

MURCHU-DUIGINN
SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING
16TH ANNUAL FEIS
SATURDAY 7th MAY 2016



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Cláráithe leis An Choimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha

WELCOME BACK



We are pleased to announce "we are back" for our 16th year.

We are returning to Cavendish High School, which is large, well equipped, and within a stone's throw of 4 major roads (A1, M1, M25 and M10). The venue has adequate room to allow us to again 2 main championship halls, plus a large gymnasium where we will run four other competition areas.

Due to popular demand we are once again running Preliminary Championships. Can you please refer to the preliminary rules which have been updated.

As in previous years, we hope to provide an event of the highest standard, so we will run 2 Champion of Champions competitions. The first will be from Under 6 to 13, the second will be from Under 14 to Senior. Where competitions run in double age groups, the highest placed competitor from each age group will be eligible to dance (in the case of over 17 men, the highest Under 18, U19, U21 and Senior Man)

As you can see once again we have an extensive panel of adjudicators, with excellent musicians to accompany the children. A full preliminary & championship result system will be in operation throughout the weekend. In Girls Championship & Mixed Preliminary competitions, 1st to 5th place trophies will be awarded, along with a sash for the winner and 1st to 3rd place trophies and pennants will be awarded in the Boys Championships.

Can you please take note of all the requests in the syllabus. The deadline for entries will be Monday 25th April 2016. Cheques are only to be made payable to the "Murchu Duiginn School of Irish Dancing" and entries will not be accepted without payment. Entries to be sent to **Murchu-Duiginn School of Irish Dancing, The White Lodge, 49 London Road, Shenley, Herts, WD7 9BN**. Can you please use the official entry form.

Can you also make sure that my telephone number is not handed out to your parents. Questions or queries will only be taken from teachers.

There will be full catering facilities with hot and cold food available throughout the weekend.

For updated information on a regular basis please refer to our web site www.murchuduiginn.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to our 16th Annual Feis.

Ann Marie Flaherty ADCRG
Fiona Diggins Murphy ADCRG
Maria Diggins Murphy ADCRG



Standard Rules for SER Feiseanna – 2016

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 and entry forms must be signed by the registered teacher. 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. If the feis organizer decides to take entries on the day they cannot cancel any competition listed on the approved syllabus.
 4. Ages to be taken from **1st January 2016**.
 5. All competitors may be required to produce their birth certificate / passport as proof of age.
 6. Competitors must dance in their own age group for solo competitions except where there is no competition in their age group for that particular dance. Dancers cannot compete in a younger age group.
 7. All decisions of the Adjudicators are **FINAL**.
 8. Committee members only may approach the Adjudicators.
 9. ALL Grade Competitions are OPEN to all Regions.
 10. Competitors may only dance each dance in one grade
 11. Where there are five or less competitors in a competition, results will not affect their grading.
 12. In all Heavy dances the lead around must be danced on both the right and left foot.
 13. 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.
 14. The basic step rule will apply to all Novice competitions as per the Southern England Regional Council.
 15. The Primary Grade is for dancers who have not won a 1st or 2nd place for that particular dance in any Age Group.
 16. 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.
 17. 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.
 18. Intermediate competitors can dance their grade dances and either the Preliminary or Open Championship.
 19. If a dancer wins ONE Preliminary Championship from 1st January, they are no longer eligible to enter a Preliminary Championship for the remainder of that year or the following calendar year.
 20. A dancer is not eligible to enter a Preliminary Championship if they have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open Championship from 1st January in the previous year or within the current calendar year.
Once a dancer qualifies for Oireachtas Na Cruinne, they must not enter a Preliminary Championship. They may not compete in Preliminary Championships in the year that they are eligible to dance at Oireachtas Na Cruinne, and the following calendar year.
- Dancers, who qualify for Oireachtas 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.
21. Competitors can only dance in either Preliminary or Open Championship; they may not compete in both.
 22. 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.
 23. 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)
 24. A Panel of Three Adjudicators will judge all Championships from Under 6 upwards
 25. 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.
 26. The Feis Organiser must provide Non-Slip flooring for every dance surface, however the Feis Organiser cannot accept any liability for injury sustained whilst dancing.

27. 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
28. In order to comply with the health and safety measures, all dancers lining up side stage prior to any round of a competition will 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
29. 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 Coimisiún hopes that teachers and parents will interpret and apply this rule in the spirit in which it is intended
30. Dancers must be properly attired throughout the whole competition and must be in full costume and appropriate footwear when receiving awards. No changing allowed in competition areas.
31. 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, standard camera, video camcorder, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, **is expressly forbidden in ALL competition.**
32. 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.
33. Any competition can be moved to another hall at the discretion of the Feis Secretary.
34. 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.
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, eating or drinking in any of the halls, except in designated areas.
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.
39. Competitions will be cancelled and/or combined at the feis organisers' discretion if only one competitor is entered

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

2 medals where there are 5 OR fewer 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 and 1 medal for each additional 5 or part of 5 competitors

COMPETITION FEES

Solo Trophy Dances	£4.00 per dance
Figure, Ceili & Ceili Championship	£3.00 per dancer
Championship Under 6, Under 7, Under 8 & Under 9	£9.00 per dancer

N.B. Dancers who wish to compete in the above Championships must enter a minimum of 2 Solo Grade Competitions

Champ Under 10 upwards (medals will be awarded for the 2 solos)	£21.00 per dancer
Preliminary Championship (medals will be awarded for the 2 solos)	£21.00 per dancer
Maximum per Child	£35.00
Family Fee	£55.00
Door Entry Payable at the event	£ 5.00

ALL CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO: MURCHU DUGINN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

Murchu Duiginn School of Irish Dancing
The White Lodge
49 London Road
Shenley
Hertfordshire WD7 9BN

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENTRY FORMS RECEIVED WITHOUT
PAYMENT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

**ENTRIES ON THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM TO ARRIVE NO LATER
THAN MONDAY 25th APRIL 2016**

For all enquiries please Email: mariadiggins@btinternet.com
Telephone: 0044 (0) 1923 850247
Mobile: 0044 (0) 7956 187263
Website: www.murchuduiginn.co.uk

SOUTHERN ENGLAND LOCAL RULE

Entries received on or before Monday 25th April will be subject to
standard fees

Entries will be accepted on the day of the feis, but will be subject to a £5
administration fee.

Murchu-Duiginn Feis 2016 - Grade Competitions

AGE GROUPS	NOVICE (BUN GRAD) TROPHY	PRIMARY (TUS GRAD) TROPHY	INTERMEDIATE (MEAN GRAD) TROPHY	OPEN (ARD GRAD) TROPHY
Under 6	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Open Championship
6 & Under 7	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe Open Championship
7 & Under 8 8 & Under 9	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe Open Championship
9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12 12 & Under 13	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
13 & Under 15		Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
15 & Over			Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12 12 & Under 13 13 & Under 14 14 & Under 15 15 & Under 16 16 & Under 17 17 & Under 19 Senior Over 19	Open Championship includes 2 Solo Results		9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12 12 & Under 13 13 & Under 14 14 & Under 15 15 & Under 16 Senior Over 16	Preliminary Championship includes 2 Solo Results
Under 7	Traditional Set			
8 & Under 9	Open Set Dance			

CEILI & FIGURE COMPETITIONS

Under 11 11 & Under 13 13 & Under 16 Over 16	4 Hand Reel Humours of Bandon Fairy Reel Progressive Dance Ceili Championship Figure Dance Championship
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MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Under 6	Reel (40 Bars)	Light Jig (40 Bars)	Single Jig (40 Bars)
6 & Under 7	Reel (40 Bars)	Light Jig (40 Bars)	Single Jig (40 Bars)

GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
7 & Under 8	Heavy Jig (40 Bars)	Reel (40 Bars)	Trad Set Dance
8 & Under 9	Heavy Jig (40 Bars)	Reel (40 Bars)	Trad Set Dance
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 16	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
16 & Under 17	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
17 & Under 19	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Senior O/19	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

Girls from Under 10 will perform 48 Bars in the Reel & Heavy Jig & 40 Bars in the Slip Jig & Hornpipe

BOYS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
7 & Under 9	Heavy Jig (40 Bars)	Reel (40 Bars)	Trad Set Dance
9 & Under 11	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 13	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 15	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 17	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
Senior O/17	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance

Boys from Under 11 will perform 48 Bars in the Reel & Heavy Jig & 40 Bars in the Hornpipe

MIXED PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 16	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Senior O/16	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

Preliminary dancers will perform 40 Bars in the Reel & Heavy Jig & 32 Bars in the Slip Jig & Hornpipe

16th MURCHU-DUIGINN FEIS 2015

Ceili Entry Form

School Name:

Contact Tel No:

£3 per dancer

Age Group	4 Hand Reel	Humours Of Bandon	Fairy Reel	Progressive Dance	Figure Champ	Celli Champ	Total Entry
Under 11							
11 & U13							
13 & U16							
Over 16							
Total Fees							

Teachers Signature:

2015 WINNERS

Mixed Premier

U/6 Simone Rodgers McCarthy O'Rourke SERC

U/7 Leah Clinton Maguire O'Shea SERC

Girls Championships

U/8 Rose McDowell Marshall Academy North East

U/9 Erin McClymont Carey Academy Midlands

U/10 Ella McCarthy Scoil Rince Ceim Oir SERC

U/11 Ella Owens Scoil Rince Ceim Oir SERC

U/12 Ailiyah O'Hare Scanlon Midlands

U/13 Niamh O'Connor Murchu Duiginn SERC

U/14 Chloe Devine Mulvenna Academy Ulster

U/15 Beth Monaghan Carey Academy Midlands

U/16 Isabella Walsh Brooks Academy SERC

U/17 Lauren Morrissey Brooks Academy SERC

U/19 Jessica Dawson Marshall Academy North East

Snr Etain Mulvenna Mulvenna Academy Ulster

Boys Championships

U/9 Calum Scotton Claddagh SERC

U/11 Jared Marshall Marshall Academy North East

U/13 Callum O'Neill Carey Academy Midlands

U/15 Joe McGeown Murchu-Duiginn SERC

U/17

Snr Owen Sherman Maguire O'Shea SERC

Preliminary Championships

U/10 Harry Huddleday Carey Academy Midlands

U/11 Kitty Burman Celtic Hearts SERC

U/12 Emily Martin Kent Academy SERC

U/13 Abbie Davies Mulvihill Lynch SERC

U/14 Cloddagh McKay Julie Herlihy SERC

U/15 Courtney Curtis Turner SERC

U/16 Megan Healy Mulvihill Lynch SERC

O/16 Hannah Love Kent Academy SERC

ACCOMMODATION

This year we have secured a fantastic rate for families at our base hotel. We hope to provide transport to the Feis at busy times of the day depending on numbers. We will be releasing the block on Friday 29/04/2016

Holiday Inn	Room charge	£60.00 B & B
Breakspear Way	For Double, Twin or Triple Occupancy	
Hemel Hempstead	Room charge	£68.00 B & B
Hertfordshire	For Rooms for 4, Comprising of Maximum 2	
HP2 4UA	Adults and 2 Children	

For reservations call Kamil, Marita or Nicola on 01442 206255
Quoting Ref: KH9 Between 9am & 4pm Or email kamil.abadir@ihg.com

Full leisure facilities are provided at the hotel.

THE HOTEL IS ONLY 10 MINUTES FROM LUTON AIRPORT
There is a Premier Inn 2 minutes from the Venue

DIRECTIONS

From the North

Leave the M1 at junction 7 and 8 then take left hand lane, then merge onto the A414. Signposted Hemel Hempstead. Continue on the A414 through four roundabouts. At the next mini-roundabout turn right onto the A4146. Next roundabout take 1st exit A4146. Next roundabout 2nd exit A4146 signposted Leighton Buzzard. Next Roundabout 1st exit A4146 signposted Leighton Buzzard. Next roundabout turn left (1st exit) onto Warmers End Road, continue over mini-roundabout and School will be on your left hand side.

From the South & London

Leave the M25 at junction 20 and join the A41 heading towards Aylesbury and Hemel Hempstead. Exit the A41 and join the A414 signposted Hemel Hempstead. At traffic signals continue forward and at the next mini-roundabout turn left onto the A4146. Next roundabout 2nd exit A4146 signposted Leighton Buzzard. Next Roundabout 1st exit A4146 signposted Leighton Buzzard. Next roundabout turn left (1st exit) onto Warmers End Road, continue over mini-roundabout and School will be on your left hand side.