

# City of Derry

GRADES SYLLABUS



*Sunday 15th May 22*

THE VALE CENTRE  
CLOONEY RD, DERRY  
BT47 3GE



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*Maria McCull-Mohan*



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# Welcome

Teachers, Parents & Dancers,

The Ferry Academy are delighted to welcome you to their first Grades Feis in the beautiful City of Derry.

Our City Of Derry Grades Feis 2022 will be held in the Vale Centre, Clooney road, Co.Derry.

Our school will be making a donation from our Grades Feis to **Foyle Search & Rescue**, a voluntary based charity set up in 1993 by local people who make a massive contribution to keep our city safe on the banks of the river Foyle. All supporting information is available within the syllabus.

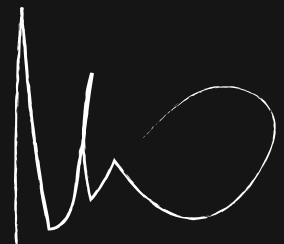
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to the team who will be happy to support:

**Email:** [CityofDerryChampionships@hotmail.com](mailto:CityofDerryChampionships@hotmail.com)

Please follow **Ferry Academy of Irish Dance** & **TheCityofDerryChampionships** on Facebook for updates and promotions ahead of the feis.


We look forward to welcoming you to our first ever feis!

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**Matthew Ferry**

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# Feis Info

## **Adjudicators:**

Julie O Donnell, ADCRG, Derry  
Joanne Mc Dermott, ADCRG, Derry

## **Musician:**

Stephen Devlin, Magerhafelt

## **Travel Information:**

### **Airport:**

City of Derry Airport (2 miles from venue)  
Belfast Intl Airport (53 miles from venue)  
Donegal Airport (65 miles from venue)

## **Driving:**

Located eight miles east of Derry, on the main A2 route to Limavady and the North Coast, with beautiful views of the Foyle Valley

## **Vendor Information:**

Feis Fayre - largest Irish Dance Shop in Ireland will have a stand at the feis for all your needs.  
Visit [feisfayre.com](http://feisfayre.com) for great offers!

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# Stage A

# Stage B

8.30	<b>DOORS OPEN</b>	
9.00	U9 BUNGRAD	U10 BUNGRAD
10.00	U9 TUSGRAD	U10 TUSGRAD
11.00	U9 MEANGRAD	U10 MEANGRAD
12.00	FUTURE CHAMPIONS: TINY TOTS U5 UNGRADED REEL U5 LIGHT JIG / SINGLE	
12.30-13.00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13.00	U6 BUNGRAD U7 BUNGRAD	U8 BUNGRAD 10-12 BUNGRAD
15.00	U7 TUSGRAD 10-12 TUSGRAD	U8 TUSGRAD 12-14 TUSGRAD
16.15	U8 MEANGRAD U10 MEANGRAD	10-12 MEANGRAD 12-14 MEANGRAD OVER 14 MEANGRAD
	<b>FEIS CLOSURE</b>	

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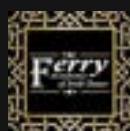
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<b>Tiny Tots</b>	<b>Ungraded</b>	<b>Bungrad</b>	<b>Tusgrad</b>	<b>Meangrad</b>
Easy Reel	Trophy Reel	Trophy Reel	Trophy Reel	Trophy Reel
	Light Jig / Single Jig	Single Jig	Single Jig	Slip Jig
		Light/Heavy Jig	Light/Heavy Jig	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe
		Slip Jig	Slip Jig	Light Trophy Dance
		Light Trophy Dance	Light Trophy Dance	Heavy Trophy Dance
		Heavy Trophy Dance	Heavy Trophy Dance	Trad Set Dance
				Priomh Comortas Light / Heavy
	Under 5	Under 6	Under 7	Under 8
		Under 7	Under 8	Under 9
		Under 8	Under 9	Under 10
		Under 9	Under 10	10 - 12
		Under 10	10 - 12	12 - 14
		10 - 12	12 - 14	Over 14
		12- 14	Over 14	

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# Entry Fees

Solo Dances - £4.00

Trophy Dances - £5.00

Meangrad Priomh Comortas - £15.00  
(Includes overall results & 2 solos)

Admission payable on the day £5.00

## Awards

Trophy Dances:

Top 5 Winners - Trophy & Sash

Meangrad Priomh Comortas:

Top 5 Winners - Trophy & Sash

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# How to enter?

**Entries Open:** March 21st

**Entries Close:** May 9th

**Email Address:** CityofDerrychampionshs@hotmail.com

**Pre Entry only is required**

Once your entry is received you will receive confirmation that your dancer(s) are registered.

You are responsible for ensuring all entries are correct.

All entries to be paid in Sterling.

**[Click here to register](#)**



**Contact Information:**

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# Feis Rules

- Age as at 1st January (year of feis)
- Competitors in Bun Grad & Tus Grad, up to and including the Under 12 age group, 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.
- 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. Clarification: Both make up rules refer to the age group of the competition, not the actual age of the dancer. For example, 9 year old dancers, competing in a team that is entered Under 12, may wear make-up or at a feis where the youngest Open Championship age group is Under 11, then all dancers in that competition may wear make-up.

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- Length of costume 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 wear black tights (of a denier not less than 70 percent) in order to continue in the competition. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator, all adjudicators on the panel must agree to asking the dancer to wear tights.
- Appropriate undergarments covering the midriff must be worn. Undergarments must provide full coverage (as per illustration on [www.clrg.ie](http://www.clrg.ie)). Dancers wearing undergarments that do not cover the areas of the body as in the illustrated example will be asked to put on black tights of a denier of not less than 70%. This is monitored by the adjudicator. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator all adjudicator on the panel must agree to ask the dancer to put on tights.
- 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.
- 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.

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- Tus 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. Steps in Tus Grad Heavy Jigs and Hornpipe must be similar to those used in St.Patrick's Day and Blackbird.
- 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.
- 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.
- A Preliminary Championship must be adjudicated by 3 or more Adjudicators and must consist of 2 Rounds, 1 Light Round – Reel/Slip Jig and 1 Heavy Round – Heavy Jig/Hornpipe. Preliminary Championships may run as a “stand-alone” competition or may be incorporated into the Open Championship. Dancers may compete in an Open or a Preliminary Championship or both.
- 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.

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- 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, Heavy Jig 73, Hornpipe 113

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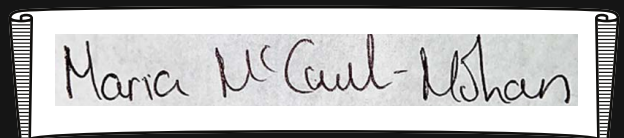
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- **Traditional Set Dances:**
- St. Patrick's Day 94, The Blackbird 144, Job of Journeywork 138, Garden of Daisies 138, King of the Fairies 130, Three Sea Captains 96, Jockey to the Fair 90
- All competitors will be required a dance a MINIMUM number of 40 bars, except in Slip Jigs, Hornpipes & Bun Grad Reels where a MINIMUM number of 32 bars will be required.
- Where there is a Treble Reel competitions, all competitors will be required to dance a MINIMUM of 16 bars.
- 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.
- Changing of costumes, dressing and undressing, is not permitted in the halls or public areas.
- No block, en point, stationery or moving will be allowed for all ages up to and including Under 12. However dancers in will be competing in the 12-13 age group in the following year, will be exempt from this rule from 1st September. 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.
- 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**.

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# Covid Safety

## By entering the City of Derry Feis you agree to:

- Sanitise / wash your hands often - stations will be available on entry and within the hall.
- Stay at least 2 meters apart from individuals not in your group.
- Please comply with all contact tracing procedures.

If you have **any** symptom's of Covid (Sore Throat, Headache, loss of taste or smell, etc. or **ANY** symptom's, you should not attend the Feis.

## Safety is key!

## Our safety precautions in place:

- Online entry to reduce the need for cash handling.
- All surfaces to be sanitised between each group entering the hall.
- Separate entry and exit points.

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