

# *McElvogue Trainer Feis*

*Brinkburn School Community Centre  
Harton Lane, South Shields  
NE34 0JP  
(Next to South Tyneside General Hospital)*

*on*

*Saturday 14th May 2016*

## *Adjudicators*

*Chris McPartland ADCRG – London  
Mandy Hennigan ADCRG – London  
Gerard McQuaid ADCRG – Co Monaghan  
Dara O'Shea-Delap ADCRG – Edinburgh  
Maeve Madden-Smith ADCRG - Birmingham*

## *Musicians*

*Martin Daly – Glasgow  
Gerry Conlon - Glasgow*

# *McElvogue –Trainer Feis*

*Dear Teachers, Parents & Dancers*

*We would like to welcome you all back to the 12th Annual McElvogue-Trainer Festival of Irish Dancing.*

*We have decided to keep the format of our Feis the same as last year, ie, a one day Feis, making it easier for families with children dancing in older age groups to travel. Grade solo competitions will be held for the Beginners, Primary & Intermediate sections (which are open to dancers from any region) but there will be Championships only for the Open Grade for age groups Under 10 and above. In the graded solo Trophy Reel Competitions we will be giving trophies to the top 5 dancers, as we did in past years, and medals to the remainder of the children. All children will also be placed in the Reel.*

*All dancers will be placed in the first two rounds of the Open Championships & Preliminary Championships, this ensures that every entrant will go home with at least two medals. We have separate Boys Championships from Under 11 upwards so long as we have 4 or more boys entered.*

*We have great musicians and adjudicators, as always, plus fantastic awards and a lovely venue.*

*The canteen will be open from 8.30 am each day, serving Bacon Sandwiches, Toasties, Curry, Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches and Tea, Coffee, and a selection of drinks. We also have Jacket Potatoes with a selection of hot and cold fillings and cold sandwiches.*

*We look forward to seeing you all there!*

*Lisa McElvogue TCRG  
Moya Trainer*

## **Rules Governing Feis**

- 1 *Entries with fees made payable to **McElvogue-Trainer Account** and posted to Lisa McElvogue TCRG, 105 Hyde Street, South Shields, NE33 3LL on or before Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2016. Tel 0191 4553279 Mob 0789 9786019. Enquiries by e-mail to McElvogueTrainer@gmail.com*
- 2 *No entries will be accepted without fees. All entries must be signed by a registered Teacher and confirmed in writing along with appropriate fees.*
- 3 *Age to be taken from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.*
- 4 *The adjudicator's decision is final.*
- 5 *Beginner and Primary competitions are open to dancers from any region and dancers in these competitions must either be in class costume or skirt and top.*
- 6 *Beginner competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal in that particular dance in any age group and must dance basic steps.*
- 7 *Primary competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal in that particular dance in any age group.*
- 8 *Intermediate competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1<sup>st</sup> place medal in that particular dance in their present age group.*
- 9 *Beginner and Primary Trophy Reel competitions are only open to those who have danced in the respective reel competition and who have not previously won a Trophy Reel Competition in any age group. Intermediate Trophy Reel Competition is open to dancers who have danced in the Intermediate Reel on the day and have not previously won an Intermediate Trophy Reel competition in their present age group.*
- 10 *If there are 5 or less competitors in any Beginner, Primary or Intermediate competition, this will not count for grading purposes (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> place dancer will not move out of the grade, provided that they have not won 1<sup>st</sup> place in that particular dance in that particular grade 3 times.)*
- 11 *If there are 15 or more competitors in any Beginners competition, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed dancers will move up to the next grade. If there are less than 15, only the 1<sup>st</sup> place will count.*
- 12 *With the exception of Under 6 and Under 7 age group, any dancer who has won an Open Championship must dance in the Open Grade in the calendar year in which this was won.*
- 13 *Any dancer in Under 6 and Under 7 Age Group who has previously won an Open Championship, must dance Open for the dances they performed in the Championship. They may dance their other dances in the appropriate grade.*
- 14 *Special Premier Competitions are confined to dancers who have never won a Special, Prelim or Open Premier/Championship in any age group. A dancer must compete in the solo competitions to be eligible to dance in Special Premier or Open Championships (up to and including Under 9). To be eligible to compete in a Preliminary Championship, a dancer must not have won an Open Championship in any age group (with the exception of Under 6 and 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. Special Premier and Preliminary Championships are open to dancers from any region and will be held in yearly age groups, provided there are more than five competitors, otherwise they will be held in double age groups. Preliminary results do not affect grade status.*
- 15 *Teams may contain up to 75% from a younger age group. Dancers may only dance in one team in the same age group. ( i.e. One two hand dance etc)*

- 16 Competitors must be present when their competition is called, otherwise they might lose their right to dance.
- 17 All trophies are perpetual and must be returned when requested. The recipient is responsible for any loss or damage to trophies whilst in their possession.
- 18 Any objections to be made in writing and handed to the Secretary with a fee of £10, within one hour of the competition. If the objection is sustained, the fee will be refunded.
- 19 No video, digital camera, digital phone camera or flash photography is to be used in the halls during competitions. Mobile phones and electronic games to be switched off in dancing areas.
- 20 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with An Coimisiun rules.
- 21 The Feis organisers reserve the right to cancel or amend any competitions, subject to the approval of the North East Regional Council (teachers will be notified of any changes).
- 22 No smoking is allowed anywhere in the building.
- 23 Dancers must be suitably dressed at all times. No changing is allowed in the competition halls.
- 24 The Feis Organiser will provide a surface suitable for dancing. However the organisers cannot accept any liability for injury sustained whilst on stage. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed as acceptance of this.
- 25 No hairsprays or aerosols to be used in competition areas.
- 26 ALL NORTH EAST TEACHERS MUST SEND A COPY OF THEIR ENTRIES TO THE RECORDS CLERK, LOUISE KILLEN, BY THE CLOSING DATE. IF THIS IS NOT ADHERED TO, THE NORTH EAST REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL IMPOSE A FINE OF £20.
- 27 Abusive language and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in future entries from said person being refused.
- 28 Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove them will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed apparatus (proof of which may be required) will be exempt from this ruling.
- 29 No make-up can be worn in Beginners and Primary Grades, up to and including Under 12 age Group worldwide.
- 30 Make-up (including false eyelashes and tanner on the face) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group.
- 31 No block or en-pointe steps, stationary or moving, can be performed in Age Groups up to and including Under 12 age group.
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Approved by North East Regional Council Anne Curran Thomas ADCRG  
Feis Registrar

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

### **Fees**

Solos	£3.50
Trophy Reel	£5.00
Special Premier (U7,U8,U9)	£7.00
Preliminary Championships	£25.00 (to include 2 solo rounds)
Championships (up to U9)	£8.00
Open Championships (U10 and over)	£25.00 (to include 2 solo rounds)
Figure dances	£0.60 per dancer
Family Ceiling	£55.00
(To cover either grades or Championship and figure dancing)	
Door entry	£5.00

If any child is dancing in all of the Intermediate grades from Under 10 and above, he/she can also enter the Championship at a reduced cost of £10.00.

Anyone dancing in the Preliminary Championship can also dance the Open Championship for an additional £10.00.

### Competitions

Beginners	Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13
Primary	Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, Over 13
Intermediate	Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Over 15
Open	Under 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, Senior

### Dances

#### Beginners (Open to All Regions)

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Trophy Reel, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe

#### Primary (Open to All Regions)

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Trophy Reel, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe

#### Intermediate (Open to All Regions)

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Trophy Reel, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe

#### Open Under 6 - Under 9

Reel, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Light Jig, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Championship  
(Plus Traditional Set Dance for Under 9 age group)

#### Special Premiers

Under 7	Step down line in Reel, Recall step in Light Jig
Under 8 and Under 9	Step down line in Reel, Recall step in Heavy Jig

#### Preliminary Championships

Under 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and Over 15

Dancers will dance a choice of Reel/Slip Jig & choice of Heavy Jig/Hornpipe.  
Recall, if required, will be opposite dance.

Open Championship Dances

Under 6 and Under 7	Reel & Single Jig
Under 8	Reel & Heavy Jig, Recall Hornpipe Step along the line
Under 9	Reel & Heavy Jig, Recall Hornpipe 32 Bars

Open Championships Under 10 - Senior

Championships will consist of choice of Light Round, choice of Heavy Round and recall Set Dance of own choice.

Boys Championships Under 11, 13, 15 and Over 15 - These will only be held if 4 or more dancers competing

These will consist of Reel, choice of Heavy Round and Recall Set Dance of own choice.

For all Open Championships from Under 10 and above, results will be given for Light & Heavy Rounds in addition to final Championship result and all dancers will be placed in the two solo rounds.

Figure Dancing

Under 7	2 Hand, 3 Hand
Under 9	2 Hand, 3 Hand,
Under 11, 13, 16, Senior	2 Hand, 3 Hand, 8 Hand

**PLEASE NOTE : ALL CUPS AND  
TROPHIES WON IN 2015 MUST BE  
RETURNED WELL IN TIME FOR THE  
COMPETITIONS IN 2016**