophies and sashes
- Under 6 & Under 7 (Reel, Single, Light or Heavy Jig)
- Under 8 & Under 9 (Reel, Heavy Jig, Trad Set)
- Under 10 upwards (Reel or Slip Jig, Hornpipe or Heavy Jig & any Set Dance)

Championship U6 and U7..... £25  
Championship U8-Senior.....£35  
Prelim only.....£25  
Championship & Prelim..... £40

(Championship includes 2 solo results)  
All championship and prelim dancers place in  
championship  
Admission: £5 per adult payable on the day - Cash Only  
(This is not included in the entry fee)

**Entries Open: 12th February 2023**  
**Entries Close: 3rd March 2023**

**Entries purchased on Jotform:**  
**<https://form.jotform.com/230085242648354>**



# Provisional Timetable



Times shown below are provisional and are subject to change depending on entries

## Saturday 11th March

U14 Championship/Prelim  
12-14 Boys Championship  
U15 & U16 Championship/Prelim Alternating  
14-16 Boys Championship  
Lunch  
U16 Championship/ Prelim & U17 Championship Alternating  
16-18 Boys Championship  
U18 Championship  
U20 Boys Championship  
U20 & O20 Championship Alternating  
Over 20 Boys Championship

## Sunday 12th March

U11 Championship/Prelim  
10-12 Boys Championship  
U12 Championship/Prelim  
U13 Championship/Prelim  
Lunch  
U/6, U/7, U/8, U9 Championship Alternating  
U10 Championship  
8-10 Boys Championship

*\*Please note that where possible, boys will start each section\*  
Results given in separate results area after each championship*