



Convery Academy of Irish Dancing



presents

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open to all Regions registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th March 2022

**St Patrick's College
Banbridge, BT32 3AS**

Adjudicators

**Fiona Gallagher-Mullingar A.D.C.R.G.
Michelle McKernon- Belfast A.D.C.R.G.
Marcus Maloney Meath A.D.C.R.G**

Musician

Stephen Devlin, Derry



Dear Teachers, Parents and Dancers,

The Convery Academy of Irish Dancing warmly invites you to the Star of the County Down Championship Feis on Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th March 2022.

Our venue is St Patrick's College, Scarva Road, Banbridge, County Down, BT32 3AS. It is situated in Banbridge town centre. The College has both male and female changing areas, a practice area and car parking. Refreshments will be available on the day in both the Parents area and the complimentary Teachers area.

Banbridge has a number of local places of interest such as, the F.E McWilliams Gallery which is situated close to The Boulevard. The Boulevard is a retail outlet village offering designer and high street brands. There are a number of places to enjoy eating out as well as having an Omniplex showing all the latest movies. Take the opportunity to visit Banbridge's very popular boutique, Walk in Wardrobe, one of the top fashion destinations in Northern Ireland, located in Rathfriland Street.

The vendor, **IdanceIrish**, will also be in attendance. We look forward to seeing you and enjoying a day of excellent dancing.

Kind regards,
Melissa Convery Masterson A.D.C.R.G.



Directions: -

From Dublin – Follow signs for Belfast/Airport/M1/M50 and merge onto M50, keep right to continue on M1, follow signs for Belfast/Airport 1, keep right to continue on N1, continue onto A1, Turn left onto Rathfriland Road, Turn right onto Rathfriland Road/B10 (go through one roundabout), up Rathfriland Street, straight onto Scarva Street and straight onto Scarva Road and **St Patrick's College** is on the left.

From Belfast – Follow signs for Dublin, merge onto M1, take the A1 exit towards Sprucefield, At Sprucefield roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto A1, keep left to stay on A1, At Hillsborough roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Hillsborough Road/A1 (continue to follow A1), Turn left onto Rathfriland Road/B10 (go through one roundabout), up Rathfriland Street, straight onto Scarva Street and straight onto Scarva Road and **St Patrick's College** is on the left.

Flights: - Airlines that fly into Belfast & Dublin from England & Scotland.

EasyJet
Ryanair
Jet2
Flybe
Aer Lingus
British Airways

Accommodation: -

Belmont Hotel – Rathfriland Road, Banbridge, BT32 3LH Tel: 028 40662517

Downshire Arms Hotel – 95 Newry Street, Banbridge, BT32 3EF
Tel: 028 40668638

The Bannville Hotel – 174 Lurgan Road, Banbridge, County Down, BT32 4NR
Tel: 028 40628884

Banbridge Golfkeel Self Catering Cottages – 15 Ballykeel Road, Banbridge, BT32 3UE Tel: 028 40625580

Lisnacurran Country House – 6 Listullycurran Road, Dromore, BT25 1RB
Tel: 028 9269871



Saturday 12th March 2022

U/14 & U/15

U/16 & U/17

U/18 & U/20 & O/20

Sunday 13th March 2022

U/10 & U/11

U/12 & U/13

U/6 & U/7 Championship

U/8 & U/9 Championship

***PLEASE NOTE ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE. PLEASE BE READY TO GO 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR COMPETITION.**



Dances

U/6 & U/7	Reel, Single Jig, Jig
U/8 & U/9	Reel, Jig, Traditional Set Dance
U/10 upwards	Reel/ Slip Jig, Jig, Open Set Dance

Notes

U/10-U/16 Prelim Championship Incorporated - based on first 2 rounds

Top 5 in Open Championship will receive trophies and sashes
Top 5 in Prelim will receive trophies & 1st Place Sash

Age Groups capped at 30

Costs

Open & Prelim Championship

U/6 - U/9 £30 U/10 - Senior £40

(inc results pack & 2 solo results & admission for 1 parent/guardian)

All dancers (prelim and open) place in championship

Entries open - January 28th 2022

Entries close- February 11th 2022

Entries emailed to fran@mcevoy.co.uk



RULES

- 1) Adjudicator's decision is final.
- 2) Ages as of 1st January 2022.
- 3) No Refunds.
- 4) Objections in writing to committee members accompanied by a fee of £20.00.
- 5) The feis Committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injuries or articles lost at the feis.
- 6) To be eligible to compete in a Prelim Championship: Dancers must not have placed in the top 3 in an Open Championship judged by 3 or more adjudicators. Dancers must not have won a Preliminary Championship more than 2 times in the current year, HOWEVER, if there are 5 or less in a prelim competition the dancer is still eligible to compete in Preliminary Championship. Dancers must not have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in the current year or previous year. Dancers must not have recalled in the actual Championship at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann in the current year or previous year. Dancers having won 2 Preliminary Championships may not compete in any Mean grad competition for the remainder of the year however, if a dancer has won only one Preliminary Championship they may continue to compete in Mean grad (with the exception of the dances that they have won the Prelim Championship with.) Dancers who qualify for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne where there are five dancers or less in the competition at their Regional Oireachtas are exempt from this ruling. They may remain in the Preliminary Championships if they so wish. Boys who have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne, but were not placed in the top 3 at their Regional Oireachtas and who otherwise fulfil the Prelim Criteria, may continue to compete in Preliminary Grade. 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/Ard Grad: Reel 113, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 113
- 7) Any form of unauthorised photography will not be permitted whilst the dancers are performing on the stage.
- 8) All competitions are open to dancers from all regions.
- 9) The feis committee reserves the right to:
 - A) Transfer competitions/results to a different hall
 - B) Alternate competitions
 - C) Relieve an adjudicator
- 10) Make up is not permitted for dancers in either solo competitions, up to and including the Under 10 Age Group.
- 11) No Block, en Pointe movements, (stationary or moving) will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 11.
- 12) The feis committee has the right to refuse entry to the feis.
- 13) If you wish your child to be excluded from any photography, which may be uploaded to social media websites, please inform the feis organisers in advance.



RULES

14) 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, black tights (of a denier not less than 70 per cent) must be worn from the age of 14 and above (i.e. 14-15 age group).

15) Music will be played at the following speeds: Reel 113, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 113, Heavy Jig 73, Hornpipe 113. Traditional Set Dances: Blackbird 144, St. Patrick's Day 94, Job of Journeywork 138, Garden of Daises 138, King of the Fairies 130, Three Sea Captains 96, Jockey to the Fair 90.

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>

As a member of CLRG, I comply with the CLRG GDPR Regulations. Please see link for more information:

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

We are committed to ensuring that your information is secure. In order to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure, we have put in place suitable procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect. 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 by registered teachers via email. This information may be shared with An Comhairle Uladh, CLRG and members of the feis committee. If you have any concerns with the way your data is being collected, stored or used, please contact fran@e-mcevoy.co.uk

Any enquiries please feel free to contact:

Melissa Convery Masterson A.D.C.R.G

07923027525 (teachers only)

Or via email - fran@e-mcevoy.co.uk



ENTRY PROCESS

Entries will only be accepted from CLRG registered teachers via email on a first-come first-served basis. Each school's information should be sent in one email. Age groups will be capped at 30.

Please indicate if dancers are to be entered for the prelim championship.

ENTRIES OPEN : January 28th 2022

ENTRIES CLOSE : February 11th 2022

EMAIL ADDRESS : fran@e-mcevoy.co.uk

ENTRY FEE : U/6 - U/9 £30 U/10- Senior £40

overall championship/prelim result, two solo results and admission for one parent/guardian.

Marks pack will be available at no extra cost.

Teachers will receive an email requesting online payment which must be made within 48 hours. Once payment has been received, teachers will be notified that their dancers are fully registered and will receive further feis information at a later date.

If the entry cap has been reached, teachers will receive an email letting them know that their entries are on a waiting list and will be notified should a space become available due to non-payment. The junk mail folder will also be checked and entries will be allocated according to the time the email was received.

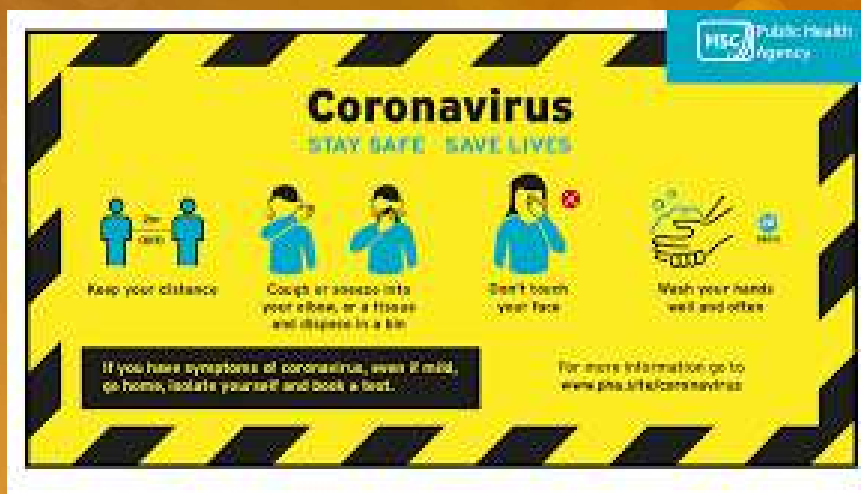
Entries for the feis indicates that dancers entered and their parents/guardians agree to adhere to the feis and venue guidelines. Fees are non-refundable except in the case that the event does not go ahead as planned.



Safety rules and information



The Star of the County Down Feis will run in accordance with NI government guidelines which can be found in full on the NI Direct website at: <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/coronavirus-covid-19>



By entering the feis you agree to:

- Sanitise your hands often - several stations will be available in the halls
- Stay at least 2 meters apart from those not in your group
- Wear a face covering if you are not competing
- Comply with all contact tracing procedures
- Arrive at your assigned time and be prepared to dance at your assigned times
- Follow the one-way system which will be clearly marked

Other safety measures in place:

- Online entry and payment eliminates the need for cash handling on the day
- Temperature checks at the door on entry
- All surfaces will be sanitised between each group entering the hall by cleaners
- Toilets will be sanitised regularly throughout the day by cleaners
- Strictly only one accompanying adult per dancer - no exceptions
- If there are falls or sickness on stage, only the accompanying adult will be permitted to assist
- No contact in presentations of awards
- Risk assessment required by law has been carried out and will be on display at the feis
- Separate entry and exit points

If you have a temperature, sore throat, headache, loss of taste, loss of smell, etc. you should NOT attend the feis. Please note that anyone who refuses to comply with the rules of the feis will be asked to leave, in the interest of the safety of all attendees of the feis.



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.

ACKNOWLEDEMENT 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.

ACKNOWLEDEGEGMNT 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 releases.

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: _____