



FINÓARR CONWAY ACADEMY
OF IRISH DANCING

Present Their 11th Annual Feis
On
Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th April 2018
Ashcroft High School
Crawley Green Road
Luton, Bedfordshire
LU2 9AG

Adjudicators:

Aine Murphy	A.D.C.R.G.	Co.Kerry
Catherine Coleman	A.D.C.R.G.	Co.Mayo
Gerard McQuaid	A.D.C.R.G.	Co.Monaghan
Kelly Hendry	A.D.C.R.G.	Newcastle
Kieran Rogers	A.D.C.R.G.	Cheshire
Michael McInerney	A.D.C.R.G.	Swindon

Musicians:

Dean Crouch	Essex
Aidan O'Neill	London
Anthony Davis	Birmingham

Cláraithe Feis An Choimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha

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Dear Teachers,

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for supporting our 2017 Feis. We are pleased to announce that we will be returning to the same venue as last year, Ashcroft High School, Luton. It has excellent facilities and is only a five minute drive from Junction 10 of the M1 and only 3 minutes from Luton Airport. Please note the closing date for entries is Friday 13th April 2018. We would really appreciate if the closing date can be adhered to, so as to enable us to produce and publish a realistic timetable. We will only be able to do this if the entries are received on time.

Novice (bun Ghrad), Primary (tus Ghrad) and Intermediate (mean Ghrad) are open to dancers from **ALL** regions worldwide.

We have 7 experienced adjudicators and 3 world class Musicians.

There will be sashes/belts for top 5 in Premier trophies, Prelim Championships and Open Championships. The winner of the trophy reel in each grade in each age group will receive a sash in addition to the 1st place trophy. All dancers in the grades will be placed in the reel, then 50% in all other dances.

A computer service will be in operation and printed results will be available after the presentation of Championship awards.

Chris Skehill will be attending the feis where you can buy shoes, socks, CDs etc. Melaine Murphy will also be in attendance, selling wigs, tiaras and other accessories. John and Noreen Egan from Feispix will be taking photos of Championship presentations as well as studio photos. Vicky Anderson will have some of her dresses on display and will be taking orders during the weekend.

There will be hot and cold refreshments available in our canteen all weekend.

Provisional days:

Saturday 28th April

Championships - U10G, U11B, U11G, U12G, U13B, U13G, U14G, U15B, U15G, U16G, U17B, U17G, 17-19M, 17-19L, Senior Men, Senior Ladies.

Grades U5, U6, U7, plus U5 Premier Trophy, U6 Premier Trophy, U7 Premier Trophy.

Sunday 29th April

Championships - U8G, U9B, U9G.

Prelims - U10P, U11P, U12P, U13P, U14P, U15P, U16P, Over 16P.

Grades U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 12-14, 14-16 and Over 16.

We look forward to receiving your entries and welcoming you again to our feis.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Finbarr Conway A.D.C.R.G/T.C.R.G.

The parents and pupils of Finbarr Conway Academy of Irish Dancing.

FEIS RULES

1. Lodgement of entries implies that you acknowledge and accept all of the Rules of An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha and the Southern England Regional Council plus the additional rules listed below, relating to the Feis.
2. Entries will only be accepted from Schools registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha. Entries with no fee will not be processed or acknowledged.
3. New entries may be taken on the day of the Feis in line with SERC late entry rule. Ages to be taken from **1st January 2018**.
5. All competitors may be required to produce their birth certificate / passport as proof of age.
6. All decisions of the Adjudicators are **FINAL**.
7. Committee members only may approach the Adjudicators.
8. ALL Grade Competitions are OPEN to all Regions.
9. Competitors may only dance each dance in one grade
10. Where there are five or less competitors in a competition, results will not affect their grading.
11. In all Heavy dances the lead around must be danced on both the right and left foot.
12. A Novice is a dancer who has not gained a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in a Novice Grade competition or any medal in a higher grade for that particular dance.
13. The basic step rule will apply to all Novice competitions as per the Southern England Regional Council.
14. The Primary Grade is for dancers who have not won a 1st or 2nd place for that particular dance in any Age Group.
15. All Novice and Primary dancers may only wear a class costume, simple dancewear or appropriate attire (skirt & top or simple dress for girls and trousers, shorts and t-shirt or shirt for boys) in competitions up to and including the Under 12 Age Group. Make-up will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades up to and including the Under 12 age group Worldwide. Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification from the competition.
16. The Intermediate Grade is for dancers who have not won a 1st place for that particular dance in a particular Age Group, or who has not won a Premier competition, Preliminary Championships or Open Championship.
17. Intermediate competitors can dance their grade dances and either the Preliminary or Open Championship.
18. Effective from 5th February 2018
19. To compete in a Preliminary Championship dancers must not:
 - Have placed in the Top 3 of an OPEN Championship in the previous twelve months
 - Have won more than 2 Preliminary Championships in the current year or previous calendar year. This is backdated to the 1st January 2017.
 - Have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne at any event in the past calendar year. Dancers, who qualify for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne are an exception to the rule where they may have automatically qualified due to low entry levels at their Regional Oireachtas. These dancers may remain in the Preliminary grade, if they so wish, until such time they win out of the grade.
20. Competitors can only dance in either Preliminary or Open Championship; they may not compete in both.
21. If a dancer wins a Preliminary Championship where there were 5 or fewer dancers in the competition, the dancer will still be eligible to enter a Preliminary Championship.
22. The points above apply when a dancer competes from Under 10 & upwards. A dancer, who has been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open Championship in the age groups below Under 10, will be eligible to compete in Preliminary Championships. (Teachers are advised / requested to use their own discretion)
23. A Panel of Three Adjudicators will judge all Championships from Under 7 upwards
24. An Coimisiun has ruled that from 1st January of each year, that no block, en pointe, stationary or moving be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group Worldwide. The Under 12 Age Group will be allowed to Toe Walk from 1st September.
25. The Feis Organiser will provide Non-Slip flooring for every dance surface; however the Feis Organiser cannot accept any liability for injury sustained whilst dancing.
26. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove same will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed apparatus, proof of which may be required, will be exempt from this ruling
27. In order to comply with the health and safety measures, all dancers lining up side stage prior to any round of a competition might be required to perform the simple exercise of raising arms to shoulder level unhindered. If unable to do this due to costume stitching or any arm attachments by the time of their rotation will not be permitted to perform.
28. Make-up Rules (4.5 in CLRG Rule Book) 4.5.2 Make-up (including false eyelashes) 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 purposes of this rule the term "Make-up" includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products. An Coimisiun hopes that teachers and parents will interpret and apply this rule in the spirit in which it is intended
29. Dancers must be properly attired throughout the whole competition and must be in full dance costume and appropriate footwear when receiving awards. No changing allowed in competition areas.
30. 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, iPad, standard camera, video camcorder, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, **is expressly forbidden in ALL competitions**.
31. Photographs taken at awards ceremonies are permitted, however these must be for your own use and not used for public display purposes, unless permission has been obtained.
32. Any competition can be moved to another hall at the discretion of the Feis Secretary.
33. All Championship cups are perpetual and recipients will be responsible for any loss or damage and for the safe return in adequate time to be presented to subsequent winners.
34. Competitions may be combined at the feis organiser's discretion if only one competitor is entered.
35. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children, at all times, whilst attending the Feis.
36. The Feis Organiser accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.
- 37. No Smoking is permitted on school premises. There are designated areas outside the school gates.**
38. Objections against any breach of the above rules must be made in writing, and signed, to the Feis Secretary and accompanied by a fee of £25.00, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld. If parents have any constructive comments to make about any aspect of Feiseanna, these would be welcomed by the council and should be put in writing. It should be noted that anonymous correspondence cannot be dealt with.

Age Group	Novice (Bun)	Primary (Tus)	Intermediate (Mean)	Open (Ard)
Under 5 ungraded	Reel (ungraded)			
5 & Under 6	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig
6 & Under 7	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Trad Set Dance Open Set Dance
7 & Under 8 8 & Under 9 9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
12 & Under 14 14 & Under 16		Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
16 & Over			Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	

The Reel Trophy Winner in each age group will receive a sash in addition to the 1st place trophy.

Trophies/Medals will be awarded in accordance with the minimum requirements as laid down by the **Southern England Regional Council**:

- 2 medal where there is 5 OR less competitors
- 4 medals where there are 6-10 competitors
- 7 medals where there are 11-20 competitors
- 10 medals where there are 21-30 competitors
- 14 medals where there are 31- 40 competitors
- 1 medal for each additional 5 or part of 5 competitors.

Premier Trophies & Championships – Girls - (Rounds 1,2 & 3 will be solos for Under 8 upwards.) Reel & Heavy Jig – Minimum 40 bars. Slip Jig and Hornpipe – Minimum 32 bars.

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
U5 Mixed Premier Trophy (ungraded)	Reel	No Recall	No Recall
Under 6 Mixed Premier Trophy**	Reel	Light Jig	No Recall
6 & Under 7 Mixed Premier Trophy**	Reel	Light Jig	No Recall
7 & Under 8 Championship	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set Dance
8 & Under 9 Championship	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set Dance
9 & Under 10 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Trad/Open Set Dance
10 & Under 11 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 16 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
16 & Under 17 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
17 & Under 19 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Over 19 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

****Solos separate in open grade – U6/U7 must dance two solos**

Championships – Boys (Rounds 1,2 & 3 will be solos) Reel/Heavy Jig – Minimum 40 bars, Hornpipe – Minimum 32 bars

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
7 & Under 9 Championship	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set Dance
9 & Under 11 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Trad/Open Set Dance
11 & Under 13 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 15 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 17 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
17 & Under 19 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
Over 19 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance

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Preliminary Champs – (Rounds 1,2 & 3 will be solos) Reel/Heavy Jig – 40 bars, Hornpipe – 32 bars

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
Under 10 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Trad/Open Set Dance
Under 11 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 12 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 13 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 14 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 15 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 16 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Over 16 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

<u>Under 11</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U16</u>	<u>U19</u>	<u>Over 19</u>
4 Hand Reel	4 Hand Reel	4 Hand Reel	4 Hand Reel	4 Hand Reel
Fairy Reel	Fairy Reel	Fairy Reel	Fairy Reel	Fairy Reel
8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance
Progressive Dance	Progressive Dance	Progressive Dance	Progressive Dance	Progressive Dance
Ceili Championship	Ceili Championship	Ceili Championship	Ceili Championship	Ceili Championship

Entries to be sent to the Feis Secretary:

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Cheques made payable to:

Finbarr Conway Academy

Closing Date for Entries is

Friday 13th April 2018

ENQUIRIES & ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM REGISTERED TEACHERS**Entry Fees**

Solo Trophy- (1st to 3rd places in solos will be awarded trophies) - £4.50

Premier Trophy (Under 5, Under 6&Under 7)-(2 dances in solos must be entered) £10.00

Championships and Prelim Champs – Panel of 3 adjudicators – 2 solo results - £25.00

Ceili / Figure - £3.00 per dancer

Maximum for one child - £40.00

Family Fee - £60.00

Door entry fee (per adult – payable at the venue on the day) £5.00 (1 day), £8.00 (2days)

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2017 CHAMPIONS

U5 Mixed	Emily O'Meara, O'Connor School, Co. Sligo
U6 Mixed	Toby Galdo, O'Connor and Hennigan Academy, Essex
U7 Mixed	Lauren Gallagher, O'Connor and Hennigan Academy, Essex
U8 Girls	Nikayla Dineen, Sheehan-Murphy School, Co.Kerry
U9 Girls	Leah Staunton, Brooks Academy, London
U10 Girls	Caoimhe Quinn, Brooks Academy, London
U11 Girls	Seoda Wang,, McNelis-Cunningham-Boyle School, Co. Donegal
U12 Girls	Ella McCarthy, Scoil Rince Ceim Oir, London
U13 Girls	Ella Owenss, Scoil Rince Ceim Oir, London
U14 Girls	Jessica Miller, Inis Cara, Lincoln
U15 Girls	Shannon Donovan, Claddagh Academy, London
U16 Girls	Katie Fee, Finbarr Conway Academy, Luton
U17 Girls	Rachel Fraser, Haughey-McAuley School, Scotland
U19 Ladies	Shannon Flanagan, Marie Connell School, Coventry
Senior Ladies	Jessica Hindley, Carey Academy, Birmingham
U9 Boys	Lorcan Moriarty, Cara-Gael School,, London
U11 Boys	Ashton Canty, McGahan-Lees Academy, Essex
U13 Boys	Callum McAleer, Scanlon School, Birmingham
U15 Boys	Liam Costello, McGahan-Lees Academy-Creer, Australia
U17 Boys	Ciaran Coyle, Scanlon School, Birmingham
U19 Boys	Gerard Byrne, McNelis-Cunningham-Boyle School, Co. Donegal
Senior Men	Niall Forrest, McGahan-Lees Academy, Essex
U10 Preliminary	Keira O'Malley, Irish Dance Academy, London
U11 Preliminary	Ffion Elson, O'Donnell-Maguire School, Wales
U12 Preliminary	Caitlin Foley, Frydays Academy, London
U13 Preliminary	Florence Mitchell, Hopkins Academy, London
U14 Preliminary	Aisling O'Hara, Hopkins Academy, London
U15 Preliminary	Lauren Platt, Frydays Academy, London
U16 Preliminary	Becky Blunden, Turner Academy, Essex
O16 Preliminary	Bryony Etheridge, McInerney School, Swindon

DIRECTIONS

Leave the M1 at Junction 10 heading towards A1081/Airport/Luton. Keep left, follow signs for Luton/Airport/A1081. Slight left onto New Airport Way/A1081. Keep Right to stay onto New Airport Way/A1081. At the roundabout, take the 2nd Exit onto Vauxhall Way/A505. At the roundabout, take the 2nd Exit and stay on Vauxhall Way/A505. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Crawley Green Road.

TRAINS TO LUTON

The nearest train station to the Feis is LUTON Airport Parkway, which is 5 minutes in a taxi to the Feis.

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Luton is on the main First Capital Connect line from London to Bedford

www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk

Trains from Sheffield, Leeds, Leicester, Derby, Liverpool and Manchester

FLIGHTS INTO LUTON AIRPORT

The Feis is 3 minutes in a taxi

From Dublin, Kerry and Knock Airports - www.ryanair.com

From Belfast International, Edinburgh and Glasgow Airports – www.easyjet.com



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