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## The Connemara Championships

**24th & 25th September 2016  
Clayton Hotel, Briarhill, Galway**

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**Saturday September 24th: All Grades + U5, U6, U7, U8, U9, U16, U18  
& O18 Girls Championships plus U7, U9, U17 & 017 Boys  
Championships**

**Sunday September 27th: U10 – U15 Championships & Prelim**

**Admission: €5**

Dear Teachers, Parents and Dancers

We are delighted to welcome you all to the 2nd Connemara Championships which is being held in the heart of Galway at the Clayton Hotel on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September.

We will be running 4 floors/stages on Saturday for grade competitions while we will have a large championship stage to accommodate all our championship competitions. There will be a prelim for all competitions from U9 to U16.

For any championship with 15 or less competitors, there will be 100% recall. Any competition which has more than 15 dancers will be a 50% recall with a separate competition for non-recalled sets. We will also have 4 entry tables on the Saturday morning (8am opening) to ensure entries for grades run as smoothly as possible. All competitions will start at 9am sharp.

- Perpetual Cup for Championship Winners
- Trophy and Sash for top 5 in Championships and Prelim
- Medal for every dancer in all reel competitions
- Trophy and Sash for top 5 in all Priomh Comortas
- Additional traditional set dance competition from u10 upwards
- Entries on the day

The venue also has ample changing facilities, and free parking.

We look forward to welcoming you all to the Clayton Hotel in September and our sincerest thanks in advance for your support.

Kind Regards,

Bernie & Ellen-Marie Curley

## The Connemara Championships 2016

### Saturday, 24th September

	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
<b>9am Sharp</b>	U7	U8	U9	U10
<b>Bun Grad</b>	10-12	O12		

(Bun dances: Priomh Comortas: Reel & Light Jig, solo dances Single Jig, Slip Jig,)

<b>11am</b>	U7	U8	U9	U10
<b>Tus Grad</b>	10-12	O12		

(Tus dances: Reel, Light Jig, Single Jig, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Priomh Comortas: Any light dance plus St Patricks Day)

<b>1pm</b>	U7	U8	U9	U10
<b>Mean Grad</b>	10-12	12-14	O14	

(Mean dances: Reel, Light Jig, Single Jig, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Priomh Comortas: Any light dance plus Traditional Set)

#### **4pm Championships:**

U5 Mixed, U6 Girls, U7 Girls and 5-7 Boys Championship  
(U5 – Reel, Single Jig; U6, U7 – Reel, Single Jig, Light Jig)

#### **5pm Championships:**

U8 Girls, U9 Girls, 7-9 Boys  
(Reel, Heavy Jig, Trad Set)

#### **6.30pm Championships:**

U16, 16-18 & O18 Ladies Championship  
U17 & O17 Mens Championship  
O15 Trad Set Competition

Entry fees: €5 solo dance (trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place in each solo), Priomh Comortas €20, Craobh Comortas €25 (Prelim included €30)

## The Connemara Championships 2016 Sunday, 25th September

(All championships scheduled for the same time will alternate)

### HALL A

**9am Sharp** U10 Girls, 9-11 Boys, U11 Girls  
\*\*(Hornpipe or Heavy Jig/Reel or Slip Jig/Open Set on Recall)

**1pm** U12 Girls, 11-13 Boys, U13 Girls  
\*\*(Hornpipe or Heavy Jig/Reel or Slip Jig/Open Set on Recall)

**4pm** U14 Girls, 13-15 Boys, U15 Girls  
\*\*(Hornpipe or Heavy Jig/Reel or Slip Jig/Open Set on Recall)

\*\*Heavy Round will be danced first

### HALL B

**10.30 am** Non-Recall Sets: U10 Girls,

**11.30 am** Non-Recall Sets: U11 Girls

**12.30 pm** Trad Set Competition: 9-11 Mixed

**2pm** Non-Recall Sets: U12 Girls

**3pm** Non-Recall Sets: U13 Girls

**4pm** Trad Set Competition: 11-13 Mixed

**5.15pm** Non-Recall Sets: U14 Girls

**6.15pm** Non-Recall Sets: U15 Girls

**7pm** Trad Set Competition: 13-15 Mixed

## **Feis Rules**

- Entries will only be accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
- Age will be reckoned from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.
- Bungrád competitions are confined to those who have never won a first prize in that particular dance in any age group. Only basic steps may be performed.
- Túsgrád competitions are confined to dancers who have not won a first prize in that particular dance in Túsgrád, Meángrád or Ardgrád.
- Competitors in Bungrád and Túsgrád may only wear class costume, dress or skirt and top and, as per Connacht Rules, the use of make-up, fake tan and wigs is not permissible.
- Meangrad competitions are confined to dancers who have not won a first prize in that particular dance in Meángrád or Ardgrád.
- No block, en-pointe work, stationary or moving, is allowed to be performed in all ages up to and including Under 11.
- For heavy rounds in competitions, dancers may not wear soft shoes that have been altered with the addition of heels and tips in an attempt to turn them into hard shoes. Dancers found to be wearing such altered shoes for heavy rounds may be denied access to that round of the competition.
- Preliminary championships eligibility:
  - A dancer must not have placed top five in any open championship judged by three or more adjudicators
  - A dancer must not have won three or more preliminary championships
  - A dancer must not have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2016 or 2017.
- The use of camcorders or mobile phone videoing is not permitted during dancing.
- The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injury or damage to property on the premises.
- Objections, accepted from registered teachers only, must be lodged within one hour of the announcement of the competition result and accompanied by a €20 fee.

**Vendor:** Flanagans Footwear, Galway

**Hotel Accommodation** is available at the special rate of 99 (double room B&B), 119 (family room 2+2 B&B) – Please quote Curley School of Dancing as a reference.

**Facebook page:** The Connemara Championships