



Phoenix Festival

2023

January 28th

Registered with An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha



Friends,

It is with a very warm heart that I extend a sincere welcome to you to the second Phoenix Festival of Irish Dancing. Last year, Irish Dancing rose triumphantly from the ashes of Covid, rising to even greater heights of accomplishment and achievement – a true credit to dancers, teachers – and all involved in keeping the art of Irish dancing alive.

This year, we are running the Feis on one day, with a Grades Hall and a Championship Hall, the latter being fully equipped with a purpose-built stage to facilitate the open dancers in the preparation for the forthcoming All Ireland and World Championships.

Our distinguished panel of adjudicators is complete with two being transatlantic – a first for the Phoenix Festival! Trophies and sashes for Championships and Preliminary Championships will be awarded to the top 5 dancers and no child will go home without an award.

Our venue is situated in the heart of the city of Glasgow, with excellent transport links for those dancers living further afield, and there is a special rate for parking for those attending the festival travelling by car at the Concert Square car park, opposite the venue, at a special reduced rate. Tickets can be validated at the security office within the university campus.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all dancers the very best of luck at the festival, and thank you profoundly for your support in keeping the art of Irish dance alive in 2023.

Sincerely

MARGIE MORGAN ADCRG BG

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ADJUDICATORS:

Michael Kenny	USA
Rose Kenny	USA
Phoebe O' Donoghue	Dublin Ireland
Marie McGuigan	Manchester England
Noreen McCutcheon (Grades)	Glasgow Scotland
Owen McAuley (Grades)	Glasgow Scotland

Musicians:

Willie Patterson	Glasgow	Scotland
Kevin Murphy	Glasgow	Scotland

Entry Fees

Solo Grades	£5.50 per dance
Trophy Reel	£7.50 per dance
Open Championship U5,U6	£20.00
Open Championship U7,U8,U9	£30.00
Open Championship/Preliminary	£40.00
Single Dancer Maximum	£55.00
Family Maximum	£85.00
Door Tariff	£6.00
Concessions	£3.00

All Open Championships Under 5 - Senior
100% Recall – Time Permitting

FESTIVAL SECRETARY

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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES Saturday 17th December 2022

Entry Fees payable by 10th January 2023

Entries payable by bank transfer or cheque.

Cheques made payable to: 'The Glasgow Festival of Irish Dancing'

Bank details will be provided on request.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE FEIS COMMITTEE CANNOT OFFER REFUNDS FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED

Schedule of Competitions

SOLO GRADES

B-Beginner, P – Primary, I – Intermediate

Age Group	Trophy Reel	Single Jig	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe
Under 6	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
Under 7	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
Under 8	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
Under 9	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
Under 10	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
Under 11	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
Under 12	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
Over 12	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

AGE GROUP	1 ST ROUND	2 ND ROUND	RECALL
Under 5	Reel		
Under 6	Reel	Single Jig	
Under 7	Reel	Single Jig	Light or Heavy Jig
Under 8	Heavy jig	Reel or Slip Jig	Hornpipe
Under 9	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Traditional Set Dance
Under 10	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Any Set Dance
Under 11	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 12	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 13	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 14	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 15	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 16	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 17	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 19	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Senior	Heavy jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

Preliminary Championships, for those eligible, will be calculated from the first 2 rounds of the Championship. Please mark entry form accordingly.

FULL TIMETABLE WILL BE ISSUED ON RECEIPT OF ENTRIES

GRADES OPEN TO ALL AREAS

Festival Rules

1. All Rules of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha are applicable to this Feis unless stipulated that an agreed local rule applies.
2. Entries will only be accepted from teachers currently registered with An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha.
3. All entries must be made on the enclosed official entry form, which must be fully completed and signed by the teacher. The dancer's **FULL FIRST AND SURNAME** must be entered in **BLOCK CAPITALS**, together with **NAME** and **SPEED** of set dance.
4. Adjudicators' decisions are final. Adjudicators **MUST NOT** be approached by any teacher, parent, or competitor whilst the adjudicators are employed to carry out their duties at the competition. Only those officiating at the competition may approach adjudicators on matters relating to the competition.
5. Complaints are to be made in writing, accompanied with a £50 fee to the Feis secretary within 1 hour of the incident. The fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.
6. Competitors must be present when their competition is called and fully obey all instructions/directions from Feis Stewards and Hall Keepers, or they may lose their right to dance. Dancers must be ready to dance 30 minutes before scheduled start time of the competition.
7. Competitors must use the designated areas to practice and must not practice in the competition halls, corridors, side stage etc. This rule will be strictly enforced. Any dancer found causing damage to floor surfaces out with the designated official practice area will be held personally liable for any necessary repairs and associated costs.
8. The Feis committee may modify or cancel any arrangements detailed in this syllabus as deemed necessary, subject to the approval of The Scottish Regional Council or An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
9. Tempos for Intermediate competitions will be the same as those stipulated for the World Championships. Beginner and Primary competitions will be in accordance with those stipulated by the Scottish Regional Council, and all regions of GB.

All agreed speeds are outlined below

	Reel	Single Jig	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe
Beginner	122/124	124	116	124	96	144
Primary	116/118	124	116	120	76	118
Intermediate	113	124	116	113	73	113
Open	113	124	116	113	73	113

10. **Beginner and Primary competitions are open to competitors from all regions.**
11. **Beginners are only permitted to dance steps equivalent to the basic reel, single jig, light jig, slip jig, heavy jig, and hornpipe. Any competitors performing steps of a harder degree of difficulty in the beginner grade may be disqualified from that particular competition.**
12. **BEGINNER: A dancer winning 1st or 2nd in BEGINNER grade, when there are at least 6 or more competitors, must dance that particular dance in PRIMARY grade (or above) for at least 12 months**
13. **PRIMARY: A dancer winning a 1st in PRIMARY grade, when there are at least 6 or more competitors, must dance that particular dance in INTERMEDIATE grade (or above) for a period of at least 12 months.**
14. **INTERMEDIATE: A dancer winning a 1st in INTERMEDIATE grade, when there are at least 6 or more competitors, must dance that particular dance in OPEN grade for a period of at least 12 months.**
15. **OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS: A dancer placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open championship must remain open for the dances performed in that championship for a period of at least 12 months.**
16. **Preliminary Championships**

Preliminary competitions are included in all Open Championships from Under 10 upwards, provided there are 2 or more eligible competitors. Results will be taken from the first 2 rounds. In accordance with Scottish Regional Council rules, to be considered as eligible to compete in a Preliminary Championship, the following rules apply:

- **Cannot have been placed in a top three position in an open Championship with up to 20 competitors within the last 24 months**
- **Cannot have been placed in a top 5 position in an open Championship with more than 20 competitors within the last 24 months**
- **A minimum number of three Adjudicators must officiate, and must have included one light and one heavy dance.**
- **Competitors who qualify for and compete in Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in the previous 12 months cannot compete in a preliminary championship, except where the dancer auto-qualified at their Regional or National Oireachtas due to lack of numbers.**
- **The relevant notation must be made on the entry form to indicate that a dancer is entitled to also be entered into the preliminary championship,**

- Where a Preliminary Championship is combined with an Open Championship, then the result should be taken from eligible dancers' ranking after the first two rounds.
 - Where a competitor wins two Preliminary Championships, they must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter. For grading purposes, two wins will be taken as being in any two-year rolling period. Where a dancer does not win a second Preliminary within two years of winning their first Preliminary Championship, then the first win will be deemed as having expired and the dancer starts afresh. Where there are less than 6 in a Preliminary Championship that win will not normally be considered for grading purposes. However, where a dancer wins three Preliminary Championships regardless of the number of competitors in each competition, that dancer must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter.
 - Dances performed in a Preliminary Championships do not count for grading in solo competitions.
17. No coaching whilst dancers are on stage during any competition, no matter what grade. This rule has specifically been laid down by the SRC. Failure to comply with this could result in disqualification of the dancer.
18. Dancers must be in full costume and appropriate black footwear when receiving awards.
19. Dancers in Beginner and Primary competitions up to and including the Under 12 age group must abide by the Scottish Regional Council Costume rule, i.e. must only wear class costume, skirt/trousers and blouse/shirt, or appropriate civilian clothing. An Coimisiún rulings on hem/neckline will also be strictly adhered to, low cut tops or short tight skirts are not permitted.
20. Female adult dancers participating in competitions (both solo and teams) are required to wear opaque black tights of a denier not less than 70.
21. Make up rules (4.5 CLRG Rule Book)
- 4.5.1 Make- up will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades (Beginner and Primary) up to and including the Under 12 age group worldwide.
- 4.5.2. Make- up (including false eye lashes) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group.
- (POINT OF CLARIFICATION) For the purpose of this rule the term “make up” includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products. An Coimisiún hopes that teachers and parents will interpret and apply this rule in the spirit in which it is intended.
- Effective March 1st 2014.

22. No block, en Pointe movements, stationary or moving, are allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group.
23. **THE DRESS CODE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN COIMISIUN RULING WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED**, i.e. for the sake of modesty and in the interest of the safety to young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the feis scantily dressed.
24. Changing facilities will be provided and must be used. No changing in the halls will be allowed. The use of hairspray will only be permitted in the designated changing areas **NO HAIRSPRAY IS TO BE USED IN THE COMPRTITION HALLS OR CORRIDORS.**
25. 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, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is expressly forbidden in competition.
26. The use of mobile phones and electronic games is strictly prohibited in the dancing area.
27. Smoking is not allowed in the venue.
28. The committee, will, as far as practicable, provide stage surfaces for dancing. However, the committee cannot accept any liability whatsoever for injuries sustained while a dancer is on stage. The lodgement of an entry is deemed acceptance of this condition.
29. The Feis Committee are not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property. All personal property is the sole responsibility of the owners and organisers urge you not to leave items left unattended.
30. The Scottish Regional Council has a zero-tolerance policy on the consumption of alcohol in all dancing areas at Feiseanna.

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