

THE CARROLL SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING PRESENTS

# MID-ULSTER



# GRADES FEIS

**SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2022**

**Bun, Tús & Mean Grád**

**GALBALLY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**36 Lurgylea Road, Galbally, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, BT70 2NX**

**ADJUDICATORS:** Fionnuala Pike ADCRG, Derry  
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**MUSICIAN:** Stephen Devlin, Magherafelt

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Syllabus approved by Feis Registrar of An Comhairle Uladh

*Maeve McCaul-Mohaw*

# Provisional timetable

	Stage 1	Stage 2
9:00am	U9 Bun & Tús	U10 Bun & Tús
11am	U9 Mean	U10 Mean
12pm	Tiny Tots & U5 Bun	U6 Bun
12:45pm	U7 Bun & Tús	U8 Bun & Tús
2:30pm	O14 Mean	U8 Mean
3:30pm	10-12 Bun & Tús	O12 Bun & Tús
4:30pm	10-12 Mean	12-14 Mean

The timetable will be finalised when all the entries have been received. Double age group competitions may be split into single age groups depending on the number of entries received - this will be at the discretion of the feis organiser.

**NEW FOR 2022: Tiny Tots:** Aimed at young dancers who may not be 100% ready for a feis. Each dancer can perform between 8 and 32 bars of reel music on stage. Parent or teacher may accompany the child. Each dancer will receive a sash.

**U5 Bun Grád dances:** Reel, Light Jig, Light Trophy

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**Tús Grád dances:** Reel, Light Jig, Single Jig, Slip Jig, Light Trophy, Traditional Set Trophy

**Mean Grád dances:** Reel, Single Jig, Slip Jig, Light Trophy, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Traditional Set Trophy

A trophy will be awarded to the winner of each competition, and to the top 5 dancers in each trophy competition, with medals for all other competitors. There will be 100% placement in all dances entered.

# Entry process

Entries will be accepted from parents and teachers via the JotForm link below on a first-come first-served basis and will close when the entry spaces are filled. All entries must be made online - no entries will be received on the day.

**<https://form.jotform.com/220103641887049>**

**Entry will open as soon as the syllabus is released.**

**ENTRY FEES: £4 per dance, £5 per trophy dance, £5 spectator fee**

Entry for the feis indicates that dancers and their parent/guardian agree to adhere to the feis and venue guidelines. Fees are non-refundable except in the case that the event does not go ahead as planned.

## Enquiries

**FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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# General feis rules

1. The adjudicator's decision is final.
2. Age taken as at 1st January 2022.
3. Entries only accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
4. Competitors in Bun Grad & Tus Grad, up to and including the Under 12 agegroup, may only wear traditional class costumes or long/short-sleeved blouses/shirts & skirts/trousers, polo tops & skirts/ trousers, body suits & skirts or tunics that conform to the regular costume length rule. Low-cut tops and short tight skirts are not permitted.
5. Make-up (including false eyelashes and face-tan) is not be permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group. Make-up will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades (Bungrád and Tusgrád or equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group worldwide. Make-up (including false eyelashes and tanner on the face) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group. Participants should be reminded that should they be in breach of make-up rules and be required to remove their make-up, that they risk missing their rotation in the competition.
6. Costume Length: Length of costumes must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps. Adjudicators who determine a costume to be too short or to lack modesty may ask a competitor to change into black tights (of a denier not less than 70 per cent) in order for the dancer to continue in the competition. When wearing body suits with skirts (commonly known as black-out attire) black tights (of a denier less than 70) must be worn from the age of 14 and above. As a point of clarification, this rule is not limited to just body suits but also to tops/blouses and skirts/shorts of all colours and is in effect from the 14-15 age group upwards.
7. In order to comply with health and safety measures, all dancers lining up side stage prior to any round at any competition will be required to perform the simple exercise of raising their arms to shoulder level unhindered. If unable to do this by the time of their rotation due to costume stitching or arm attachments, these competitors will not be permitted to perform.
8. Bun Grád competitions are confined to competitors who at the time of entry have never won 1st place (or being regraded as per below) in that particular dance in any age group or grade. Basic Steps only are permitted in Bun Grad.
9. Tús Grad confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize (or being graded as per below) for that particular dance in any age in Tus Grad, Mean Grad or Ard Grad. Dancers may perform either basic steps or their first hard/difficult version of each dance.
10. In Bun Grád & Tus Grad competitions, one dancer moves up to next grade if there are less than 20 competitors, two dancers move up to next grade if there between 21 and 40 competitors and three dancers move up to next grade if there are over 40 competitors.
11. Mean Grád competitions are confined to dancers who at the time of entry have never won 1st place for that particular dance in Mean Grad or Ard Grád in that age group or a higher age group.

**12.** Dancers must perform to the following speeds:

Bun Grad: Reel 122-124, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 124, Heavy Jig 96, Hornpipe 144

Tus Grad: Reel 116-118, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 120, Heavy Jig 82, Hornpipe 130

Mean Grad: Reel 113, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 113, Heavy Jig 73, Hornpipe 113

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

**13.** All competitors will be required a dance a minimum number of 40 bars, except in Slip Jigs, Hornpipes & Bun Grad Reels where a minimum number of 32 bars will be required.

**14.** 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 phones, ipads, standard cameras, video camcorders, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is forbidden during competition.

**15.** Changing of costumes, dressing and undressing, is not permitted in the halls or public areas.

**16.** No block, en point, stationery or moving will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 12.

**17.** If you wish your child to be excluded from any photographs that maybe uploaded onto social media websites, please ensure that you inform the feis organiser in advance.

**18.** The Child Protection Designated Liason Officer for the Ulster Region is Paula Bell. If you have any concerns for any child's safety at the event, please contact her: CPDLOUlster@gmail.com.

**19.** The feis committee reserves the right to transfer competitions/results to a different stage or to alternate competitions if it becomes necessary in order to help the feis run smoothly. The committee reserves the right to use a relief adjudicator.

**20.** The feis committee reserve the right to refuse feis entries or entrance into the feis.

## **DATA PROTECTION**

As a feis organiser and a member of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha (CLRG), I aim to protect all user information in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2018. Please see link for more information:

<http://www.eugdpr.org/eugdpr.org-1.html>

<http://www.clrg.ie/index.php/en/about-us/privacy-policy.html>

Some personal data is required to be shared in order to gain information about who is taking part in our competition. This information will be given to the feis organiser via email. This information may be shared with An Comhairle Uladh, CLRG and members of the feis committee. If you have any concerns, please contact DungannonChampionships@gmail.com.

# Waiver of liability agreement

(to be signed on the day)

In advance of attending the feis we require you to carefully consider the following agreement as your/your child's entry will be determined on the signing of same.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PANDEMIC

I am aware that the World Health Organisation and other governmental and health authorities have declared Covid-19 a pandemic. I am aware that social distancing is to be practiced and that any increased social contact during this pandemic poses an increased risk of transmissions which could cause injury, illness or death.

## CONFIRMATION OF HEALTH AND NON-TRAVEL

I confirm that I (or on behalf of the participant) am in good health and have not travelled internationally in the past 14 days and will inform my teachers, who will inform the feis organisers, should they plan to travel abroad.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND VOLUNTARY ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I am aware that other persons may attend the feis and may have been exposed to the Covid-19 virus. I am aware of the risks, dangers and hazards associated with attending the feis at this time and I (or on behalf of the participant) freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, illness or loss resulting there from. I am aware that I (or on behalf of the participant) may require first aid, which may require 'hands-on' care and social distancing may not be possible in this instance.

## WAIVER OF CLAIMS

I agree to waive any and all claims that I now or in the future may have against the feis organisers, any of their directors, employees, contractors, assigns, and/or successors (the "releasees") and to release the releasees from any and all liability for any injury, illness or loss may suffer as a result of attendance at the feis due to Covid-19. I agree the feis organisers have carried out a thorough risk assessment prior to the running of the feis and have put in place all measures to negate any risk of the virus being spread and/or contracted during same.

## INDEMNIFICATION

I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the releasees from any and all liability for any injury, illness or loss to from attendance at the feis as the case may be, due to Covid-19. I confirm that I have read and understood this agreement and I am aware that, by signing this agreement, I am waiving certain legal rights which I may have against the releasees.

## I CONFIRM THAT I AM VOLUNTARILY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT.

Name of participant (Dancer): \_\_\_\_\_

Participant signature (Dancer to sign if over 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF THE FEIS)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against Covid-19. Furthermore, my child understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities particularly in relation to Covid-19. I for myself, my spouse, and child do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities in relation to Covid-19 relating to my minor child's presence or participation in the feis as provided above post Covid-19.

Name of participant (Dancer): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature (Parent/Guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_