



Mc Conomy, Bradley, Doherty
Academy
Presents



IRELAND'S
NORTH
WEST
CHAMPIONSHIPS

In
Shantallow Community Centre
Derry
BT48 8EN
12th September 2026

Moltoirí:

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Dear Teachers, Parents & Dancers,

We would like to welcome you to the 2026 Ireland's Northwest Championships which will be hosted by McConomy Bradley Doherty Academy of Irish Dance on 12th September 2026 in Shantallow Community Centre, Derry BT48 8EN.

All Championships from Under 6 to Senior will be adjudicated by a panel of 3 adjudicators. There will be separate boys' championships where there are 5 or more boys. Where there are less than 5 boys, there will be a cup for Top Boy .

Perpetual Cup will be awarded for 1st place. Tiaras for winners of Girls championships.

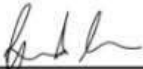
Trophies and Sashes will be awarded for the Top 5 in Open championships.

Trophy and Sashes will be awarded for top 3 in Preliminary Championships.

In grade competitions Trophy dance (winner) receives Trophy and Sash, second and third trophy only.

Preliminary Championships are from U9-U16.

MCBDA Teachers

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HALL A

<i>Time</i>	<i>Championship</i>	<i>Dances</i>
8.30am	U 13 Championship U 14 Championship U 15 Championship	Reel/Slip Jip Jig/Hornpipe any Set Dance
11.00am	U 7 Championship U 8 Championship U 9 Championship	Reel/light or heavy jig/single jig Reel/Jig/Trad set Reel/Jig/Trad set
<u>Under 9</u>	Step down the line	Hornpipe
12.30pm	U 5 Championship U 6 Championship	Reel/Light Jig Reel/Light Jig/Single Jig

Stars of the future-16 bars Reel

2.30pm	U 10 Championship U 11 Championship U 12 Championship	Reel/Slip Jip Jig/ Hornpipe/any Set Dance
5.00pm	U 16 Championship U 17 Championship U 18 Championship Over 18 Championship	Reel/Slip Jip Jig/Hornpipe/any Set Dance

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HALL B

<u>Time</u>	<u>Stage 1</u>
9.00am	U8 Meangrad
9.45am	U7/U8 Tusgrad
10.30am	U6/U7/U8 Bungrad
	LUNCH
12.30pm	8-10 Meangrad
1.15pm	U9/U10 Tusgrad
2.15pm	U9/U10 Bungrad
3.15pm	10-12/U12-14/Over 14 Bungrad
4.15pm	10-12/U12-14/Over 14 Tusgrad
5.15pm	10-12/U12-14/Over 14 Meangrad

Bungrad	Tusgrad	Meangrad
Reel Single Jig Light Jig Slip Jig Light Trophy Dance	Reel Single Jig Light Jig Slip Jig Light Trophy Dance Heavy Trophy Dance	Reel Slip Jig Heavy Jig/Hornpipe Light Trophy Dance Heavy Trophy Dance
Under 6 Under 7 Under 8 Under 9 Under 10 Under 11 Under 12 12-14 Over 14	Under 7 Under 8 Under 9 Under 10 Under 11 Under 12 12-14 Over 14	Under 8 Under 9 Under 10 Under 11 Under 12 12-14 Over 14

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COMPETITION RULES

1. Age as at 1st January 2026
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Costume Length: 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 (commonly known as black-out attire) black tights (of a denier less than 70) must be worn from the age of 14 and above. As a point of clarification, this rule is not limited to just body suits but also to tops/ blouses and skirts/shorts of all colours and is in effect from the 14-15 age group upwards. Appropriate undergarments covering midriff must be worn.
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. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. A Preliminary Championship must be adjudicated by 3 or more Adjudicators and must consist of 2 Rounds, 1 Light Round - and 1 Heavy Round - Dancers may compete in an Open or a Preliminary Championship or both.

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OTHER RULES

19. Any objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of result, accompanied by fee of £20.00.
20. The feis committee will not accept any responsibility for personal injuries or articles lost at the feis.
21. 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.
22. The feis committee reserve the right to refuse feis entries or entrance into the feis.

Hotel Information

Waterfoot Hotel Caw
Roundabout Clooney Road
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FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT:

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Entries will only be accepted from CLRG registered schools

ENTRIES CLOSE : 6TH September 2026

Dance Section		<u>GBP</u>	<u>EURO</u>
Open Championship only	3 Rounds	£35.00	€40.00
Preliminary Championship only	2 Rounds	£30.00	€35.00
Preliminary Championship only	3 Rounds	£35.00	€40.00
Open & Prelim Championship	3 Rounds	£40.00	€45.00
Grade Solo		£5.00	€6.00
Grade Trophy Dance		£6.00	€7.00
Future Stars/Tiny Tots		£6.00	€7.00
Late Surcharge		£5.00	€5.00

- Admission £5 per person.
- Entries for Championships and Grade Competitions will take place via the Entrytable link above.
- Numbers will be emailed prior to the event.
- Entry for the feis indicates that dancers entered and their parents/guardians agree to adhere to feis and venue guidelines
- Fees are non-refunded except in the case that the event does not go ahead as planned.
- Tabulation: provided by Sukhy Nijjar.
- Practice Area will be provided.
- Teas/Coffees, sandwiches, snacks etc will be available to purchase.

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