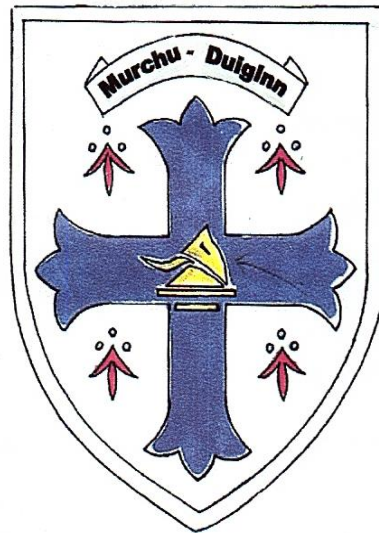


**MURCHU-DUIGINN
SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING
18th ANNUAL FEIS
SATURDAY 12th MAY 2018**



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CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS FRIDAY 27th APRIL 2018

Cláraithe leis An Choimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha

WELCOME BACK



We are pleased to announce "we are back" for our 18th year.

We are returning to St Joseph's Catholic High School, Slough, which is easily accessible from major motorways, The venue has a brand new large gymnasium with plenty of space for 4 grade stages along with an excellent stage in the main hall.

We have an extensive panel of adjudicators, with excellent musicians to accompany the children. A full preliminary & championship result system will be in operation throughout the weekend.

As in previous years, we hope to provide an event of the highest standard, so we will continue to run 3 Champion of Champion competitions. The first will be from Under 6 to Under 9, the second will be from Under 10 to Under 14, and the third will be from Under 15 to Senior.

New to 2018, we are introducing the 32 Bar Grade System which is explained in greater detail later in the syllabus.

In Mixed Championships, from Under 10 upwards, the highest placed Boy and Girl will receive a Cup, and will be eligible to dance in the Champion of Champions. Also where competitions are run in double age groups, the highest placed Boy & Girl from each age group will be eligible to dance.

Can you please take note of all the requests in the syllabus. The deadline for entries will be Friday 27th April 2018. Cheques to be made payable to the **"Murchu Duiginn School of Irish Dancing"** and entries will not be accepted without payment. Entries to be sent to **Murchu-Duiginn Sch of Irish Dancing, The White Lodge, 49 London Rd, Shenley, Herts, WD7 9BN**. Can you please use the official entry form.

There will be full catering facilities with hot and cold food available throughout the weekend.

We look forward to welcoming you to our 18th Annual Feis.

Ann Marie Flaherty ADCRG

Fiona Diggins Murphy ADCRG

Maria Diggins Murphy ADCRG



Standard Rules for SER Feiseanna – 2018

- 1 Lodgement 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 and competitions may be combined at the Feis Organisers discretion if only one competitor is entered.
- 4 Ages to be taken from **1st January 2018**.
- 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 In all Heavy dances the lead around must be danced on both the right and left foot.
- 13 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.
- 14 The basic step rule will apply to all Novice competitions as per the Southern England Regional Council.
- 15 The Primary Grade is for dancers who have not won a **1st or 2nd place** for that particular dance in any Age Group.
- 16 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.
- 17 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.
- 18 Intermediate competitors can dance their grade dances and either the Preliminary or Open Championship.
- 19 A panel of three adjudicators will judge all Open Championships and all Preliminary Championships from U6 upwards.
- 20 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 Under 12 Age Group will be allowed to Toe Walk from 1st September.**
- 21 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.
- 22 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.
- 23 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 they will not be permitted to perform.
- 24 Make-up Rule (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 purpose of this rule the term "Make-up" includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products. An Coimisiun hopes that teachers and parents will interpret and apply this rule in the spirit in which it is intended.
- 25 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.
- 26 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 all competitions.**
- 27 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.
- 28 Any competition can be moved to another hall at the discretion of the Feis Secretary.
- 29 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.
- 30 **Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children**, at all times, whilst attending the Feis.
- 31 The Feis Organiser accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.
- 32 No Smoking, eating or drinking in any of the halls, except in designated areas.
- 33 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.

SOUTHERN ENGLAND REGION PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP RULE

Effective from February 2018

To compete in a Preliminary Championship dancers must not:-

Have places in the top 3 in an Open Championship in the previous 12

Have won more than 2 Preliminary Championships in the current year or previous calendar year.

Have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinee at any event in the past 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.

Competitors can only dance in either Preliminary or Open Championship: they may not compete in both.

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.

PLEASE NOTE

The points above apply when a dancer competes from Under 10 and 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)

AWARDS

2 medals = 5 or less

4 medals = 6 to 10 competitors

7 medals = 11 to 20 competitors

10 medals = 21 to 30 competitors

14 medals = 31 to 40 competitors

1 medal for each additional 5 or part of 5 competitors

COMPETITION FEES

All Solo Trophy Dances (1st – 3rd Place)	£4.50
Figure & Ceili Championship (per dancer)	£3.00
Premier Under 5 (1 Adjudicator)	£7.00
Championship U6 & U7 (2 grade dances must be <u>danced</u>)	£10.00
Championship U8 & U9 (2 grade dances must be <u>danced</u>)	£15.00
Open Mixed Championships (includes 2 solo results)	£25.00
Preliminary Championships (includes 2 solo results)	£25.00
Maximum for one child	£40.00
Family Fee	£60.00
Door Entry per adult payable at the event	£5.00

ALL CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO: MURCHU DUIGINN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

Murchu Duiginn School of Irish Dancing
The White Lodge
49 London Road
Shenley Hertfordshire WD7 9BN

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENTRY FORMS RECEIVED WITHOUT
PAYMENT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

ENTRIES ON THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 27th APRIL 2018

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AMENDED - SOUTHERN ENGLAND LOCAL RULE

Entries received on or before FRIDAY 27th APRIL 2018 will be subject to standard fees.

Entries received between FRIDAY 27th APRIL 2018 and FRIDAY 11th MAY 2018 will be subject to a £4.00 late fee per dancer.

Entries accepted on the day of the feis will be subject to a £8.00 admin fee for 1 dancer & £10 admin fee for 2 dancers or more.

32 BAR GRADE SYSTEM

We are going to use the 32 Bar System in all grade dances for Novice, Primary, Intermediate & Open Solos, except the Traditional Set Dance & Open Set Dance Competitions. It is called the 32 Bar Grade System.

We are using this new system for 2 reasons

Time Saving: Time is not spent walking on off and Bowing

Audience Participation: All dancers will be on stage at the same time, which will capture the attention of the whole audience - thereby ensuring a quieter and more orderly reception for all

This system is relatively new & some dancers will not have used it before.

There will be stage stewards on each stage counting the next 2 dancers in and dancers will not be penalised for starting late or continuing after 32 bars.

There will not be a gap of 8 bars in between each performance.

All Dancers in the Competition will be lined up at the back of the stage at the start of the competition.

The adjudicators will take down the numbers of all competitors at this point.

The first two dancers walk to the starting positions & after the 8 Bar introduction the dancers will begin & dance for 32 bars*

After 32 bars* they bow (Quickly) and return to their original place in the line up at the back of the stage (the position they were in when lined up at the beginning).

The next two dancers have picked up and commence their performance of 32 bars*

Murchu-Duiginn Feis 2018 - Grade Competitions

AGE GROUPS	NOVICE (BUN GRAD) TROPHY	PRIMARY (TUS GRAD) TROPHY	INTERMEDIATE (MEAN GRAD) TROPHY	OPEN (ARD GRAD) TROPHY
Under 5	Reel (ungraded)			Premier
Under 6 & Under 7	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe Open Championship
Under 7				Traditional Set
8 & Under 9				Open Set Dance
7 & Under 8 & Under 9	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe Open Championship
9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12 12 & Under 13	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
13 & Under 15		Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
15 & Over			Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN & PRELIMINARY				
9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12 12 & Under 13 13 & Under 14 14 & Under 15 15 & Under 16 16 & Under 17 17 & Under 19 Senior Over 19	Open Championship includes 2 Solo Results		9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12 12 & Under 13 13 & Under 14 14 & Under 15 Senior Over 15	Preliminary Championship includes 2 Solo Results
CEILI & FIGURE COMPETITIONS				
Under 11 11 & Under 13 13 & Under 16 Over 16	4 Hand Reel Humours of Bandon Fairy Reel Progressive Dance Ceili Championship Figure Dance Championship			

MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
Under 6	Reel (40 Bars)	Light Jig (40 Bars)	Single Jig (40 Bars)
6 & Under 7	Reel (40 Bars)	Light Jig (40 Bars)	Single Jig (40 Bars)
7 & Under 8	Heavy Jig (40 bars)	Reel (40 Bars)	Trad Set Dance
8 & Under 9	Heavy Jig (40 bars)	Reel (40 Bars)	Trad Set Dance
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 16	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
16 & Under 17	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
17 & Under 19	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Senior O/19	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

Competitors from U10 will perform 40 bars in the Reel & Heavy Jig & 32 bars in the Slip Jig & Hornpipe

MIXED PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Senior O/15	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

Preliminary dancers will perform 40 bars in the Reel & Heavy Jig & 32 bars in the Slip Jig & Hornpipe

18th MURCHU-DUIGINN FEIS 2018

Ceili Entry Form

School Name:	Contact Tel No:
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Age Group	4 Hand Reel	Humours Of Bandon	Fairy Reel	Progressive Dance	Figure Champ	Ceili Champ	Total Entry
Under 11							
11 & Under 13							
13 & Under 16							
Over 16							
Teachers Signature:						Total Fees	

2017 Winners

Mixed	U6	LILY MURPHY	GLENDARRAGH
Mixed	U7	LAUREN GALLAGHER	OCHIDA
Girls	U8	AVA ROSE FOLAN	MCGAHAN LEES ACADEMY
Girls	U9	LEAH STAUNTON	BROOKS ACADEMY
Girls	U10	ELLIE CAMPBELL	MCNELIS CUNNINGHAM
Champion of Champions	U10	ELLIE CAMPBELL	MCNELIS CUNNINGHAM
Prelim	U10	AVA HIGGINS	MAGUIRE O'SHEA ACADEMY
Prelim	U11	SOPHIE WALKER	MAGUIRE O'SHEA ACADEMY
Prelim	U12	MADDIE RICHARDSON	OCHIDA
Prelim	U13	ROISIN HEFFERON	MAGUIRE O'SHEA ACADEMY
Prelim	U14	RACHEL TANDY	KIDD SCHOOL
Prelim	U15	MEGAN STRICKLAND	BROOKS ACADEMY
Prelim	U16	CHLOE POWELL	MATTHEWS
Prelim	O16	ALICE HEAD	HACKETT-KYNE

2016 OPEN CHAMP WINNERS NOT RUN IN 2017

Girls	U11	ELLA McCARTHY	SCOIL RINCE CEIM OIR
Girls	U12	SYDNEY ILLSEY	TURLEY DUGGAN
Girls	U13	AILEEN MURPHY	MURCHU DUIGINN
Girls	U14	KERRI MCDONNELL	DAVID MOORE
Girls	U15	ERIN GRACE COOKE	HENNIGAN O'CONNOR
Girls	U16	JOANNA MOONEY	DAVID MOORE
Girls	U17	MEGAN DAWSON	MARSHALL ACADEMY
Girls	U19	AMBER ROSE MURPHY	DEBORAH WHELAN DANCE
Girls	SNR L	GRACE ARNOLD	MURCHU DUIGINN
Boys	U11	SE O'TOOLE	BROOKS ACADEMY
Boys	U13	RILEY MISZKURKA MORRISON	CAREY ACADEMY
Boys	U15	HARRISON CLARK	REEL EIRE
Boys	SNR	SANDON VERSCHOOR	KILKENNY