



## Northern Irish Dance Championships 2020

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March

### Venue

Girdwood Community Hub  
10 Girdwood Avenue  
Belfast, BT14 6EG

### Adjudicators

Anne Reid (Belfast, Ulster)  
Anne Walsh (Dublin, Leinster)  
David Smith (Glasgow, Scotland)  
Catriona Hale (Coventry, England)  
Janey McArdle Ryan (Cavan, Ulster)  
Phoebe O'Donoghue (Dublin, Leinster)

### Musicians

Stephen Carolan (Drogheda, Ulster)  
Stephen Devlin (Tyrone, Ulster)

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Syllabus approved by: *Don McKeown ADCEG*, Feis Registrar, An Comhairle Uladh

## Welcome Letter

Teachers, Parents & Dancers,

We would like to welcome you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern Irish Dance Championships held by the Carson Kennedy Academy. The feis will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in the beautiful facilities of Girdwood Hub.

### Championship Information

3 Adjudicators will adjudicate Championships Under 5- Under 9. 6 adjudicators will adjudicate Championships Under 10- Senior.

There will 100% recall in all championships. Prelim will be incorporated into the open championship and will be from Under 8-Under 16. Preliminary dancers will be placed in both the Open & Prelim Result.

Michelle McKernon will be our tabulator and all results pack will be free of charge as this is included in your entry fee.

Ceili & 4 Hand Mixed Championships can perform their two ceili dancers for practice for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne.

There will be a Minor, Junior & Senior Champion of Champions and Top 3 dancers in the Open Championships will be eligible for these competitions.

Entry Deadline for Championship will be March 15<sup>th</sup>. Entries emailed to [northernirishdance@gmail.com](mailto:northernirishdance@gmail.com). Entries can be paid before the event or on the day.

All 2019 Perpetual cups please be returned, clean and in good time for the next winner

Grade Entry form is also attached. We urge teachers to help parents fill these forms out.

**\*\*New this year- Single Age Bungrad & Tusgrad\*\***

All updates can be found on Facebook "Northern Irish Dance Championships"

We look forward to welcoming you to this year's championships;

Gerard Carson ADCRG  
Anne Kennedy Armstrong ADCRG  
Jackie Kennedy Bohill ADCRG  
Conor McGurk TCRG

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
*Provisional Timetable*

| <b>Hall A</b> |   |             | <b>Hall B</b> |                                |              |
|---------------|---|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| 08:30         | <b>Under 10 Championship</b>                      | 2<br>Rounds | 08:30         | <b>Under 8 Championship</b>    | 3<br>Rounds  |
|               | <b>Under 11 Championship</b>                      |             |               | <b>Under 9 Championship</b>    |              |
| 10:00         | <b>Under 12 Championship</b>                      | 2<br>Rounds | 10:00         | <b>Under 10 Championship</b>   | Set<br>Dance |
|               | <b>Under 13 Championship</b>                      |             |               | <b>Under 11 Championship</b>   | Set<br>Dance |
| 12:00         | <b>Junior Champion of<br/>Champions</b>           |             |               | <b>Under 12 Championship</b>   | Set<br>Dance |
|               |   |             |               | <b>Under 13 Championship</b>   | Set<br>Dance |
|               | <b>Ceili &amp; 4 Hand Mixed<br/>Championships</b> |             |               |                                |              |
| 13:00         | <b>Under 14 Championship</b>                      | 2<br>Rounds | 13:00         | <b>Under 15 Championship**</b> | Set<br>Dance |
|               | <b>Under 16 Championship</b>                      |             |               |                                |              |
|               |   |             |               | <b>Under 14 Championship</b>   | Set<br>Dance |
| 14:30         | <b>Under 15 Championship</b>                      | 2<br>Rounds |               | <b>Under 16 Championship</b>   | Set<br>Dance |
|               | <b>Under 17 Championship</b>                      |             |               |                                |              |
|               |   |             | 16:00         | <b>Under 17 Championship</b>   | Set<br>Dance |
| 16:00         | <b>Under 18 Championship</b>                      | 2<br>Rounds |               | <b>Over 19 Championship**</b>  | Set<br>Dance |
|               | <b>Under 19 Championship</b>                      |             |               |                                |              |
|               |   |             |               | <b>Under 18 Championship</b>   | Set<br>Dance |
| 17:30         | <b>Over 19 Championship</b>                       | 2<br>Rounds |               | <b>Under 19 Championship</b>   | Set<br>Dance |
|               |   |             |               |                                |              |
|               | <b>Senior Champion of<br/>Champions</b>           |             |               |                                |              |

**Costs**

Open Championships- €30.00 (includes 3 results & free results pack)  
 Open & Prelim Championships- €35.00 (includes 4 results & free results pack)  
 Ceili Championship-€32.00 per team  
 4 Hand Ceili Championship-€16.00 per team

**Notes**

- Prelim Incorporated from Under 8-Under 16.
- If there are sufficient amount of boys in a single age group, we will hold a separate boys championships. (Top Boy will be awarded if not)
- 100% Recall in all championships.
- Top 5 in Open & Prelim will receive trophy & sashes.
- Under 8 & Under 9- Heavy Jig, Traditional Set Dance & Reel
- Under 10 to Senior- Heavy jig or Hornpipe, Reel or Slip Jig & Open Set Dance.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Timetable**

| <b>Hall A</b> |  |  | <b>Hall B</b> |  |
|---------------|--|--|---------------|--|
| Time          | Stage 1                                    | Stage 2                                | Time          | Stage 3  |
| 09:00         | <b><u>7-8 &amp; 8-9 Bungrad</u></b>        | <b><u>9-10 &amp; 10-11 Bungrad</u></b> | 09:00         | <b><u>Under 8 Meangrad</u></b>                           |
|               | Trophy Reel                                | Trophy Reel                            |               | Trophy Reel  |
|               | Single Jig                                 | Single Jig                             |               | Slip Jig   |
|               | Light Jig                                  | Light Jig                              |               | Light Jig  |
|               | Slip Jig                                   | Slip Jig                               |               | Light Trophy Dance                                       |
|               | Light Trophy Dance                         | Light Trophy Dance                     |               | Heavy Trophy Dance                                       |
|               | St. Patricks Day                           | St. Patricks Day                       |               | Meangrad Priomh Comortas                                 |
|               | Results                                    | Results                                |               | Results  |
| 11:00         | <b><u>7-8 &amp; 8-9 Tusgrad</u></b>        | <b><u>9-10 &amp; 10-11 Tusgrad</u></b> | 10:30         | <b><u>Under 5 Championship</u></b>                       |
|               | Trophy Reel                                | Trophy Reel                            |               | <b><u>Under 6 Championship</u></b>                       |
|               | Single Jig                                 | Single Jig                             |               | <b><u>Under 7 Championship</u></b>                       |
|               | Light Jig                                  | Light Jig                              |               | Under 7 Ardgrad Slip Jig & Trad Set                      |
|               | Slip Jig                                   | Slip Jig                               |               | Results  |
|               | Light Trophy Dance                         | Light Trophy Dance                     |               | <b><i>Minor Parade of Champions</i></b>                  |
|               | Heavy Trophy Dance                         | Heavy Trophy Dance                     |               |  |
|               | Results                                    | Results                                |               | <b><u>TEAM COMPETITIONS**</u></b>                        |
| 13:00         | <b><u>Ungraded Trophy Reel Under 5</u></b> |  | 13:00         | <b><u>8-10 &amp; 10-12 Meangrad (Alternating)</u></b>    |
|               | <b><u>Under 6 &amp; 6-7 Bun</u></b>        | <b><u>Over 11 Bungrad</u></b>          |               | Trophy Reel  |
|               | Trophy Reel*                               | Trophy Reel                            |               | Slip Jig   |
|               | Single Jig                                 | Single Jig                             |               | Light Jig  |
|               | Light Jig                                  | Light Jig                              |               | Light Trophy Dance                                       |
|               | Slip Jig                                   | Slip Jig                               |               | Heavy Trophy Dance                                       |
|               | Light Trophy Dance*                        | Light Trophy Dance                     |               | Meangrad Priomh Comortas                                 |
|               | St. Patricks Day                           | St. Patricks Day                       |               | Results  |
|               | Results                                    | Results                                |               |  |
| 15:00         | <b><u>Under 7 Tusgrad</u></b>              | <b><u>Over 11 Tusgrad</u></b>          | 15:30         | <b><u>12-14 &amp; Over 14 Meangrad (Alternating)</u></b> |
|               | Trophy Reel                                | Trophy Reel                            |               | Trophy Reel  |
|               | Single Jig                                 | Single Jig                             |               | Slip Jig   |
|               | Light Jig                                  | Light Jig                              |               | Light Jig  |
|               | Slip Jig                                   | Slip Jig                               |               | Light Trophy Dance                                       |
|               | Light Trophy Dance                         | Light Trophy Dance                     |               | Heavy Trophy Dance                                       |
|               | Heavy Trophy Dance                         | Heavy Trophy Dance                     |               | Meangrad Priomh Comortas                                 |
|               | Results                                    | Results                                |               | Results  |

**Costs**

Grade Dance: £4.00

Trophy Dance: £5.00 (top 5 will receive trophies & winner a sash)

Meangrad Priomh Comortas: £15.00 (top 5 will receive trophies, sashes and 2 solo results)

Team Dances: £3.00 per dancers

Under 5 (Reel, Single Jig or Light Jig): £15.00

Under 6 & 7 (Reel, Single Jig, Light or Heavy Jig): £20.00

**Notes**

Light Trophy Dance: Reel, Single Jig, Light Jig or Slip Jig

Heavy Trophy Dance: Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Trad Set Dance

Meangrad Priomh Comortas: Any Heavy & Any Light (Option of 2 Light Dances in Under 8)

\*\*Teams: 2 Hand, 3 Hand, 4 Hand, Fairy Reel (Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 & Over 12\*)

## Grade Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoil: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick below which competitions you wish to be entered in

| <u>Bungrad</u>     |       |  |
|--------------------|-------|--|
| Trophy Reel        | £5.00 |  |
| Single Jig         | £4.00 |  |
| Light Jig          | £4.00 |  |
| Slip Jig           | £4.00 |  |
| Light Trophy Dance | £5.00 |  |
| St. Patrick's Day  | £4.00 |  |

| <u>Tusgrad</u>     |       |  |
|--------------------|-------|--|
| Trophy Reel        | £5.00 |  |
| Single Jig         | £4.00 |  |
| Light Jig          | £4.00 |  |
| Slip Jig           | £4.00 |  |
| Light Trophy Dance | £5.00 |  |
| Heavy Trophy Dance | £5.00 |  |

| <u>Meangrad</u>    |        |  |
|--------------------|--------|--|
| Trophy Reel        | £5.00  |  |
| Slip Jig           | £4.00  |  |
| Light Jig          | £4.00  |  |
| Light Trophy Dance | £5.00  |  |
| Heavy Trophy Dance | £5.00  |  |
| Priomh Comortas    | £15.00 |  |

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Official Use

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Rules

1. Adjudicators decision is final
2. Age as at 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020
3. No Refunds
4. Objections in writing to committee members accompanied by a fee of £20.00
5. The committee will not accept responsibility for a personal injury or articles lost at the feis.
6. Eligibility for Preliminary Championships
  - a. Never Previously won an Open Championships.
  - b. Never won more than 3 Preliminary Championships judged by 3 or more adjudicators.
  - c. Not qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019/2020.
7. No Photography or recording allowed (only during results).
8. All grades are open to dancers worldwide
9. The Feis Committee reserves the right to;
  - a. Transfer Competitions to another hall/stage.
  - b. Alternate Competitions to help with the smooth running of the feis.
  - c. Relief or replace an adjudicator.
10. Re-grading of dancers;
  - a. Less than 5 Dancers- 0 move out of that grade.
  - b. Less than 30 Dancers- 1 moves out of that grade.
  - c. 31-50 Dancers- 2 move out of that grade.
  - d. Over 51 Dancers- 3 move out of that grade.
11. No block, en point, stationery or moving will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 11.
12. No Make-up or false eye lashes on dancers up to and including the Under 10 age group.
13. The feis committee has the right to refuse entry to the feis.
14. If you wish your child to be excluded from any photographs that may be uploaded onto social media websites, please ensure that you inform the feis organisers in advance.