



**SATURDAY 21ST & SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2017**

**NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND  
IRISH DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PARKS LEISURE CENTRE  
HOWDON ROAD, NORTH SHIELDS  
TYNE & WEAR. NE29 6TL**

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# Welcome to The 2017 North East of England Irish Dance Championships 25th Anniversary Feis



*This year we will celebrate 25 years of hosting the Championships and will endeavour to make this a very special occasion for all of you attending.*

*Open Championships from under 10 upwards will take place on Saturday 21st January. All grade competitions, Preliminary Championships and under 5yrs to under 9yrs competitions will take place on Sunday 22nd January 2017.*

*The top five dancers in Open and preliminary competitions will receive sashes/pennants as well as our fabulous awards. There will be an award for the highest placed male or female dancer in each championship excluding the Championship winner. Plus we will continue to recognise our highest placed North East dancer.*

*In the Trophy Reel Competitions the top 5 placed dancers will receive trophies, with the winner also receiving a sash. There will be an overall teachers award presented in each grade section. All grade and prelim competitions will run on Sunday 22nd January, where we will introduce a parade of Champions and 1st place Trophy winners.*

*As always we have a fabulous line up of musicians and adjudicators and look forward to enjoying the amazing dancing our event attracts. We look forward to welcoming you all and thank you in advance for your continued support.*

***Kindest Regards Barbara and Team Clann na nGael***

# **COMPETITION INFORMATION, AGE GROUPS AND FEES.**

**Beginners:** (bun-grad) Under 6 7 8 9 10 11 13  
**Primary:** (tus-ghrad) Under 6 7 8 9 10 11 13 Over 13  
**Intermediate:** (mean-grad) Under 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 Over 15  
**Open:** (ard-ghrad) Under 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 19 Senior  
**Grade Solo s:-** Reel (Cor) Single jig (Port single) Slip jig (Port luascach) Light jig (Port eadtrom)  
Heavy jig (Port) Hornpipe (Cornphiopa) Trophy Reel (Cor Trofai)  
**Open: (ard-ghrad):** Under 5yrs Reel, Single Jig & Trophy Reel  
**Under 6, U7, U8 & U9:-** Reel, Single jig, Slip jig, Light jig, Heavy jig & Hornpipe

## **PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS:- OPEN TO DANCERS FROM ALL REGIONS.**

**Age groups:** Under 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 Over 16

**Dances Required:** Heavy Jig, Hornpipe and either Reel or Slip Jig

**Rules:** To be eligible to compete in a Preliminary Championship a dancer must not have won an Open Championship in any age group. (Excluding under 6 & under 7 Championships). A dancer can win one Preliminary Championship in a calendar year. (January - December), the following year the dancer will be eligible to compete again in a preliminary championship. Preliminary championships will be held in yearly age groups providing there are 5 or more competitors. If there are less than 5 they will run in double age groups. **A dancer may enter a preliminary or an Open championship but not both.**

## **OPEN PREMIER.**

**Under 5 Reel (Cor) Under 6 & Under 7 Reel (Cor) & Single Jig (port single) No Recall**

## **OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

**Under 8: 1st Round: Reel, 2nd Round: Heavy Jig, 3rd Round: One Step in Hornpipe**

**Under 9: 1st Round: Reel, 2nd Round: Heavy Jig, 3rd Round: Traditional Set Dance**

**To be eligible to compete in U6 & U7 Open Premier dancers are required to dance two solos**

**To be eligible to compete in U8 & U9 Open Championship dancers are required to dance at least two solo competitions. One light dance and one heavy shoe dance.**

**Under 10 yrs to Senior:** Reel (cor) or Slip Jig (port luascach) & Heavy Jig (port)  
or Hornpipe (cornphiopa) Recall:- Open Set Dance

**Solo Medals will be awarded in each round of Prelim & Open Championships from U10 - SNR**

**FIGURE DANCING:** Age groups: under 7 9 11 13 16 Senior  
Dances: 2 & 3 hand Teachers own composition  
Traditional 4, 6 & 8 hand dance taken from Ar Rinci Ceili

**ENTRY FEES:** Solo Grades £3.50 Trophy Grades £5.00  
Open Premier: £10.00 Open Championship: U8 & U9 £15.00  
Preliminary Championship: £20.00 Open Championship: £25.00  
Figure Dancing £1.00 per dancer.  
Door entry £5.00 Concessions £3.00

*Where a dancers enters four or more solo competitions they may enter Open or Preliminary championships at a charge of £10.00. Family ceiling £45.00 will apply to either grades or Championship competitions but not both. A family may claim two family ceilings if family members compete in both grades & championships and each section totals over £45.00.*

**Please forward entries to: Barbara Slater ADCRG on or before 10th January 2017.**

**at: 10 Lytham Close, Hadrian Park, Wallsend. Tyne & Wear. NE28 9TJ**

Approved by Signature:   
Anne Curran-Thomas ADCRG Regional Registrar

## RULES GOVERNING FEIS

- 1. Please forward entries signed by registered teacher to Feis Secretary on or before 10th January 2017. Feis Secretary: B. Slater ADCRG 10 Lytham Close, Hadrian Park, Wallsend. NE28 9TJ**
- 2. Age to be taken from 1st January 2017. Entries may only be accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha.**
- 3. The Adjudicators decision is final. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with CLRG rules.**
- 4. Beginner competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place in that particular dance in any age group. The Beginners Trophy Reel is confined to dancers who have danced the Beginner Reel and have not previously won a Beginners Trophy Reel. Only basic steps may be performed. No clicks or rocks.**
- 5. Primary competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place in that particular dance in any age group. (Excluding beginners). The Primary Trophy Reel is confined to dancers who have danced the Primary Reel and have not previously won a Primary Trophy Reel competition in any age group.**
- 6. If there are 15 or more competitors in any Beginners competition, the 1st, 2nd & 3rd placed dancers will move up to the next grade. If there are less than 15 dancers, only the 1st placed dancer will regrade.**
- 7. Beginner & Primary competitions are open to all regions.** Competitors are required to wear a class costume or a simple skirt/trouser with top. No make-up is allowed in Beginner & Primary grades up to and including the under 12 age group.
- 8. Intermediate competitions are open to dancers who have never won 1st place in that particular dance in their present age group. The Intermediate Trophy Reel is confined to dancers who have danced the Intermediate Reel and have not previously won an Intermediate Trophy Reel in their present age group.**
- 9. Where there are 5 or less competitors in a solo competition grades will not be effected. However a dancer may only win 3 such competitions, & then they will move to the next grade.**
- 10. With the exception of the under 6 & under 7 age group, a competitor who has won an open championship must dance in the open grade in the calendar year in which the open championship was won.**
- 11. Any dancer in the under 6 & under 7 age groups who have previously won a championship must dance open for the dances performed in the championship. They are eligible to dance the other dances in the appropriate grades.**
- 12. Teams may contain up to 75% from a younger age group. A dancer may only compete in one team in the same age group, i.e. one 2 hand one 3 hand etc, the only exception to this would be where a dancer, dances a mixed and unmixed ceili 8 hand team in the same age group.**
- 13. Competitors are required to be ready to dance 30 minutes before their competitions are scheduled on timetable. They may lose their right to compete if not side stage when required.**
- 14. 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.**
- 15. Make-up (including false eyelashes and tanner on face) is not permitted for dancers in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the under 10 age group.**
- 16. Dancers must be suitable dressed at all times. Changing facilities will be provided, therefore there should be no changing in public areas.**
- 17. All Open, Preliminary & Local Championship awards are perpetual trophies and are required to be returned by the recipient in good time for the 2016 event.**
- 18. The recipient / guardian is responsible for any loss or damage to trophies whilst in their possession.**
- 19. Any objections to be made in writing and handed to feis secretary with a fee of £20.00. If the objection is sustained the fee will be returned. The objection must be lodged within one hour after completion of the competition.**
- 20. No video, digital phone cameras or flash photography to be taken during competitions. All mobile phones and electronic games must be switched off in dancing areas. No hairsprays or aerosols to be used in dancing areas.**
- 21. No smoking or consumption of Alcohol is allowed in the building.**
- 22. Any competitor found to be using artificial/carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove them will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medical prescribed apparatus (proof of which may be required) will be exempt from this ruling.**
- 23. The feis organisers will as far as reasonably practical provide suitable surfaces for dancing. However they cannot accept any liability for injuries sustained whilst dancing. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer.**
- 24. Subject to the approval of the NERC the Feis Committee reserves the right to cancel or amend any competition. All teachers would be notified before the event of any changes.**
- 25. North East teachers are required to forward copy entry to: NERC RECORDS CLERK: Louise Killen 10 Oprington Road, Cramlington. NE23 3YQ on or before Feis closing date. A £20 fine will be imposed by NERC for non receipt.**

# **DIRECTIONS TO:- PARKS LEISURE CENTRE HOWDON RD, NORTH SHIELDS. NE29 6TL.**

## **By Rail**

From Central Station take Metro to Meadow Well Metro station. Alight from Metro station onto Bridge Street South. Head East .3 miles to 1st Round about turn right onto Howdon Road. Parks Leisure Centre on left handside.

## **By Car: Approaching from the North A1**

Leave A1 at junction for A19 Tyne Tunnel. Stay on A19 at Silverlink R/Abt take third exit continuing on A19. Take 1st slip road signed A193 North Shields. At R/Abt take 1st exit onto A193. At R/Abt take 3rd exit onto A187 Howdon. Continue on A187 crossing over 3 R/Abts. At 4th R/Abt take 1st exit which takes you into Parks Leisure Centre Howdon Road. North Shields NE29 6TL

## **By Car Approaching from the South A1 (M).**

After passing Washington Services (A1M) keep right at the fork to continue on A194(M), follow signs for South Shields. At R/Abt take 2nd exit onto Leam Lane/A194. Continue on A194 at next R/Abt take 2nd exit onto A19 signed Morpeth/Tyne Tunnel. Continue on A19 and go through Tyne Tunnel. at R/Abt take exit onto signed A187 Howdon Road. Continue on A187 crossing over 3 R/Abts. At fourth R/Abt take 1st exit which takes you into Parks Leisure Centre Howdon Road. North Shields NE29 6TL

## **By Car Approaching from the West A69**

From A69 cross over A1 to A186. At next R/Abt turn left onto A191. Follow signs for A167 to A167(M) City Bypass. Take exit onto A1085 signed Tynemouth proceed straight ahead going through several sets of Traffic lights. Take slip road signed Tyne Tunnel and stay in right hand lane. At R/Abt take 4th exit signed Tyne Tunnel A19. Take next slip road signed A193 North Shields and turn left. Move over to Rt hand lane at R/Abt take 3rd exit onto A187 Howdon Road. Continue on A187 crossing 3 further R/Abts. At fourth R/Abt take 1st exit which leads you into Parks Leisure Centre Howdon North Shields. NE29 6TL

## **ACCOMMODATION**

<b><u>Feis Hotel:- Village Hotel</u></b> Village Hotel Cobalt Business Park, West Allotment, Newcastle Upon Tyne. Central reservations: 0871 222 4600 NE27 0BY	<b><u>Premier Inn</u></b> Edmund Road, Holystone, Tyne & Wear. NE27 0UN Tel: 0871 527 8790
<b><u>ROYAL HOTEL</u></b> 13 - 17 East Parade Whitley Bay NE26 1AP	<b><u>Nearest Accommodation to Feis Venue.</u></b> Premier Inn - North Shields Ferry Terminal Coble Dene Road, North Shields. NE29 6DL Tel: 0871 527 8820

## **AIRLINES FLYING TO NEWCASTLE**

**Ryanair & Aer Lingus: Dublin**

**Aer Lingus: Cork**

**British Airways: London Heathrow**

**Eastern Airways: Birmingham**

**Easy Jet: Bristol Belfast Int & London Stansted**

**FLYB: London Gatwick**

## Provisional Timetable 2017 North East of England Championships - Saturday 21st January 2017

<u>HALL A</u>	<u>STAGE ONE - STAGE</u>	<u>HALL B: STAGE ONE - STAGE</u>	<u>FIRST TWO ROUNDS</u>	<u>HALL C - PINE STUDIO</u>
08.30	UNDER 11 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	UNDER 10 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP		09.30 U10 SET DANCE
09.30	UNDER 11 SET DANCE RECALL			11.30 U12 SET DANCE
10.30	UNDER 14 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	UNDER 12 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	<u>FIRST TWO ROUNDS</u>	14.00 U13 SET DANCE
11.30	UNDER 14 SET DANCE RECALL			15.45 U17 SET DANCE
12.15	UNDER 15 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	UNDER 13 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	<u>FIRST TWO ROUNDS</u>	18.00 U16 SET DANCE
13.15	<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>		
14.00	UNDER 15 SET DANCE RECALL			
14.45	UNDER 19 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	UNDER 17 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	<u>FIRST TWO ROUNDS</u>	
15.45	UNDER 19 SET DANCE			
16.30	<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>		
17.00	SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP	UNDER 16 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	<u>FIRST TWO ROUNDS</u>	
18.00	SENIOR SET DANCE RECALL			
	<b>RESULTS</b>	<b>RESULTS</b>		

LIAM HARPER MEMORIAL TROPHY REEL - OPEN TO ALL BOYS WHO HAVE COMPETED TODAY.

**CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS 10-14YRS & 15-SENIOR 16 BARS OF ANY DANCE - FOLLOWED BY PARADE OF CHAMPIONS.**

## **Provisional Timetable - 2017 North East of England Championships - Sunday 22nd January 2017.**

<u>HALL A</u>	<u>STAGE ONE - FLOOR</u>	<u>STAGE TWO - STAGE</u>	<u>STAGE THREE - FLOOR</u>	
08.30	UNDER 11 BEGINNERS	UNDER 13 BEGINNERS	NO COMPETITIONS	
10.00	UNDER 11 PRIMARY	UNDER 13 PRIMARY	OVER 13 PRIMARY	
11.00	<b>COSTUME CHANGE 15 MINUTE BREAK</b>			
11.15	UNDER 11 INTERMEDIATE	U13 & U14 INTER ALTERNATING	U15 & OVER 15 ALTERNATING	
12.30	UNDER 9 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	<u><b>FOLLOWED BY UNDER 8 AND UNDER 9 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS</b></u>		
13.30	UNDER 12 & UNDER 13 PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS ALTERNATING			
14.30	UNDER 14 & UNDER 15 PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS ALTERNATING			
	<u><b>PARADE OF CHAMPIONS &amp; 1ST PLACED TROPHY WINNERS - ALL DANCERS WILL BE ASKED TO DANCE A STEP IN REEL.</b></u>			
<u>HALL B</u>	<u>STAGE ONE - FLOOR</u>	<u>STAGE TWO - STAGE</u>	<u>STAGE THREE - FLOOR</u>	<u>HALL C - PINE STUDIO</u>
08.30	UNDER 10 BEGINNERS	UNDER 9 BEGINNERS	UNDER 8 BEGINNERS	09.30: U6 BEG & PRIMARY ALT
10.00	UNDER 10 PRIMARY	UNDER 9 PRIMARY	UNDER 8 PRIMARY	10.15: U6 INTER & OPEN ALT
11.00	<b>COSTUME CHANGE 15 MINUTE BREAK</b>			10.45: U5 OPEN
11.15	U10 & U12 INTER ALTERNATING	U9 INTER & OPEN ALT	U8 INTER & OPEN ALT	11.15: U7 BEG & PRIMARY ALT
12.30	UNDER 8 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	<u><b>FOLLOWED BY UNDER 8 AND UNDER 9 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS</b></u>		12.00: U7 INTER & OPEN ALT
13.30	UNDER 10 & UNDER 11 PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS ALTERNATING			
14.30	UNDER 16 & OVER 16 PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS ALTERNATING			

**ALL DANCERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE READY TO DANCE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO TIME SHOWN ON TIMETABLE**

# NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017 - ENTRY FORM - GRADES AND U5 - U9 YEARS OPEN

<b>SCHOOL NAME &amp; REGION:</b>	
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<b>TEACHERS SIGNATURE:</b>	
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**CLOSING DATE TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2017. CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: FEIS CLANN NA NGAEL  
PLEASE FORWARD ENTRIES TO: B.SLATER 10 LYTHAM CLOSE HADRIAN PARK WALLSEND TYNE &  
WEAR. NE28 9TJ**

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WEAR. NE28 9TJ

TOTAL FEES	
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# NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND 2017 - PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM

**SCHOOL NAME & REGION:**

**TEACHERS SIGNATURE:**

**PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP £20.00**

DANCERS FULL NAME	AGE GROUP	HEAVY JIG	HORNPIPE	3rd ROUND	TOTAL FEES
				CHOICE OF REEL OR SLIP JIG	
		HEAVY JIG	HORNPIPE		
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# NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND 2017 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM

SCHOOL NAME & REGION:	
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<b>TEACHERS SIGNATURE:</b>	
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OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP FEES:- £25.00

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**CLOSING DATE TUESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2017. CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: FEIS CLANN NA NGAEL**

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