



CARSON ACADEMY

PRESENTS

**THE
NORTHERN IRISH
DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP
2022**

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd April

**Girdwood Community Hub
10 Girdwood Ave, Belfast
BT146EG**

Syllabus approved by feis registrar of An Comhairle Uladh:

Maria McCaul-Mohan

Welcome Letter

Teachers, Parents & Dancers,

We would like to welcome you to the 2022 Northern Irish Dance Championships. This event will be held in the fabulous Girdwood Community Hub, minutes from Belfast City Centre. This event will take place one week prior to the World Championships 2022 held in Belfast and we look forward to welcoming our overseas friends, especially after 2 years of cancellations and to watch a fabulous standard of dancing from our champion and grade dancers.

We plan to offer 100% recall at this year's Championships. This will be determined when all entries are collected and if needed extra panel of adjudicators & musician will be employed to help us do so. There will be a Champion of Champions at the end of Saturday & end of championships Sunday. (Top 3) will be eligible.

If more than 5 boys there will be a separate boys Championships.

Ceili teams will perform two ceilis dances, as per the World Championships syllabus.

Adjudicators

David Smith (Glasgow, Scotland)

Leanne Nelson (Birmingham, England)

Sonia Leonard (Cavan, Ireland)

Musician

Liam O'Sullivan (Newcastle, England)

Provisional Dates

Saturday- Championships Under 10-Senior, including Ceili Championships.

Sunday- All grades and Championships Under 5-Under 9.

Final timetable will be released prior to the event.

Entries

Entries can be submitted via: <https://form.jotform.com/220251851422041>

Entries open: Monday 7th Feb and will close when caps are met.

One entrance fee will be added. If covid guidelines allow we can offer extra entrance spaces on the day.

Covid 19

All local government Covid-19 guidelines at the time of the event will be complied with. All entrants will be contacted if there are any changes to same.

There will be a strict No Refund policy on entries that can't attend.

A full refund will be given if the event is cancelled.

Contact Information

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07429496240 (teachers only)

Follow: Northern Irish Championships on Facebook for updated info.

We look forward to welcoming you to Belfast

Carson Academy Teachers

Championships

Age Group	Dances			Prelim
Under 5	Reel	Jig		
Under 6	Reel	Single jig	Light Jig	
Under 7	Reel	Single jig	Light Jig	
Under 8	Reel	Heavy Jig	Trad Set	YES
Under 9	Reel	Heavy Jig	Trad Set	YES
Under 10	Reel	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	YES
Under 11	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	YES
Under 12	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	YES
Under 13	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	YES
Under 14	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	YES
Under 15	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	YES
Under 16	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	YES
Under 17	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	
Under 18	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	
18-20	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	
Over 20	Reel/Slip Jig	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Set	
CEILI	Under 13	Under 16	Over 16	

Grades

Ungraded	Bungrad	Tusgrad	Meangrad
Trophy Reel	Trophy Reel	Trophy Reel	Trophy Reel
	Single Jig	Single Jig	Slip Jig
	Light Jig	Light Jig	Light Trophy Dance
	Slip Jig	Slip Jig	Heavy Trophy Dance
	Light Trophy Dance	Light Trophy Dance	Príomh Comortas
		Heavy Trophy Dance	
Under 5	Under 6	Under 7	Under 8
	Under 7	Under 8	Under 9
	Under 8	Under 9	Under 10
	Under 9	Under 10	Under 12
	Under 10	Under 12	Under 14
	10-12 / 12-14 & O.14	12-14 & O.14	Over 14

Prices

Championship Under 5- £20.00 (Includes overall results, 2 Solos & Marks)

Championship Under 6-Under 9- £30.00 (Includes overall results, 3 Solos & Marks)

Championship Under 10- Senior- £35.00 (Includes overall results, 2 Solos & Marks)

Open & Prelim- Extra £5.00 per person

Grades- £4.00 per dance

Trophy Dances- £5.00 per dance

Príomh Comortas- £15.00 (Includes overall results & 2 Solos)- One Heavy & One Light.

Ceili- £32.00 per team.

Awards

Championships, Prelims & Príomh Comortas- Top 5 Trophy & Sashes (Open winner a perpetual trophy)

Trophy dances- Top 3 Trophies winner a sash

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Rules

COMPETITION 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. Make-up (including false eyelashes and face-tan) is not permitted for dancers up to and including the Under 10 age group.
5. 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 percent) 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).
6. 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.
7. 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 hÉireann 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.
8. No block/e point (stationary or moving) will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 11.
9. 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.
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.

OTHER RULES

11. 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, with or without flash enhancement, is strictly prohibited. Photography is permitted during results.
12. Any parent who would not like their child to appear in photos taken by the feis committee should make the feis organiser aware prior to results being announced.
13. Any objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of result, accompanied by fee of £20.00.
14. The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injuries or articles lost at the feis. 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. 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.

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