

Céad míle Fáilte



CHESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Ormskirk High School
Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AT**

12th March 2022

Adjudicators

Sylvan Kelly (ADCRG)	Mayo, Ireland
Fiona Diggins (ADCRG)	London, UK
Linda Ball Hoban (ADCRG)	Limerick, Ireland
Michelle Greene (ADCRG)	Glasgow, UK
Niall Holly (ADCRG)	Dublin, Ireland
Mark Skehill (ADCRG)	London, UK
Maria Stanley (ADCRG)	Nottingham, UK
Ann Ash (ADCRG)	Manchester, UK
Marie McGuigan (ADCRG)	Manchester, UK

Musicians

Gerry Conlon	Glasgow, UK
Ann Murray	Liverpool, UK
Michelle O'Leary	Manchester, UK





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Dear Dancers, Parents and Teachers,

On behalf of the Rogers Academy, we would like to extend to you all, a very warm welcome to the Cheshire Championships 2022. Hosting the event prior to the Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2022 is an excellent practice opportunity for solo competitors and teams.

We return this year to Ormskirk High School and easily accessible from Liverpool & Manchester Airports (30-40 mins away), rail and motorway networks. The venue offers state of the art facilities, staging and stadium seating in the championship hall, presentation room, and practice area, catering facilities offering both hot and cold food and drinks.

We are delighted to have an esteemed judging panel and talented musicians from across Ireland, Scotland and England.

So that family and friends can keep in touch with the days' events there will be live commentary via the Cheshire Championships Facebook page 'Cheshire Championships' and Instagram '@cheshirechampionships'. Melaine Murphy, Feiswear, Cheshire Sanctuary - Reflexology and Vicky Anderson will be attending the event to ensure that the dancers have everything they need. Mark packs will be available to purchase on the day.

We will be running Championships starting from Under 6. Perpetual Cups will be awarded in both sections along with sashes and unique awards. In the grade competitions every child will receive a medal in the reel, single jig and the light trophy, and we will also be having a FULL Novice Grade Trophy in all age groups up to and including Under 11. Trophies and sashes will be award in all top 3 competitors in the grade Light and Heavy Trophy competitions.

We would like to invite the top 3 champions in each age group inc preliminary champion to join us for the 'Parade of Champions'.

Following on from our last event, we will be hosting an U5 Ungraded reel competition to celebrate our future stars. All of our U5 Ungraded dancers will line up on the main stage and perform one at a time for 16 bars. They will ALL receive a special prize for their performance. This is always a crowd pleaser across the UK as we invite the first "Stars of the Future" in the North West. From U10 Championships will be a panel of 3 x adjudicators for rounds 1 & 2 and a different 3 x adjudicators for the recall set dance.

We look forward to meeting & welcoming you to the forthcoming Cheshire Championships.

Warmest regards,

Kieran Rogers A.D.C.R.G.

Enquires: info@cheshirechampionships.co.uk





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Transport:

Taxi: Ormskirk Taxi's: Tel: 01695 575757

Nearest Rail: Ormskirk Station (5 mins away from the venue)

Nearest Airports: **Liverpool John Lennon (30 mins)** Ryanair, Flybe, WIZZAir & Easy Jet
Manchester (40 mins) Ryanair, Aer Lingus, Lufthansa, BA, Jet 2

Accommodation:

Base Hotel: **Lancashire Manor Hotel**, Prescott Road, Pimbo,
Lancashire WN8 9QD. Tel: 01695 567260
www.lancashiremanorhotel.com

Alternative: **Briars Hall Country House Hotel (10 minutes away from venue)**, Briars Lane, Lathom, L40 5TH. Tel 01704832368
www.briarshallhotel.co.uk

Premier Inn Ormskirk, 544 Southport Road, Scarisbrick,
Ormskirk, L40 9RG. Tel: 08715279010

Competitor Prices:

Solo Dances - £5	Trophy Dances - £10
Stars of the future U5 - £5.00	Ceili/Figure Dancing - £3 p/p
Preliminary Championships - £35.00	(Inc. 2 x solo results)
Open Championship U6 – U9 - £35.00	(Inc. 2 x solo results)
Open Championships - £40.00	(Inc. 2 x solo results)

A dancer entering in the Intermediate section who is also dancing Preliminary will pay a maximum of £55

Family Fee - £75.00 maximum (see Rule 56)

Door Admission:

£5.00 per adult £3.00 Concession

Entries:

Closing date for prepaid entries is **Monday 28th February 2022** to:
Kieran Rogers via email
info@cheshirechampionshipsco.uk.

Entries after this date including on the day of the championships will incur a £5 administration fee per dancer.





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Grade Competitions

Novice (Bun):

U6 to U11

Reel, Hop Jig, Light Jig, Slip Jig & Light Trophy

Primary (Tus):

U6 to 13 Over

Reel, Light Jig, Hop Jig, Slip Jig, Light Trophy, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Heavy Trophy

Primary Trophy - See Rule 16

Intermediate (Mean):

U6 to 14 & Over

Reel, Light Jig, Hop Jig, Slip Jig, Light Trophy, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Heavy Trophy

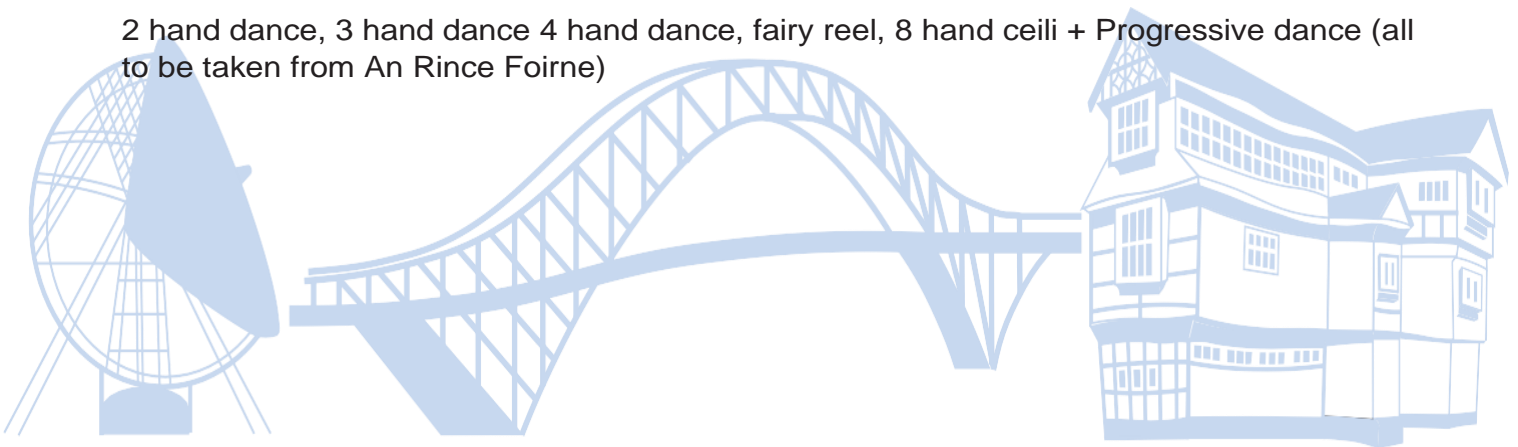
U6, U7 & U8 - Traditional Set

14 & Over - Open Set Dance

Intermediate Trophy - See Rule 24

Ceili/ Figure Competitions:

2 hand dance, 3 hand dance 4 hand dance, fairy reel, 8 hand ceili + Progressive dance (all to be taken from An Rince Foirne)





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Preliminary Championships:

U10 - 14 Over Reel or Slip Jig & Heavy Jig or Hornpipe. Solo results being given for each round. Round one will be the light dance and round two will be the heavy dance.

Number of bars required for preliminary championships for the Reel/Heavy Jig = 40 Bars, Slip Jig/Hornpipe = 32 Bars.

Preliminary competitions will be combined with Open Championship.

Open Championships:

Time permitting all open championship dancers will be recalled for their open set, otherwise it will be 50% recall over 20 competitors. Round one will be the light dance and round two will be the heavy dance. There will be a 100% recall on Senior dancers.

U6 & U7	Reel, Hop Jig and Light Jig or Heavy Jig.
U8 & U9	Reel & Heavy Jig (Recall Traditional Set).
U10 - Seniors	Reel or Slip Jig & Heavy Jig or Hornpipe & (Recall Open Set) Note: U10 may perform a traditional set dance as a recall dance if required.

Championships with a panel of 3 adjudicators will be held from U6 upwards, with solo results being given for each round. A separate panel of 3 adjudicators for recall dancers from U10 upwards.

Number of bars required for all championships for the Reel/ Heavy Jig = 40 Bars, Slip Jig/ Hornpipe = 32 Bars.

Approved by the NWRC Feis Secretary:

Nicola King ADCRG





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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE – Final timetable to be announced 1st March 2022:

Time	Championship Hall	Dance Hall	Gym Floor A	Gym Floor B	Gym Floor C
08:00	U10	U8/ U9 (Alternating)			
08:15					
08:30			U9 Novice	U10 Novice	U11 Novice
08:45					
09:00	U11	U10 Sets	U9 Primary	U10 Primary	U11 Primary
09:15					
09:30					
09:45	U12	U11 Sets			
10:00					
10:15					
10:30					
10:45	U13	U12 Sets	U9 Intermediate	U10 Intermediate	U11 Intermediate
11:00					
11:15					
11:30	U19	U13 Sets			
11:45					
12:00					
12:15	U5 Future Stars - Ungraded	U19 Set	U6 Novice	U7 Novice	U8 Novice
12:30					
12:45					
13:00	BREAK		BREAK		
13:15					
13:30	U21	BREAK			
13:45					
14:00	Senior	U6 & U7 Champ (Alternating)	U6 Primary	U7 Primary	U8 Primary
14:15					
14:30					
14:45	U14	U21 Sets			
15:00					
15:15					
15:30					
15:45	U15	Senior Sets	U6 Intermediate	U7 Intermediate	U8 Intermediate
16:00					
16:15	U16	U14 Sets			
16:30					
16:45					
17:00	U17	U15 Sets	U12 Primary	U13 Primary	U14 + Primary
17:15					
17:30					
17:45					
18:00			U12 Intermediate	U13 Intermediate	U14/ O14 Intermediate
18:15	U17	U16 Sets			
18:30					
18:45					
19:00					
19:15					
19:30		U17 Sets			
19:45					
20:00					





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Standard Rules for North West Feiseanna

(As of December 2021)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Ages to be taken from 1st January 2022
2. Entries will only be accepted from schools currently registered with An Coimisiun.
3. Lodgement of entries at a Feis implies that you accept the rules relating to the Feis in their entirety as laid down by the NWRC and An Coimisiun, and that you accept that the Results of the Feis will be published on the NWRC website.

ADJUDICATORS & MUSICIANS

4. The Adjudicators decisions are final. The Adjudicators should not be approached by any persons other than the Feis Committee.
5. Pupils of an Adjudicator employed at a particular Feis may not take part in the Feis even if the adjudicator is judging alternative age groups.
6. Any Adjudicator from outside the NW Region cannot judge an Open Feis in the North West Region within 6 months of their last adjudication in the region. Any Adjudicator from the North West Region cannot judge an Open Feis in the North West Region within 3 months of their last adjudication in the region.
7. An Adjudicator from outside the North West Region may not adjudicate a Class Feis in the North West Region in the 6 months leading up to adjudicating an Open Feis in the Region.
8. All musicians should be competent and abide by the prescribed An Coimisiun metronomic speeds below.

Novice

Reel 122-124 Light jig 116 Single jig 124 Slip Jig 124 Heavy Jig 96 Hornpipe 144

Primary

Reel 116-118 Light jig 116 Single jig 124 Slip Jig 120 Heavy Jig 76 Hornpipe 118

Intermediate/Open

Reel 113 Slip Jig 113 Heavy Jig 73 Hornpipe 113

Traditional Set Dances

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

NOVICE AND PRIMARY GRADE

9. There will be a minimum of 2 Novice Dances up to and including Under 11. Only the most basic Steps may be performed in this grade. Children entering the Novice cannot enter the Primary for the same dances.
10. All Novice, Primary, Intermediate, Preliminary and Open Competitions are open to all Regions.
11. If there are more than 20 competitors in any Novice competition then 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed dancers must move up to the next grade. If there are 20 or fewer competitors, then only the 1st placed dancer will be required to move up to the next grade.
12. Any competitions in Novice, Primary and Intermediate, in which there are 5 or fewer dancers shall not count for grading purposes. However a Dancer may only place in 3 such competitions and they then must move up to the next grade.
13. There will be no restriction on the step content performed in the Primary grade.
14. A Primary dancer is one who has never won a first in that particular dance, except in Novice Grade.
15. If there are more than 20 competitors in any Primary solo competition then 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed dancers must move up to the next grade. If there are 20 or fewer competitors, then only the 1st placed dancer will be required to move up to the next grade.
16. Novice/Primary Trophy Competitions are confined to dancers who have never won a Novice/Primary Trophy. Any Light Dance can be performed for the Trophy but it must have been danced in the Novice/Primary section on the day of the Feis.
17. A winner of a Novice/Primary Trophy Competition must move up to the next grade for both the Dance they performed to win the Trophy and the Trophy competition itself.
18. Only skirts and tops or a simple current class costume may be worn in the Novice and Primary Grades.
19. In the event of there being no provision for a particular age group, a dancer may dance up an age group, however on attaining first place in any dance, that dancer must remain in the higher grade for that dance for the remainder of the year.
20. At any one Feis, a Novice or Primary dancer may only dance each Solo Dance, the Light Trophy and the Heavy Trophy in ONE GRADE only.





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INTERMEDIATE GRADE

21. An Intermediate Dancer is one who has never won a first place in that particular dance in their present age group.
22. Intermediate Trophy competitions are confined to dancers who have never won an Intermediate Trophy in their present age group. Any Light Dance can be performed for the Trophy but it must have been danced in the Intermediate section on the day of the Feis.
23. A winner of an Intermediate Trophy Competition must move up to the next grade for both the Dance they performed to win the Trophy and the Trophy competition itself.
24. At any one Feis, an Intermediate dancer may only dance each Solo Dance, the Light Trophy and the Heavy Trophy, in ONE GRADE only, with the exception of intermediate dancers wishing to enter the Preliminary or Open Trophy/Championship.
25. In the event of there being no provision for a particular age group, then a dancer may dance up an age group, however on attaining first place in any dance, that dancer must remain in the higher grade for that dance for the remainder of the year.
26. Any competition in which there are 5 or fewer dancers shall not count for grading purposes. However, a Dancer may only win 3 such competitions and they then must move up to the next grade.

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

27. A minimum number of three Adjudicators must officiate.
28. The first age group for a Preliminary Championship is Under 10.
29. Where a Preliminary Championship is held separate from an Open Championship, three rounds should be offered, namely; Reel or Slip Jig, Heavy Jig or Hornpipe and any Set Dance.
30. Where a Preliminary Championship is combined with an Open Championship, then the result should be taken from eligible dancers' ranking after the first two rounds.
31. Where there are separate Preliminary and Open Championships, dancers can compete in both at the discretion of the Feis organiser.
32. Where a competitor wins two Preliminary Championships they must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter.
33. For grading purposes, two wins will be taken as being in any two year rolling period. Where a dancer does not win a second Preliminary within two years of winning their first Preliminary Championship, then the first win will be deemed as having expired and the dancer starts afresh.
34. Where there are less than 6 in a Preliminary Championship that win will not normally be considered for grading purposes. However, where a dancer wins three Preliminary Championships regardless of the number of competitors in each competition, that dancer must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter.
35. Dances performed in a Preliminary Championships do not count for grading in solo competitions.
Due to Covid-19 restrictions, and until further notice, please also note the following:
36. All dancers*, who are included on the official confirmed list of qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022, are not eligible to compete in Preliminary Championships until further notice. *This excludes dancers that auto qualified at their Regional or National Oireachtas due to lack of numbers.
36. Dancers placing 1st-3rd in an Open Championship with up to 20 competitors or 1st-5th in an Open Championship with more than 20 Competitors cannot compete in a Preliminary Championship for a period of 12 month.

OPEN GRADE

38. In all age groups any dancer who has previously won an Open Championship before a panel of at least three adjudicators does NOT have to dance Open if they are eligible for a lower grade.
39. In all age groups, (with the exception of under 6 and under 7), where solos and Championships are run separately, competitors must have performed 1 light dance and 2 heavy dances to be eligible for the Premier Trophy/Championship. This does not apply where solos are combined in with the Championship.
40. The wording 'Championship' will only be used where there is a panel of at least 3 adjudicators.

ALL GRADES

41. No block, en pointe, stationary or moving, will be allowed to be performed by any dancers up to and including the Under 11 Age Group. The Under 12 age group is also governed by this rule up until 1st September each year after which they are permitted to perform the movement.
42. Dancers must dance in their own age group for solo competitions if that age group is provided for.
43. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove them will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed apparatus, proof of which may be required, will be exempt from this.





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FIGURE DANCING

44. Figure teams may contain up to 50% from a lower age group.

GENERAL FEIS RULES

45. Make up (including false eyelashes and tanner on the face) will not be permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group, and any dancer in the first two grades (Novice and Primary) up to and including the Under 12 age group worldwide. This rule refers to the age group of the competition, not the actual age of the dancer. Leg tan is NOT part of this rule.

46. Any protest against breach of rules must be made be in writing, within 1 hour of the conclusion of the relevant competition and accompanied by a fee of £10.00, which will be refunded should the objection be upheld.

47. Medals will be awarded in accordance with the minimum requirements as laid down by the NWRC:

- 1 medal where there is 3 competitors
- 2 medals where there are 5 competitors
- 3 medals where there are 7 competitors
- 4 medals where there are 10 competitors and
- 1 medal for each additional 10 or part of 10 competitors.

48. The Feis Organiser reserves the right to cancel any competition should there be insufficient entries.

49. In the interest of Health, hairspray and any other aerosols must not be used in any of the dancing areas.

50. In accordance with the ruling laid down by An Coimisiun and in the interest of safety, dancers are asked to be suitably dressed at all times and should not undress in the competition halls.

51. Mobile phones and electronic games must be switched off in all of the dancing areas.

52. Abusive language and offensive behaviour will not be tolerated. Any person acting in such a way will be asked to leave the Feis.

53. Feis Organisers will, as far as is practicable, provide a stage surface suitable for dancing. However, the Feis Organisers cannot accept liability for injuries sustained whilst on the dancing areas. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer.

54. 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.

55. 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 competition

56. Where Family Fees are applicable. These fees shall only include 1 Light Trophy and 1 Heavy Trophy per Child. Any additional Trophy Competitions (including Prelim and Open Championships) are not eligible for the Family Fee and need to be paid for separately.

