

# SCANLON SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING ANNUAL FEIS



## 5th & 6th March 2016

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le Rincí Gaelacha

# In Loving Memory of John Scanlon

June 1922 – March 2007

*The Scanlon Feis is held in loving memory of our father, John Scanlon, who passed away in March 2007. He was a great advocate of our Irish Dancing and supporter of all activities for young people – especially those which promoted our Irish culture. It is an honour for us to hold our Feis in his memory.*

It is once again our pleasure to invite you to the Scanlon Feis 2016. We are pleased to be holding our feis again at Archbishop Illsley School, Victoria Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham which has excellent facilities for both spectators and competitors. There is a large stage and tiered seating in the main hall, a purpose built stage in the gym and also 4 staged floors in the large sports hall. It is within easy access of the motorway links and also only 15 mins from Birmingham International Airport.

Facilities also including ample parking and the grounds are secure and safe for the children.

**Please note that we will be using the 32 bar system in grade solo dances (Novice, Primary, Intermediate – for ALL age groups plus Open solo dances in U6 7 8 and 9s) as per the last 2 years.**

ALL dancers in the competition will be lined up at the back of the stage at the start of the competition. The adjudicator will take down the numbers of all competitors. The first two dancers walk to the starting positions and get ready to dance. After the 8 bar introduction the dancers will begin their dance and dance for 32 bars\*. After 32 bars\* they bow (quickly) and return to their original place in the line at the back of the stage whilst the next two dancers step commence their performance of 32 bars. **NB There will be no gap of 8 bars in between each performance.**

**The trad set dance competition will not be restricted to 32 bars. Dancers will complete the full traditional set dance (step on right and left foot, set only on the right foot).**

Over the duration of the feis points will be awarded for all 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in all grades, in all dances. The school with the most points at the end of the feis is awarded with the John Scanlon Memorial Trophy.

We have nine fine adjudicators and four excellent musicians. Entries are on the day. Computer print-out for all championship results will be available. We will have our usual high standard of catering facilities providing hot and cold drinks and snacks during the day.

We have ICONIC Dancer ([www.theirishdancer.co.uk](http://www.theirishdancer.co.uk)) – selling shoes, socks, sock glue, tiaras, number clips etc and once again Camelia Rose will be there for all your feis requirements. Also Leanne Nelson will be providing live commentary throughout the weekend via Facebook.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Feis and thank you again you for your continued support

## Entry Fees: Pay on the day

All solo dances .....	£3.00	All Trophy competitions .....	£4.00
Under 6, 7 Solo Championship (Champ £10 plus 2 solos £6) .....			£16.00
<i>includes 2 x tickets for compulsory solos- see rule 28</i>			
Under 8, 9 Solo Championship (Champ £14 plus 2 solos £6) .....			£20.00
<i>includes 2 x tickets for compulsory solos – see rule 29</i>			
<b>PLEASE NOTE THAT 2 SOLO ROUNDS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ENTERING U 6 7 8 9 CHAMPS</b>			
<b>solo tickets can also be purchased (£3 ea) if more than 2 solos wished to be danced.</b>			
Open & Preliminary Championships Under 10 upwards .....			£25.00
<i>Includes solo results in first 2 rounds of championship</i>			
Ceili and Figure Championships .....	£2.50 per dancer	Family Fee .....	£65.00

**Party Nights – Saturday & Sunday for all (children welcome)**

**at Scanlon's Bar, Spring Road B11 4DY**

**After a long day at the feis you are all welcome to join us to party or just to relax and unwind**

# Rules

## General

- 1 Age to be taken from 1st January of the current year.
- 2 Adjudicators decision is final.
- 3 Committee members only may approach adjudicators.
- 4 Any protest against breach of rules must be made in writing to the feis organiser within one hour of conclusion of a competition, with a fee of £10.00. Should the objection be upheld the fee will be refunded.
- 5 Entries will only be accepted from schools registered with An Coimisiun.
- 6 Lodgement of entries at a feis implies that you accept the rules relating to the feis in their entirety as laid down by the An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha & Midland Regional Council.
- 7 Any form of Artificial Carriage Aids are strictly forbidden except for medical reasons.
- 8 Any form of unauthorised photography which has the capability to capture a dancers image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means e.g. mobile phone, standard camera, video camcorder, cine recorder or commercial film with or without flash enhancement is expressly forbidden in competition
- 9 Make-up (including false eyelashes and tan on face) is not be permitted for any dancer in solo or team competition up to and including the under 10 age group.
- 10 Nor in the first two grades up to and including the under 12 age group. Leg tan is NOT part of this rule  
Make-up is not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades up to and including the under 12 age group.
- 11 A solo competition cannot be held with only 1 competitor
- 12 **Costume rule** – Novice competitors in all age groups, up to under 12 **must only** wear traditional class costume or long/short blouses/polo tops and skirts/tunics, bodysuits/leotards, which conform to the regular costume length as per An Coimisiun rules.  
**Primary competitors in the Midland Region ARE NOW ALLOWED to wear solo costumes**

## Grades:

- 12 Novice & Primary Grades are open to ALL areas
- 13 In Novice Grades only basic steps are to be performed i.e. no intricate movements, clicks, rocks, twists, etc..
- 14 Competitors must dance in their own age group for solo competitions except where there is no provision for that dance in that age group.
- 15 No competitor may compete twice in the same competition.
- 16 **Novice and Primary grades results** –grade progression will be as follows -  
5 or less competitors – no dancer moves up to the next grade in that dance – **This includes Intermediate competitions.**  
6 – 10 competitors – 1 dancer moves up to the next grade in that dance  
11 – 20 competitors – 2 dancers move up to the next grade in that dance  
21 and over competitors – 3 dancers move up to the next grade in that dance  
This includes all trophy competitions
- 17 In a trophy competition a dancer must have performed their choice of dance in the solo competition.
- 18 A **Novice** dancer is one who has not progressed out of novice grade for that particular dance in **any age group**.  
This includes Trophy Competitions – see rule 16.
- 19 A **Primary** dancer is one who has not progressed out of Primary grade for that particular dance in his/her present age group.  
This includes Trophy Competitions – see rule 16.
- 20 An **Intermediate** dancer is one who has not won first place for that particular dance in his/her present age group  
This includes Trophy Competitions..

## Figure:

- 21 In Figure and Ceili competitions - rules regarding age and re-dancing as laid out by An Coimisiun apply.
- 22 In Ceili 8 Hand competitions any 8 Hand may be performed in accordance with Ar Rince Foirne.
- 23 Figure Championship in the U7's year group may be a 6 hand dance, 8 hand Ceili or Figure Dance of 6 or more
- 24 Mixed and Unmixed Ceili – Rules as laid out by An Coimisiun apply to the Minor, Junior and Senior Ceili competitions - A mixed team must consist of 4 boys and 4 girls.

## Championships and Premier competitions:

- 25 Competitors can only dance in either Preliminary or Open Championship; they may not compete in both. Intermediate competitors can dance their grade dances and either the Preliminary or Open Championship.
- 26 PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP RULE -To compete in a Preliminary Championship a competitor cannot have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open championship or 1st in a Preliminary Championship in this current year, **providing there were 10 or more competitors**
- 27 Championship/Premier Competitions - Only Intermediate and Open dancers are eligible to compete (except under 6 and 7 – see below).
- 28 Under 6s & under 7s Championships/Premier must dance Reel & Light Jig. A recall is at the discretion of the feis organisers. All grades are allowed to compete but **must have performed these dances on the day of the feis.**
- 29 Under 8s and Under 9s must dance Reel and Heavy Jig. A recall is at the discretion of the feis organisers. **To be eligible to compete, dancers must perform 2 dances in the solo rounds on the day of the feis.**
- 30 Under 10 and up. All dancers should be given a choice of Reel or Slip Jig and Jig or Hornpipe and recall set dance. Subsidiary solos may be run at the discretion of the feis organisers.
- 31 If a minimum number is stated for a championship to be held, then this must be consistent for both mixed and unmixed championships. E.g. if you decide on a minimum number of 5 in order to run a separate boys championship then this must be consistent with the number required to run any championship. This may well be prevalent in the younger age groups where numbers can be low. For example if you have this rule on your syllabus and you only have 4 entries for Under 6 – you should not run the championship. This is in accordance with the sex discrimination act

# PROGRAMME OF DANCES

## GRADES

Age Grp	Novice	Primary	Intermediate	Open
Under 6 Under 7 Under 8 Under 9	Reel Hop Jig Light Jig Slip Jig Trophy Light Dance Heavy Jig Hornpipe Trad Set Dance Trophy Heavy Dance	Reel Hop Jig Light Jig Slip Jig Trophy Light Dance Heavy Jig Hornpipe Trad Set Dance Trophy Heavy Dance	Reel Hop Jig Light Jig Slip Jig Trophy Light Dance Heavy Jig Hornpipe Trad Set Dance Trophy Heavy Dance	Reel Hop Jig Light Jig Slip Jig  Heavy Jig Hornpipe Trad Set Dance
Under 10 Under 11 Under 12	Reel Hop Jig Light Jig Slip Jig Trophy Light Dance Heavy Jig e Hornpipe Trad set Dance Trophy Heavy Dance	Reel Hop Jig Light Jig Slip Jig Trophy Light Dance Heavy Jig Hornpipe Trad Set Dance Trophy Heavy Dance	Reel Hop Jig Light Jig Slip Jig Trophy Light Dance Heavy Jig Hornpipe Trad Set Dance Trophy Heavy Dance	<p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><b>PLEASE NOTE – NEW!!!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dancers, who are ineligible to dance in the intermediate grade for Reel, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig or Hornpipe may enter for just 1 round of the championship ie light OR heavy (£3). This is particularly pertinent for younger/new dancers who may have gained a 1st place in the intermediate grade but are not quite ready for full preliminary championships level. Separate solo results are awarded in each round of the championship.</p>
Over 12		Reel Hop Jig Light Jig Slip Jig Trophy Light Dance Heavy Jig Hornpipe Trad Set Dance Trophy Heavy Dance		
Under 14 Over 14			Reel Hop Jig Light Jig Slip Jig Trophy Light Dance Heavy Jig Hornpipe Trad Set Dance Trophy Heavy Dance	

**PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS :** Under 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Over 15

**OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Under 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19 and Senior

**Figure Competitions:** Under 9, 11, 13, 16, Senior - Ceili & Figure Championship

### Open and Preliminary Championships – required dances

	1st Dance	2nd Dance	Recall
Under 6 & 7 Open Championship	Reel	Light Jig	
Under 8 & 9 Open Championship	Reel	Heavy Jig	Trad Set
Under 10–Senior Open & Preliminary Champs	Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slipjig	Open Set Dance

Scanlon School of Irish Dancing Annual Feis		TIMETABLE		Archbishop Ilsley School, Victoria Road, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 7XY					
SATURDAY 5th March 2016									
Hall A		Hall B		Hall C		Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
8.30	Under 9 Novice	8.30	Under 8 Novice	8.30	Under 10 Novice	Under 10 Primary	Under 10 Primary	Under 11 Novice	Under 12 Novice
10.00	Under 9 Primary	10.00	Under 8 Primary	10.30	Under 10 Intermediate	Under 11 Primary	Under 11 Primary	Under 11 Intermediate	Under 12 Primary
11.30	Under 9 intermediate	11.30	Under 8 Intermediate	12.30	Over 12 Primary	Under 14 Intermediate (12-14)	Under 14 Intermediate (12-14)	Over 14 Intermediate	Under 12 Intermediate
1.00	Under 9 Open	1.00	Under 8 Open						
2.00	Under 9 Open Championship (see rule 29)	2.00	Under 8 Open Championship (see rule 29)	2.30	Under 6 Novice/Primary	Under 7 Novice	Under 7 Novice	Under 7 Primary	
3.00	Under 11 Prelim Championship	3.00	Under 10 Prelim Championship	4.00	Under 6 Intermediate/Open	Under 7 Intermediate	Under 7 Intermediate	Under 7 Open	
4.30	Under 13 Prelim Championship	4.00	Under 9 Ceili	5.00	Under 6 and Under 7 Open Champs				
4.30	Under 13 Prelim Championship	4.30	Under 12 Prelim Championship						
5.30	Under 14 Prelim Championship	5.30	Under 15 Prelim Championship						
6.30	PARADE OF CHAMPS - U6, U7, U8 & U9 The top 3 places from each open Championship will be invited to take part in the Parade of Champs	6.30	Senior (Ov 15) Prelim Championship						
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SUNDAY 6th March 2016									
Hall A		Hall B		Hall C		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Results of Championships will be given in Hall A</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPEAL TO DANCERS &amp; TEACHERS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLEASE RETURN ALL CUPS IN GOOD TIME in order for us to present correct trophies at time of Championships</b></p>			
9.00	Under 11 Open Championship - Recall Hall C	9.00	Under 10 Open Championship						
10.00	Under 14 Championship - Recall Hall C			10.00	Under 11 recall				
11.00	Under 15 Open Championship - Recall Hall C	10.30	Under 12 Open Championship	11.00	Under 14 recall				
		12.30	Under 11 Ceili	12.00	Under 15 recall				
1.00	Under 17 Open Championship - Recall Hall C	1.00	Under 13 Open Championship	2.00	Under 17 recall				
2.30	Under 19 Open Championship - Recall Hall C (will split into U18 and U19 if numbers permit)	3.00	Under 16 Open Championship	3.30	Under 18/19 Recall				
4.00	Senior Open Championship (followed by recall) (will split into U20, U21 and Ov21 if numbers permit)	5.00	Under 13 Ceili						
6.00	Senior Ceili	5.30	Under 16 Ceili						
7.00	PARADE OF CHAMPIONS The top 3 places from each open Championship will be invited to take part in the Parade of Champs	6.00	Minor/Junior/Senior Fig Champ						