



Manchester Feis

Est 1948

18th & 19th September 2021

Venue

Wythenshawe Forum

Simonsway, Manchester M22 5RX

Adjudicators

David Moore Drodgheda

Deborah Whelan London

Adrian Stewart Glasgow

Musicians

Martin Daly Glasgow

Since 1948, the Manchester Feis has always been one of the highlights of the Feis Calendar. Sadly, the Feis had disappeared from the Feis Calendar since 2019 due to COVID.

BUT WE ARE BACK!!

Although, a little bit different from previous years.

This year we will not be able to include Primary and Intermediate competitions due to venue restrictions as we only have one hall available to us.

This would be the 74th year and I am sure Betty Kelly, the founder of the Feis, would be immensely proud of you all supporting this historic feiseanna.

I look forward to welcoming you all,

Stella Moore

ADCRG

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

- U6 Reel, Hop Jig and Light Jig
- U7 Reel, Hop Jig and Light Jig or Heavy Jig
- U8 & U9 Reel, Heavy Jig and recall Traditional Set
- U10 – Seniors Reel/Slip Jig, Heavy Jig/Hornpipe and recall Open Set (U10 may perform a Traditional Set as their recall)

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

U10 – U17 Reel/Slip Jig and Heavy Jig/Hornpipe.

All competitions will be combined with Open Championships with solo results being given for each round.

Championships from U6 upwards will be adjudicated with a panel of 3 adjudicators, solo results given for each round.

Number of bars required for Championships/Preliminary:
Reel/Heavy Jig – 40 bars Slip Jig/Hornpipe – 32 bars.

Round 1 will be the light round, round 2 will be the Heavy round. There will be a 50% recall with more than 15 dancers in each competition.

Should covid restrictions remain in place there will be a capped entry on each competitions.

ENTRY FEES

Preliminary Championships £45

(Including 2 solo results, free set of marks and free entry for 1 adult)

Open Championships £45

(Including 2 solo results, free set of marks and free entry for 1 adult)

Family Fee £75 (2 or more dancers)

ENTRIES MUST BE EMAILED ONLY

to the Championship Secretary: Stella Moore ADCRG

Email: stellamoore4@aol.com

Closing date for entries: 1st September 2021

**Cheques made payable to: Stella Moore and posted to
15 Farley Ave, Debdale Park, Manchester. M18 7WA**

Bank Transfer: Stella Moore

Sort Code: 01 08 38 Account No: 64092607

Please quote name and school with all bank transfers.

TIMETABLE

Saturday 18th September

- 9am U8/U9 alternating
- 11am U10 Preliminary/Championship
- 1pm U6/U7 alternating
- 2pm U11 Preliminary/Championship
- 4pm U12 Preliminary/Championship
- 6pm U13 Preliminary/Championship

Sunday 19th September

- 9am U14 Preliminary/Championship
- 11am U15 Preliminary/Championship
- 1pm U16 Preliminary/Championship
- 3pm U17 Preliminary/Championship
- 5pm U19 Championship
- 6pm Senior Championship

Registration will be pre entry this year and BY EMAIL ONLY

Completion of COVID Waiver form with accompanying parent/ adults details will be required on the day.

Competitor numbers and wristbands will be available to collect at the venue.

- Access to the venue will be 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of dancers age group. Dancers should arrive ready with hair and makeup already done, there will be no practice area.
- Dancers will be permitted one adult with them at any one time. Additional siblings will not be able to attend. A teacher supporting dancers from their own school will be welcome to attend. There will be no other spectators with the exception of the organising committee. Face coverings are to be worn by persons (over the age of 11) except dancers while performing or anyone who has a medical exemption from wearing a face covering.
- Attendees will be asked to sanitise their hands at the sanitisation station beside the door. Several sanitisation stations will be available at the feis.
- Attendees will sit in socially distanced stations of chairs in the hall. Changing is permitted in the changing room area.
- Dancers, when called, will line up side stage socially distanced. They will perform their rounds, take a short bow and walk off. Stage hands will assist in this process.
- Once the dancing has been completed and results given for that particular time slot, dancers and their accompanying adults will be ushered via a one-way system to exit the auditorium whilst the room is cleaned.
- Dancers will be invited to put on their own championship medal. The championship result will be called in reverse order with dancers making their way to the stage area. There will be a spaced out podium for the top 5 dancers who will lift their own trophy and put on their own sash.
- The two solo results will be read aloud - dancers will collect their solo medals after the full results is issued.
- The championship result and marks are included with the entry fee and will be available to collect after each presentation.
- Following the results, there will be a designated exit from the building

The Manchester Feis will run in accordance with government guidelines which can be found in full on the Government website at: Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance and support - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

By entering the feis you agree to

- Sanitise your hands often - several stations will be available in the halls. Hand sanitisers will be required throughout the building.
- Stay at least 2 metres apart from those not in your group
- Wear a face covering if you are not competing throughout the building.
- Arrive at your assigned time and be prepared to dance at your assigned times
- Follow the one-way system which will be clearly marked
- Children must not wander around the venue/ grounds on their own

Other safety measures in place

- Online entry and payment eliminates the need for cash handling on the day
- Toilets will be sanitised regularly throughout the day by cleaners (2 at a time in toilets)
- Strictly only one accompanying adult per dancer - no exceptions
- Dancers will perform with the intention of 2's and will be finalised with the final timetable - if there are falls or sickness on stage, only the accompanying adult will be permitted to assist
- Attendees should remain seated
- No contact in presentations of awards

In line with current Government guidance, anyone attending the Feis should check for symptoms of Covid-19. If anybody is symptomatic, and/or living in a household with a possible Covid-19 infection they must not attend the Feis. In addition, anybody who has been asked to isolate by NHS Test and Trace because they are a contact of a known Covid-19 case, must not attend the Feis

DIRECTIONS

Wythenshawe Forum is next to the police station on Simonsway, Manchester. M22 5RX

From the North:

M62 onto M60, leave at junction 5 onto Princess Parkway. Take the 5103 to Manchester, leave at junction 4. Simonsway/whythenshawe is on the left.

From the South/Midlands:

M6, leave at junction 19 onto A556 (airport) Stay on the A556 and merge onto A56. Take junction 5 towards Manchester airport. Continue onto A555 and take the exit towards terminal 2. At the roundabout take the 1st exit onto enterprise way. Left onto Bailey Lane, right onto Portway, left onto Oatlands Rd and left onto Simonsway.



Manchester Feis - Entry form - 2021

School: Area:

Teacher Name: Teacher Signature:

Name	Age Group	Championship	Preliminary	FEE and Payment Method (Cheque or Transfer)
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Standard Rules for North West Feiseanna

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Ages to be taken from 1st January 2021
2. Entries will only be accepted from schools currently registered with An Coimisiun.
3. Lodgement of entries at a Feis implies that you accept the rules relating to the Feis in their entirety as laid down by the NWRC and An Coimisiun, and that you accept that the Results of the Feis will be published on the NWRC website.

ADJUDICATORS & MUSICIANS

4. The Adjudicators decisions are final. The Adjudicators should not be approached by any persons other than the Feis Committee.
5. Pupils of an Adjudicator employed at a particular feis may not take part in the Feis even if the adjudicator is judging alternative age groups.
6. Any Adjudicator from outside the NW Region cannot judge an Open Feis in the North West Region within 6 months of their last adjudication in the region. Any Adjudicator from the North West Region cannot judge an Open Feis in the North West Region within 3 months of their last adjudication in the region.
7. An Adjudicator from outside the North West Region may not adjudicate a Class Feis in the North West Region in the 6 months leading up to adjudicating an Open Feis in the Region.
8. All musicians should be competent and abide by the prescribed An Coimisiun metronomic speeds below.

Novice

Reel 122-124 Light jig 116 Single jig 124 Slip Jig 124 Heavy Jig 96 Hornpipe 144

Primary

Reel 116-118 Light jig 116 Single jig 124 Slip Jig 120 Heavy Jig 82 Hornpipe 130

Intermediate/Open

Reel 113 Slip Jig 113 Heavy Jig 73 Hornpipe 113

Traditional Set Dance

Blackbird 144 St. Patrick's Day 94 Job of Journeywork 138 Garden of Daisies 138 King of Fairies 130
Three Sea Captains 96 Jockey to the Fair 90

NOVICE AND PRIMARY GRADE

9. There will be a minimum of 2 Novice Dances up to and including Under 11. Only the most basic Steps may be performed in this grade. Children entering the Novice cannot enter the Primary for the same dances.
10. All Novice, Primary, Intermediate, Preliminary and Open Competitions are open to all Regions.
11. If there are more than 20 competitors in any Novice competition then 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed dancers must move up to the next grade. If there are 20 or fewer competitors, then only the 1st placed dancer will be required to move up to the next grade.
12. Any competitions in Novice, Primary and Intermediate, in which there are 5 or fewer dancers shall not count for grading purposes. However a Dancer may only place in 3 such competitions and they then must move up to the next grade.
13. There will be no restriction on the step content performed in the Primary grade.
14. A Primary dancer is one who has never won a first in that particular dance, except in Novice Grade.
15. If there are more than 20 competitors in any Primary solo competition then 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed dancers must move up to the next grade. If there are 20 or fewer competitors, then only the 1st placed dancer will be required to move up to the next grade.
16. Novice/Primary Trophy Competitions are confined to dancers who have never won a Novice/Primary Trophy. Any Light Dance can be performed for the Trophy but it must have been danced in the Novice/Primary section on the day of the Feis.
17. A winner of a Novice/Primary Trophy Competition must move up to the next grade for both the Dance they performed to win the Trophy and the Trophy competition itself.
18. Only skirts and tops or a simple current class costume may be worn in the Novice and Primary Grades.
19. In the event of there being no provision for a particular age group, a dancer may dance up an age group, however on attaining first place in any dance, that dancer must remain in the higher grade for that dance for the remainder of the year.
20. At any one Feis, a Novice or Primary dancer may only dance each Solo Dance, the Light Trophy and the Heavy Trophy in ONE GRADE only.

INTERMEDIATE GRADE

21. An Intermediate Dancer is one who has never won a first place in that particular dance in their present age group.
22. Intermediate Trophy competitions are confined to dancers who have never won an Intermediate Trophy in their present age group. Any Light Dance can be performed for the Trophy but it must have been danced in the Intermediate section on the day of the Feis.
23. A winner of an Intermediate Trophy Competition must move up to the next grade for both the Dance they performed to win the Trophy and the Trophy competition itself.
24. At any one Feis, an Intermediate dancer may only dance each Solo Dance, the Light Trophy and the Heavy Trophy, in ONE GRADE only, with the exception of intermediate dancers wishing to enter the Preliminary or Open Trophy/Championship.
25. In the event of there being no provision for a particular age group, then a dancer may dance up an age group, however on attaining first place in any dance, that dancer must remain in the higher grade for that dance for the remainder of the year.
26. Any competition in which there are 5 or fewer dancers shall not count for grading purposes. However, a Dancer may only win 3 such competitions and they then must move up to the next grade.

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

27. A minimum number of three Adjudicators must officiate.
 28. The first age group for a Preliminary Championship is Under 10.
 29. Where a Preliminary Championship is held separate from an Open Championship, three rounds should be offered, namely; Reel or Slip Jig, Heavy Jig or Hornpipe and any Set Dance.
 30. Where a Preliminary Championship is combined with an Open Championship, then the result should be taken from eligible dancers' ranking after the first two rounds.
 31. Where there are separate Preliminary and Open Championships, dancers can compete in both at the discretion of the Feis organiser.
 32. Where a competitor wins two Preliminary Championships they must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter.
 33. For grading purposes, two wins will be taken as being in any two year rolling period. Where a dancer does not win a second Preliminary within two years of winning their first Preliminary Championship, then the first win will be deemed as having expired and the dancer starts afresh.
 34. Where there are less than 6 in a Preliminary Championship that win will not normally be considered for grading purposes. However, where a dancer wins three Preliminary Championships regardless of the number of competitors in each competition, that dancer must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter.
 35. Dances performed in a Preliminary Championships do not count for grading in solo competitions.
- Due to Covid-19 restrictions, and until further notice, please also note the following:**
36. All dancers*, who are included on the official confirmed list of qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022, are not eligible to compete in Preliminary Championships until further notice. *This excludes dancers that auto qualified at their Regional or National Oireachtas due to lack of numbers.
 36. Dancers placing 1st-3rd in an Open Championship with up to 20 competitors or 1st-5th in an Open Championship with more than 20 Competitors cannot compete in a Preliminary Championship for a period of 12 month.

OPEN GRADE

38. In all age groups any dancer who has previously won an Open Championship before a panel of at least three adjudicators does NOT have to dance Open if they are eligible for a lower grade.
39. In all age groups, (with the exception of under 6 and under 7), where solos and Championships are run separately, competitors must have performed 1 light dance and 2 heavy dances to be eligible for the Premier Trophy/Championship. This does not apply where solos are combined in with the Championship.
40. The wording 'Championship' will only be used where there is a panel of at least 3 adjudicators.

ALL GRADES

41. No block, en pointe, stationary or moving, will be allowed to be performed by any dancers up to and including the Under 11 Age Group. The Under 12 age group is also governed by this rule up until 1st September each year after which they are permitted to perform the movement.
42. Dancers must dance in their own age group for solo competitions if that age group is provided for.
43. 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.

FIGURE DANCING

44. Figure teams may contain up to 50% from a lower age group.

GENERAL FEIS RULES

45. Make up (including false eyelashes and tanner on the face) will not be permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group, and any dancer in the first two grades (Novice and Primary) up to and including the Under 12 age group worldwide. This rule refers to the age group of the competition, not the actual age of the dancer. Leg tan is NOT part of this rule.
46. Any protest against breach of rules must be made in writing, within 1 hour of the conclusion of the relevant competition and accompanied by a fee of £10.00, which will be refunded should the objection be upheld.
47. Medals will be awarded in accordance with the minimum requirements as laid down by the NWRC:
- 1 medal where there is 3 competitors
 - 2 medals where there are 5 competitors
 - 3 medals where there are 7 competitors
 - 4 medals where there are 10 competitors and
 - 1 medal for each additional 10 or part of 10 competitors.
48. The Feis Organiser reserves the right to cancel any competition should there be insufficient entries.
49. In the interest of Health, hairspray and any other aerosols must not be used in any of the dancing areas.
50. In accordance with the ruling laid down by An Coimisiun and in the interest of safety, dancers are asked to be suitably dressed at all times and should not undress in the competition halls.
51. Mobile phones and electronic games must be switched off in all of the dancing areas.
52. Abusive language and offensive behaviour will not be tolerated. Any person acting in such a way will be asked to leave the Feis.
53. Feis Organisers will, as far as is practicable, provide a stage surface suitable for dancing. However, the Feis Organisers cannot accept liability for injuries sustained whilst on the dancing areas. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer.
54. 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.
55. Any Form of unauthorised 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 competition
56. Where Family Fees are applicable. These fees shall only include 1 Light Trophy and 1 Heavy Trophy per Child. Any additional Trophy Competitions (including Prelim and Open Championships) are not eligible for the Family Fee and need to be paid for separately.

SYLLABUS APPROVED BY:



NICOLA KING

NWRC FEIS SECRETARY