



BELFAST CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021



Entries open at 8am Friday 4th June



OPEN AND PRELIM CHAMPIONSHIPS

JULY 31st / AUGUST 1st

GRADES AUGUST 2nd

ADJUDICATORS

FRANCIS CURLEY – LOUTH

PASCHAL LYONS – CAVAN

ANN BYRNE-GIBBONS – GALWAY

MUSICAN

LIAM O'SULLIVAN – NEWCASTLE



COLIN GLEN ACTIVITY CENTRE

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DAYS TIMETABLE

Saturday 31 st July	Sunday 1 st August
Under 14 Championship and Prelim (light, heavy, set)	Under 6 Championship (reel, single jig, jig)
Under 15 Championship and Prelim (light, heavy, set)	Under 7 Championship (reel, single jig, jig)
Under 16 Championship and Prelim (light, heavy, set)	Under 8 Championship (reel, jig, trad set)
Over 16 Prelim (light, heavy, set)	Under 9 Championship and Prelim (reel, jig, trad set)
Under 17 Championship (light, heavy, set)	Under 10 Championship and Prelim (reel, jig/hornpipe, set)
Under 18 Championship (light, heavy, set)	Under 11 Championship and Prelim (light, heavy, set)
Under 20 Championship (light, heavy, set)	Under 12 Championship and Prelim (light, heavy, set)
Over 20 Championship (light, heavy, set)	Under 13 Championship and Prelim (light, heavy, set)

Monday 2nd August – Grades

COMPS	AGE	DANCES
Ungraded	U5	reel
Bungrad	U6, U7, U8, U9, 10, U12, Over 12	Reel, single jig, light jig, slip jig, light trophy dance
Tusgrad	U7, U8, U9, 10, U12, Over 12	Reel, single jig, light jig, slip jig, light trophy dance, heavy jig, traditional set dance
Meangrad	U7, U8, U9, 10, U12, Over 12	Reel, single jig, light jig, slip jig, light trophy dance, heavy jig, hornpipe, traditional set dance

Times will be allocated when the entry is closed.

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Entry Process

Entries will open on Friday the 4th of June at 8 am. Please go to the following website to enter and make payment, this can be done by a teacher or parent.

<https://form.jotform.com/211404185773050>

Competition entries will be capped and competitions with 6 or more boys will have a separate boys competition.

Fees

Open and Preliminary championships: £40

(Includes marks, 2 solo results and door entry for 1 parent/guardian.)

Grades £5.50

Trophy dance £6.50

(Includes a placement for each dance and door entry for one parent/guardian.)

Hotel Information

The nearest hotel to the dancing venue is the Balmoral Hotel, Blacks Road, Dunmurry. The hotel is 0.5 mile away and is within walking distance. If you wish to avail of rates below, please email bernadette@balmoralhotelbelfast.co.uk to make your reservation. Safe and secure parking is included in the rates. Some presentations / events may take place in the hotel in the evenings. The hotel has two restaurants providing a full range of food offerings. The hotel website is <https://www.balmoralhotelbelfast.co.uk>. A limited number of rooms are available.

Prices for Rooms (Bed and Breakfast)

Thursday 29th July

Single £65 / Twin £70 / Double £80 / Triple £ 100

Friday 30th July

Single £95 / Twin £100 / Double £110 / Triple £ 130

Saturday 31st July

Single £105 / Twin £110 / Double £120 / Triple £ 140

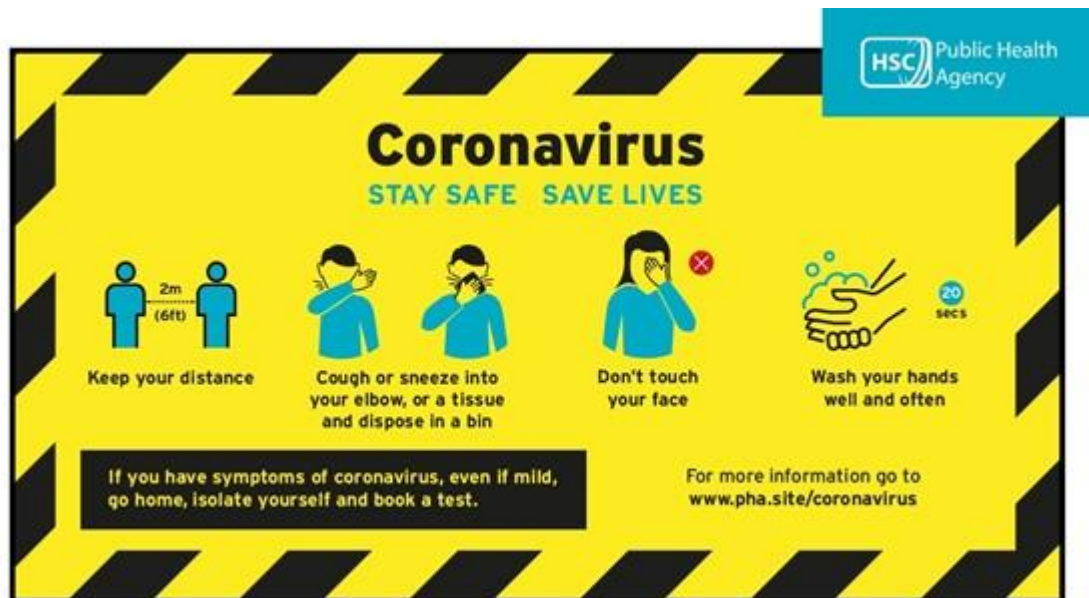
Sunday 1st August

Single £50 / Twin £55 / Double £65 / Triple £ 85



Safety Rules and Information

Belfast Championships will run in accordance with NI government guidelines, which can be found in full on the NI Direct website at: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>.



By entering the feis, you agree to:

- Sanitise your hands often - several stations will be available in the halls
- Stay at least 2 metres apart from those not in your group
- Wear a face covering if you are not competing
- Comply with all contact tracing procedures
- Arrive at your assigned time and be prepared to dance at your assigned times
- Follow the one-way system which will be clearly marked

Other safety measures in place:

- Online entry and payment eliminates the need for cash handling on the day
- Temperature checks at the door on entry
- All surfaces will be sanitised by cleaners between each group entering the hall
- Toilets will be sanitised regularly throughout the day by cleaners
- Strictly only one accompanying adult per dancer - no exceptions
- If there are falls or sickness on stage, only the accompanying adult will be permitted to assist
- No contact in presentations of awards
- Risk assessment required by law has been carried out and will be on display at the feis
- Separate entry and exit points

If you have a temperature, sore throat, headache, loss of taste, loss of smell, etc. you should NOT attend the feis. Please note that anyone who refuses to comply with the rules of the feis will be asked to leave, in the interest of the safety of all attendees of the feis.

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General Feis Rules

COMPETITION RULES

1. The adjudicator's decision is final.
2. Age taken as at 1st January 2021.
3. Entries only accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
4. In Bun Grád and Tús Grád, up to and including under 12, make-up and tan are not permitted. In Mean Grád, up to and including under 10, make-up and tan are not permitted.
5. In Bun Grád and Tús Grád, dancers may only wear class costume or day clothes. No solo costumes are permitted.
6. Bun Grád competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st place, or have been re-graded, in that particular dance in any grade or age. Basic steps must be performed.
7. Tús Grád competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st place, or have been re-graded, in that particular dance in Tús Grád or higher.
8. Mean Grád competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st place in that particular dance in Mean Grád or higher.
9. No block/en point (stationary or moving) will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 11.
10. Music will be played at the following speeds:
 - Bun Grád: Reel 122-124, Single Jig 124, Light Jig 116.
 - Tús Grád: Reel 116-118, Single Jig 124, Light Jig 116, Slip Jig 120, Heavy Jig 82.
 - Mean Grád: 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.
11. Dancers will be re-graded as follows: 5-30 competitors - 1 dancer re-graded, 31-50 competitors - 2 dancers re-graded, 51+ competitors - 3 dancers re-graded. All re-graded dancers will receive a trophy as per first place.

OTHER RULES

12. 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, with or without flash enhancement, is strictly prohibited. Photography is permitted during results.
13. 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 results being announced.
14. Any objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of result, accompanied by fee of £20.00.
15. The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injuries or articles lost at the feis.

16. 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.
17. The feis committee reserve the right to refuse feis entries or entrance into the feis.

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>

<http://www.clrg.ie/index.php/en/about-us/privacy-policy.html>

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 via email. This information may be shared with An Comhairle Uladh, CLRG and members of the feis committee. If you have any concerns, please contact belfastchampionships21@gmail.com



Waiver of Liability Agreement (to be signed on the day)

In advance of attending the feis we require you to carefully consider the following agreement as your/your child's entry will be determined on the signing of same.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PANDEMIC

I am aware that the World Health Organisation and other governmental and health authorities have declared Covid-19 a pandemic. I am aware that social distancing is to be practiced and that any increased social contact during this pandemic poses an increased risk of transmissions which could cause injury, illness or death.

CONFIRMATION OF HEALTH AND NON-TRAVEL

I confirm that I (or on behalf of the participant) am in good health and have not travelled internationally in the past 14 days and will inform my teachers, who will inform the feis organisers, should they plan to travel abroad.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND VOLUNTARY ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that other persons may attend the feis and may have been exposed to the Covid-19 virus. I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with attending the feis at this time and I (or on behalf of the participant) freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, illness or loss resulting there from. I am aware that I (or on behalf of the participant) may require first aid, which may require 'hands-on' care and social distancing may not be possible in this instance.

WAIVER OF CLAIMS

I agree to waive any and all claims that I now or in the future may have against the feis organisers, any of their directors, employees, contractors, assigns, and/or successors (the "releasees") and to release the releasees from any and all liability for any injury, illness or loss may suffer as a result of attendance at the feis due to Covid-19. I agree the feis organisers have carried out a thorough risk assessment prior to the running of the feis and have put in place all measures to negate any risk of the virus being spread and/or contracted during same.

INDEMNIFICATION

I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the releasees from any and all liability for any injury, illness or loss to from attendance at the feis as the case may be, due to Covid-19. I confirm that I have read and understood this agreement and I am aware that, by signing this agreement, I am waiving certain legal rights which I may have against the releasees.

I CONFIRM THAT I AM VOLUNTARILY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT.

Name of participant (Dancer): _____

Participant signature (Dancer to sign if over 18): _____

Date signed: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF THE FEIS)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against Covid-19. Furthermore, my child understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities particularly in relation to Covid-19. I for myself, my spouse, and child do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities in relation to Covid-19 relating to my minor child's presence or participation in the feis as provided above post Covid-19.

Name of participant (Dancer): _____

Parent/Guardian signature (Parent/Guardian): _____

Date signed: _____

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