



The Gates of Derry Championships

Welcome Letter/ Information

Teachers, Parents & Dancers,

We would like to welcome you to the M.C.B.D.A Gates of Derry Championships, in the The Vale Centre, Clooney Road, Greysteel, Derry BT47 3GE, 3rd & 4th February, 2024.

Hotel Information

Waterfoot Hotel
Caw Roundabout,
Clooney Road, Derry BT47 6TB
Hotel Telephone Number: 028 71345500

Contact Information

rosettamconomy@hotmail.com
07565482716(teachers only)

Entry Information

All Entries must be pre-entered via the following link:

Link to follow

https://form.jotform.com/233307032390345?fbclid=IwAR3OiCZ_CacSRvq704m_qGllG0OFwrL-nTn4HQIEro-AL7aqQ6GaCg3Vj_k

Entries are now open - Entries close on the 29th January

No entries will be received on the day.

The Teachers of MCBDA look forward to welcoming you to this years' feis.

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The Gates of Derry Championships

Dates

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th February 2024

Venue

The Vale Centre,
Clooney Road,
Greysteel,
Derry
BT47 3GE

Adjudicators

Kristin Burke Zagorski A.D.C.R.G - USA
Daniel Flanagan A.D.C.R.G - Ireland
Martina Stewart Skehill A.D.C.R.G - England
Helena McCarron A.D.C.R.G - England

Musician

Dean Crouch - Ireland

Days

Saturday 4th - Championships Under 8 -Senior
Sunday 5th - Championship Under 5, Under 6 & Under 7 plus all Grades

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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/ Light	Trad Set*
Under 9	Reel	Heavy Jig	Trad Set*
Under 10	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance* Any
Under 11	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance* Any
Under 12	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance* Any
Under 13	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance* Any
Under 14	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance* Any
Under 15	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance* Any
Under 16	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance* Any
Under 17	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance Any
Under 18	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance Any
Under 20	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance Any
Over 20	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set Dance Any
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 Stars Of The Future			
	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

Competition Information

Entry Fees

Under 5 Championships- £15.00 (Includes Overall Result,)

Under 6/7 Championship- £25.00 (Includes Overall Result)

Under 8-Senior Open Championship- £40.00 (Includes Overall Result)

Open & Prelim Championship - £45.00 (Includes Overall Champ & Prelim Result)

N.B Separate boys' championships where there are 5 or more boys.

(All Championships will be adjudicated by a panel of 3 adjudicators)

Solo Dances- £4.00

Trophy Dances- £5.00

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

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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Feis Rules

COMPETITION RULES

1. No refunds except in the case that the event does not run.
2. Entries only accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
3. The adjudicator's decision is final
4. Age taken from 1st January 2024
5. Competitors in Bun Grad and Tus Grad, up to and including Under 12 age group may only wear traditional class costumes or long/short sleeved blouses & skirt/trousers, polo tops & skirt/trousers, body suits & skirts or tunics that confirm to the regular costume length rule. Low-cut tops and short tight skirts are not permitted.
6. Make-up (including eyelashes and face tan) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group
7. Make-up will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades (Bun Grad & Tus Grad or equivalent) up to and including the Under 12 age group worldwide.
8. 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 percent) in order for the dancer to continue in the competition.
9. Appropriate undergarments covering the midriff must be worn. Undergarments must provide full coverage (as per illustration on www.clrg.ie), Dancers wearing undergarments that do not cover the areas of the body as in the illustrated 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.
10. Bun Grad competitions are confined to competitors who at the time of entry have never won 1st place (or being graded as per below) in that particular dance in any age group or grade. Basic steps only are permitted in Bun Grad.
11. Tus Grad confined to dancers who have never won 1st place (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 basis 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.
12. In Bun and Tus Grad competitions one dancer moves up to the next grade if there is less than 20 competitors, two dancers move up if there are between 21 and 40 competitors and three dancers move up if there is over 40 competitors
13. Mean Grad competitions are confined to dancers who at the time of entry never won 1st place for that particular dance in Mean or Ard Grad in that age group or a higher age group
14. A Prelim 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. Prelim Championships may run as a Stand-Alone competition or may be incorporated into the Open Championships. Dancers may compete in an Open or a Prelim or Both.

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15. To be eligible to compete in a Prelim Championships:

Dancers must not have placed in the top 3 in an Open Championships judged by 3 or more adjudicators. Dancers must not have won a Prelim Championships 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 Prelim. 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 Championships at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann in the current year or previous year. Dancers having won 2 Prelim Championships may not compete in any mean Grad competition for the remainder of the year. HOWEVER, if a dancer has only won one Prelim Championships they may continue in Mean Grad (with the exception of their dances that they have won the Prelim Championships 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 Prelim Championship if they so wish. Boys who have qualified for the Oireachtas 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 Prelim Grade.

16. METRONOMIC SPEEDS are as follows:

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 or Jockey to the Fair 90.

17. All competitors will be required to dance a MINIMUM number of 40 bars, except if Slip Jig. Hornpipe & Bun Grad Reel where a MINIMUM number of 32 bars will be required.

OTHER RULES:

18. 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 phone, standard camera, video camera, with or without flash enhancement, is forbidden during competition.

19. 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 the results being announced.

20. Changing of costumes, dressing or undressing is not permitted in the halls or public areas

21. 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.

22. The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injuries or articles lost at the feis

23. 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

24. The feis committee reserve the right to refuse feis entries or entrance into the feis.

25. The Child Protection Designated Liaison 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

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Approximate Timetable

Exact times will be emailed to all teachers and uploaded onto Gates of Derry Championships Facebook page, when entries close.

Saturday:

8.30am	Under 10 Championship	Alternating
	Under 11 Championship	Alternating
10.30 am	Under 12 Championship	Alternating
	Under 13 Championship	Alternating
1.00 pm	Under 8 Championship	Alternating
	Under 9 Championship	Alternating
2.30 pm	Under 14 Championship	Alternating
	Under 15 Championship	Alternating
4.30 pm	Under 16 Championship	Alternating
	Under 17 Championship	Alternating
5.45 pm	Under 18 Championship	Alternating
	Under 20 Championship	Alternating
	Over 20 Championship	Alternating

Sunday:

9.00 am	Bun Grad: Under 8, Under 9 & Under 10
10.30 am	Tus Grad: Under 8, Under 9 & Under 10
12.00 pm	Mean Grad: Under 8, Under 9 & Under 10
1.00 pm	Under 5 Championship Under 6 Championship Under 7 Championship
2.30 pm	Under 5 Stars of the Future (Ungraded)
2.30 pm	Bun Grad: Under 6, Under 7, Under 12 & Over 12
2.30 pm	Tus Grad: Under 7, Under 12 & Over 12
4.00 pm	Mean Grad: Under 11, Under 12, Under 14 & Over 14

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