



30th & 31st May 2026

Armagh City Hotel

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Armagh City Championships



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Welcome

Dear Teachers, Parents and Dancers,

You are warmly invited to our 7th Armagh City Championships, taking place on Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May 2026 in the beautiful Armagh City Hotel.

Championship dancers will be judged by a panel of six adjudicators.

We are delighted to offer competitors a championship stage measuring 48ft by 24ft.

We have put a strict email entry deadline for Monday 25th May at **6pm** in order to keep the weekend running smoothly.

We look forward to welcoming you all to a weekend of excellent dancing!

Lorraine Scallon ADCRG
07833357813 (teachers only)

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Feis Info

Our wonderful panel of adjudicators and musicians are:

Adjudicators:

Micheal Stanley - England

Lori Hall - Leinster

Sharon McCaul - Ulster (championship only)

Kerrie McAteer - Ulster (championship only)

Rebecca Loughran - England (championship only)

Aidan Comerford - England (championship only)

Musicians:

Paul O'Donnell - Antrim

Ronan Wadsworth - Down

Our vendors:

Feis Fayre - @feisfayre on Instrgram

KD Dance Bling - @kddancebling on Instagram

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Entry Fees •

Open Championships £35
(2 solo results)

Preliminary championship only £30
(U8 - U16, results based on first 2 rounds)

Open and prelim championship £40
(Dancers can be placed in both)

Solo Grade dances	£5 (per dance)
Trophy dance	£6
Stars of the Future	£6
Príomh Comortas	£20

(overall and 2 solo results)

Entries by Feis Connēct via following link

Closing date for entries: 25th May 2026

Door Admission: £6 sterling (per adult, payable in cash on the day)

Dances

U6 & U7 Championship – Reel, Single jig, Light or Heavy Jig

U8 & U9 Championship – Reel, Jig, Traditional Set Dance

U10 – O18 Championship – Reel or Slip Jig, Heavy Jig or Hornpipe, Set Dance on recall

In Championships: A panel of three adjudicators will judge the first two rounds. A panel of three different adjudicators will adjudicate the third round. In an age group with 20 competitors or less will be 100% recall. Preliminary Championships from U8 – U16 (Results will be based on the first 2 rounds)

Trophies and sashes will be awarded to 1st - 5th in Championships.

Trophies and sashes will be awarded to 1st – 5th In Preliminary Championships.

Trophies will be awarded 1st – 5th and 1st place sash in all trophy dances.

Trophies will be awarded 1st - 5th and 1st place sash in Príomh Comortas overall.

100% awards in trophy dances and championship light rounds.

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Rules:

1. No refunds except in the case of the event being cancelled.
 2. Adjudicator's decision is final.
 3. Age as of 1st January 2026
 4. Entries only accepted from parents with dancers currently registered with a school under An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
 5. Competitors in Bun Grád and Tús Grád, up to and including under 12 age group, may only wear traditional class costumes or long/ short sleeved blouses/ shirts and skirts/ trousers, polo tops and skirt/ trousers, bodysuits and skirts or tunics that conform to the regular costumes length rule. Low-cut tops and short tight skirts are not permitted.
 6. Makeup (including false lashes and face-tan) is not permitted for dancers, either in solo or team competitions, up to and including the under 10 age group.
 7. Makeup will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades (Bun Grád and Tús Grád or equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group worldwide.
 8. 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 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.
 9. Appropriate undergarments covering the midriff must be worn. Undergarments must provide full coverage (as per illustrations on 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 adjudicators on the panel must agree to ask the dancer to put on tights.
 10. Bun Grád competitions are confined to competitors who at the time of entry have never won 1st place (or being graded as per below) in that particular dance in any group or grade. Basic steps are only permitted in Bun Grád.
 11. Tús Grád competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st place (or being graded as per below) in that particular dance in any age in Tús Grád, Mean Grád or Ard Grád. Dancers may perform either basic steps or their first hard/ difficult version of each dance. Steps in Tús Grád Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes must be similar to those used in St. Patrick's Day and Blackbird.
 12. In Bun and Tús Grád competitions, one dancer moves up to the next grade if there is less than 20 competitors, two dancers move up if there are between 21 and 40 competitors and three dancers move up if there is over 40 competitors. 1
 13. Mean Grád competitions are confined to dancers who at the time of entry, have never won 1st place in that particular dance in Mean Grád or Ard Grád in that age group or a higher age group.
 14. A prelim championship must be judged by 3 adjudicators and must consist of 2 rounds. 1 Light round - reel / slip jig and 1 heavy round - hornpipe / heavy jig. Prelim championships must
 15. To be eligible to compete in Prelim Championships; 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 Prelim Championship more than two times in the current year. HOWEVER, if there are 5 or less dancers in a prelim competition, the dancer is still eligible to dance in prelim. Dancers must not have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in the current or previous year. Dancers must not have recalled in the actual championship at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann in the current or previous year. Dancers having won 2 Prelim Championships may not compete in any Mean Grád competitions for the rest of the year. HOWEVER, if a dancer has only won one Prelim Championship, they may continue to compete in Mean Grád (with the exception of competing in the dances they won the Prelim Championship with). Dancers who qualify for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne where there are 5 dancers or less in the competition at their Regional Oireachtas are exempt from this ruling. They may remain in the Prelim Championship if they so wish. Boys who have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne but were not place in the top 3 at their Regional Oireachtas and who otherwise fulfil the Prelim criteria, may continue to compete in the Prelim Grade.
 16. Music Speeds: BUNGRÁD: Reel 122-124, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 124, Heavy Jig 96, Hornpipe 144. TÚSGRÁD: Reel 116-118, Light Jig 116, Single Jig 124, Slip Jig 120, Heavy Jig 84, Hornpipe 130. MEANGRÁD: 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, The Garden of Daisies 138, King of the Fairies 130, Three Sea Captains 96 or Jockey to the Fair 90.
 17. All competitors will be required to dance a MINIMUM number of 40 bars, except the slip jig, hornpipe and bungrád reel, where a MINIMUM of 32 bars will be required.
- Other rules:**
18. 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 camera, with or without flash enhancement, is forbidden during all competitions.
 19. Any parents/ guardians who would not like their child to appear in any photos taken by the feis committee should make the feis organiser aware prior to results being announced.
 20. Changing of costumes, dressing or undressing is not permitted in the halls or public areas.
 21. No block, en-pointe, stationery or moving will be allowed for all age groups up to and including Under 12. However, dancers who will be competing in the 12-13 age group in the following year, will be exempt from this rule from 1st September.
 22. 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 be permitted to perform.
 23. The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for any personal injuries or articles lost at the feis.
 24. The feis committee reserve 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 reserve the right to use a relief adjudicator.
 25. The feis committee reserve the right to refuse feis entries or entrance into the feis.
 26. The Child Protection Designated Liaison Officer for the Ulster region is Chantelle Deazley. If you have any concerns for any child's safety at the event, please contact her: vettingni@clrg.ie
 27. Stars of the Future is open to all dancers under 6 years at 1st January 2026.

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**Saturday 30th May
Championship**

Time	Hall A	Hall B
8.30am	U12 and U13 First 2 rounds	U12 and U13 sets
9.45am	U6 and U7 (Reel and Single Jig) U8 and U9 First 2 rounds	U8 and U9 mixed traditional sets U6 and U7 Light/Heavy Jig
11.30am	U10 and U11 First 2 rounds	U10 and U11 sets
	LUNCH	LUNCH
1.30pm	U14 and U15 First two rounds	U14 and U15 sets
3.00pm	U16 and U17 First 2 rounds	U16 and U17 Sets U18 and O18 Sets
4.00pm	U18 and O18 First 2 rounds	
	PARADE OF CHAMPIONS	

Parade of Champions Competition - We invite the top 3 dancers in each championship to perform 16 bars of preferred light dance.

The winner of the Champion of Champions will receive a perpetual cup.

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**Sunday 31st May
Grades**

Time	Stage 1	Hall A	Stage 2
9.00am	U8 Bungrád		U6 and U7 Bungrád alternating
10.30am	U8 Túsgrád		U6 Túsgrád U7 Túsgrád
12 noon	STARS OF THE FUTURE		
	LUNCH		LUNCH
1.30pm	U8 Meangrád and Priomh Comortas		U12 Meangrád and Priomh Comortas
2.45pm	U10 Bungrád 10-12 Bungrád		U9 Bungrád
4pm	U10 Túsgrád 10-12 Túsgrád		U9 Túsgrád
5pm	U10 Meangrád and Priomh Comortas		U9 Meangrád and Priomh Comortas
5.45pm	12-14 Bungrád 12-14 Túsgrád 12-14 Meangrád and Priomh Comortas		O14 Bungrád O14 Túsgrád O14 Meangrád abd Priomh Comortas

Dances:

Bungrad – Easy reel, single jig, light jig, slip Jig, light trophy dance

Tusgrad – Reel, single jig, slip jig, light jig, light trophy dance, heavy trophy dance

Meangrad – Reel, single jig, slip jig, light/heavy jig, light trophy dance, heavy trophy dance

Priomh Comortas - Any light dance and any heavy dance. (Starting with heavy).

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Travel times from local airports
Belfast international Airport – 50 mins
Belfast City George Best – 55 mins
Dublin Airport – 75 mins

From Dublin

- Get on M1 heading northbound
- Continue north M1 – N1 – A1 (Continuous road). This road has €1.90 toll
- Take exit for Armagh Craigavon (A28) from A1
- At the roundabout take 1st exit A28 Armagh
 - Follow A28 until road ends
- Take left slip road onto Friary Rd/A3
 - Armagh City hotel is on the left.

From Belfast

- Get onto M1 Signposted the West, The South, Dublin
- At junction 11, take the M12 exit to Craigavon/Portadown/Armagh
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto M12 heading to Craigavon/Portadown /Armagh
 - Turn left onto Northway/A3
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Armagh Rd/A3
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Portadown Rd/A3
 - At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Drumadd Rd
 - Continue straight through 2 sets of traffic lights
 - Armagh City Hotel is on the right

From the West

- From Ballygawley Roundabout
 - Take exit signposted Aughnacloy (A5), Dublin (A5). Armagh (A28)
 - Continue to follow A5 through Aughnacloy
 - Leave Aughnacloy continuing on A28
 - Enter Village of Caledon, take right continuing on A28
 - Continue onto Friary Rd
 - Armagh City Hotel is on the right just after traffic lights
- #### From the North
- From the Stangmore Roundabout Dungannon
 - Exit the roundabout onto A29 Signposted Moy, Armagh
 - At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Railway St/A29
 - At the roundabout, continue straight onto The Mall/Rokeby Green/A3
 - At 1st traffic lights Turn right onto Barrack St/A3
 - Continue straight through 2nd traffic light
 - Armagh City hotel is on the left

From the South West

- From Coolshannagh Roundabout Monaghan
 - Take exit signposted Armagh N12
 - Continue to follow N12
- Continue though the village of Middletown
 - Continue onto Monaghan Rd/A3
 - Continue to follow A3
- Turn left onto A29/A3 (Opposite St Malachy Chapel)
 - Turn left onto Friary Rd
- Armagh City Hotel is on right after traffic lights

