



**FINBARR CONWAY ACADEMY
OF IRISH DANCING**

(formerly known as Conway-Lally Feis)

Present Their 9th Annual Feis

On

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th April 2016

**Ashcroft High School
Crawley Green Road
Luton, Bedfordshire
LU2 9AG**

Adjudicators

**Alison Quigley A.D.C.R.G
Elizabeth McConomy A.D.C.R.G
Eulalia Stewart A.D.C.R.G
Fiona McRoibin A.D.C.R.G
Sinead McLaughlin A.D.C.R.G
Sorcha McCaul A.D.C.R.G**

**Co. Donegal
Co. Derry
Glasgow
Doncaster
Glasgow
Co. Monaghan**

Musicians

**Dean Crouch
Aidan O'Neill
Majella Collins-Brooks**

**Essex
London
Hertfordshire**

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Dear Teachers,



Firstly, we would like to thank you all for supporting our 2015 feis. We are pleased to announce that we will be returning to the same venue as last year, Ashcroft High School, Luton. It has excellent facilities and underwent an extensive refurbishment 3 years ago. The school is a five minute drive from Junction 10 of the M1 and only 3 minutes from Luton Airport. Please note the closing date for entries is Friday 8th April 2016. We would really appreciate if the closing date can be adhered to, so as to enable us to produce and publish a realistic timetable. We will only be able to do this if the entries are received on time.

Novice (bun ghrad), Primary (tus Ghrad) and Intermediate (mean Ghrad) are open to dancers from **ALL** regions worldwide.

We have invited 6 very accomplished adjudicators and 3 excellent musicians to be with us this year. All Open and Preliminary Championships will be adjudicated by a panel of 3 adjudicators.

Last year we introduced an Under 5 age group. The cup for this age group is in memory of Anne Moan ADCRG who sadly passed away in February 2015. Anne ran a feis in Luton for 24 years before we took over in 2008. The cup was very generously donated by her family.

Sashes/pennants will be awarded to Top 5 in all Championships, Prelim Championships and Premier Trophies.

A computer service will be in operation and printed results will be available after the presentation of Championship awards.

John and Rose Clark from Feiswear will be attending the feis where you can buy shoes, socks, CDs etc. Melaine Murphy will also be in attendance, selling wigs, tiaras and other accessories. John and Noreen Egan from Feispix will be taking photos of Championship presentations as well as studio photos.

There will be hot and cold refreshments available all weekend.

Provisional days - Saturday 23rd - Championships - U9B, U9G, U10G, U11B, U11G, U12G, U13B, U13G, U14G, U15B, U15G, U16G, U17B, U17G, 17-19M, 17-19L, Senior Men, Senior Ladies. Grades U5, U6, U7, U9 plus U5, Premier Trophy, U6 Premier Trophy, U7 Premier Trophy.

Sunday 24th - U8 Girls Championship, U10Prelim, U11P, U12P, U13P, U14P, U15P, U16P, Over 16P. Grades U8, U10, U11, U12 12-14, 14-16 and Over 16.

We look forward to receiving your entries and welcoming you again to our feis.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Finbarr Conway T.C.R.G/A.D.C.R.G.
The parents and pupils of Finbarr Conway Academy of Irish Dancing.

RULES & REGULATIONS



1. Lodgment 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. Competitions will be cancelled and/or combined at the feis organisers' discretion if only one competitor is entered.
13. In all Heavy dances the lead around must be danced on both the right and left foot.
14. 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.
15. The basic step rule will apply to all Novice competitions as per the Southern England Regional Council.
16. The Primary Grade is for dancers who have not won a 1st or 2nd place for that particular dance in any Age Group.
17. 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.
18. 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.
19. Intermediate competitors can dance their grade dances and either the Preliminary or Open Championship.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. Competitors can only dance in either Preliminary or Open Championship; they may not compete in both.
23. 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.
24. 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)
25. A Panel of Three Adjudicators will judge all Championships from Under 8 upwards
26. 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 U12 Age Group will be allowed to Toe Walk from 1st September.
27. 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.
28. 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
29. 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
30. 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
31. 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.
32. 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**.
33. 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.
34. Any competition can be moved to another hall at the discretion of the Feis Secretary.
35. 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.
36. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children, at all times, whilst attending the Feis.
37. The Feis Organiser accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.
38. No Smoking, eating or drinking in any of the halls, except in designated areas.
39. 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.

Grade Competitions

Age Group	Novice (Bun)	Primary (Tus)	Intermediate (Mean)	Open (Ard)
Under 5 ungraded 5 & Under 6	Reel (ungraded) Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig
6 & Under 7	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Trad Set Dance Open Set Dance
7 & Under 8 8 & Under 9 9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
12 & Under 14 14 & Under 16		Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
16 & Over			Reel Light Jig Hop Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	

Premier Trophies & Championships

**Premier Trophies & Championships – Girls - (Rounds 1 & 2 will be judged as solos for Under 8 upwards.)
Reel & Heavy Jig – 40 bars. Slip Jig and Hornpipe – 32 bars.**

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
U5 Mixed Premier Trophy (ungraded)	Reel	No Recall	No Recall
Under 6 Mixed Premier Trophy**	Reel	Light Jig	No Recall
6 & Under 7 Mixed Premier Trophy**	Reel	Light Jig	No Recall
7 & Under 8 Championship	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set Dance
8 & Under 9 Championship	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set Dance
9 & Under 10 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
10 & Under 11 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 16 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
16 & Under 17 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

17 & Under 19 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Over 19 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

****Solos separate in open grade**

Championships – Boys (Rounds 1&2 will be solos) Reel/Heavy Jig – 40 bars, Hornpipe – 32 bars

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
7 & Under 9 Championship	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set Dance
9 & Under 11 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 13 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 15 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 17 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
17 & Under 19 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
Over 19 Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance

****Solos separate in open grade**

Preliminary Champs – (Rounds 1 & 2 will be solos) Reel/Heavy Jig – 40 bars, Hornpipe – 32 bars

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
Under 10 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 11 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 12 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 13 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 14 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 15 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Under 16 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Over 16 Preliminary Championship	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

<u>Under 11</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U16</u>	<u>U19</u>	<u>Over 19</u>
4 Hand Reel	4 Hand Reel	4 Hand Reel	4 Hand Reel	4 Hand Reel
Fairy Reel	Fairy Reel	Fairy Reel	Fairy Reel	Fairy Reel
8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance
Progressive Dance	Progressive Dance	Progressive Dance	Progressive Dance	Progressive Dance
Ceili Championship	Ceili Championship	Ceili Championship	Ceili Championship	Ceili Championship

NEW LOCAL RULE FOR SOUTHERN ENGLAND FEISEANNA

LATE ENTRIES WILL BE CHARGED £2 ADMIN FEE PER DANCER FOR THE 2 WEEKS AFTER THE CLOSING DATE. ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UP TO & INCLUDING THE DAY OF COMPETITION BUT WILL BE SUBJECT TO A £5 ADMIN FEE PER DANCER IF PAID ON THE DAY OF COMPETITION

Entries to be sent to the Feis Secretary

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Finbarr Conway Academy

**Closing Date for Entries is
FRIDAY 8th April 2016**

ENQUIRIES & ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM REGISTERED TEACHERS

Entry Fees

Solo Trophy- (1st to 3rd places in solos will be awarded trophies) - £4.00

Premier Trophy (Under 6 and 6 & Under 7) - £9.00 (2 dances in solos must be danced)

Championships & Preliminary Championships - £21.00 (inc 2 solos)

Ceili / Figure - £3.00

Family Fee - £55.00

Door entry fee (per adult – payable at the venue on the day) £5.00 (1 day), £8.00 (2days)

2015 CHAMPIONS

U5 Mixed	Ellis Gaughan, Glendarragh Academy, Nottingham
U6 Mixed	Caitlin Flanagan, Flanagan-McMahon-Moore School, Ulster/Leinster
U7 Mixed	Leah Clinton, Maguire O'Shea Academy, London
U8 Girls	Caitlin Dillon, Claddagh Academy, London
U9 Girls	Erin McClymont, Carey Academy, Birmingham
U10 Girls	Ella McCarthy, Scoil Rince Ceim Oir, London
U11 Girls	Sydney Illsley, Turley-Duggan School, Coventry
U12 Girls	Sophie Reilly, Flanagan-McMahon-Moore School, Ulster/Leinster
U13 Girls	Faith Moore, Ursula Moore School, Co.Donegal, Ireland
U14 Girls	Chloe Devine, Mulvenna Academy, Belfast
U15 Girls	Mairead Trainor-Aitken, Trainor School, London
U16 Girls	Niamh Fitzgerald, Siobhan McDonnell School, Co.Sligo, Ireland
U17 Girls	Ella Lane, Cullen-Whelan Academy, London
U19 Ladies	Shannon Morrissey, Scoil Rince Ceim Oir, London
Senior Ladies	Etain Mulvenna, Mulvenna Academy, Belfast
U9 Boys	Fionn Higgins, Scoil Rince Breffni, Co.Cavan, Ireland
U11 Boys	Diarmuid McShane, Carol Leavy School, Co.Louth, Ireland
U13 Boys	George Semple, Turley-Duggan School, Coventry
U15 Boys	Joe McGeown, Murchu-Duiginn, London
U17 Boys	Tom Shilling, Hennigan school, London
U19 Boys	Eamon Kitching, Conway-Lally School, Luton
Senior Men	No competitors
U10 Preliminary	Nicole Madanyke, McCarthy-O'Rourke Academy, London
U11 Preliminary	Amelia Pease, Cullen-Whelan Academy, London
U12 Preliminary	Sarah Jordan, Flanagan-McMahon-Moore School, Ulster/Leinster
U13 Preliminary	Karina Moran, Turley-Duggan, Co.Mayo, Ireland
U14 Preliminary	Ciara Andringa, Redmond School, Holland
U15 Preliminary	Chevy Harrison, Aaron Crosbie Academy, London

U16 Preliminary	Chelsey Barrett, Barrett Semple-Morris School, London
O16 Preliminary	Katie Duffin, Keady Academy, London

DIRECTIONS

Leave the M1 at junction 10, then at the roundabout take the 2nd exit onto the spur road, at KidneyWood Roundabout, take 2nd exit onto A1081. Keep in right hand lane then continue forward onto the A505, at Eaton Green roundabout take the 2nd exit onto the A505, at the roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Crawley Green Road, school is at the top of the hill on the left.

TRAINS TO LUTON

The nearest train station to the feis is LUTON Airport Parkway, which is 5 minutes in a taxi to the feis.

- www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk
Luton is on the main First Capital Connect line from London to Bedford
- www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk
Trains from Sheffield, Leeds, Leicester, Derby, Liverpool and Manchester

FLIGHTS INTO LUTON AIRPORT

The feis is 2 minutes in a taxi

- From Dublin, Kerry and Knock Airports - www.ryanair.com
- From Belfast International, Edinburgh and Glasgow Airports – www.easyjet.com

We look forward to seeing you at the 2016 Finbarr Conway Academy Open Feis

