



EMB ACADEMY FEIS 2026

- DATA:** 28th of February and 1st of March
- IONAD:** Ashbourne House Hotel, Ashbourne
- MOLTÓIRÍ:** Des Bailey- Connacht
Kerrie Connolly - Ulster
Niall Holly - Leinster
James Keegan - England (Saturday only)
Caoimhe McCormack - Ulster (Saturday only)
- CEOLTOIRI:** Paul O'Donnell - Co.Antrim
- TAILLI IONTRALA:** Championship U6/U7/U8/U9: €40
Championship: €45
Championship & Prelim: €50
Prelim Only: €40
Grade Solos: €5
Grade Trophy Dance: €10
Ceili: €5 per dancer

General Admission: €5 per day (cash only)
- IONTRALACHA:** Entry through Feis Connect with the following link:
<https://forms.gle/qebKG8Mi1eBo3Tm59>
Entries open January 12th and close February 23rd at 6pm
- EOLAS:** All enquires to Mariam Elbadri 0879427315 (teachers only)
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Céad Míle Fáilte!

On behalf of the Elbadri McAuley Baird Academy teachers, we are delighted to welcome dancers, teachers, adjudicators, musicians, families, and friends to our first EMB Academy Feis.

It is a great honour to host this inaugural event and to celebrate the artistry, discipline, and rich tradition of Irish dance. We extend our sincere thanks to the schools, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters whose dedication has made this feis possible.

We wish all competitors the very best of luck and hope this weekend is filled with enjoyment and memorable performances. May this feis be the beginning of a proud and lasting tradition within our Irish dance community.

Is mise le meas
Owen Joe McAuley,

Cathaoirleach - Chairperson
Comhairle Laighean an CLRG



Saturday 28th

8am	Under 10 championship
	Under 11 championship
11am	Under 12 championship
	Under 13 championship
	Team competitions
3pm	Under 14 championship
	Under 15 championship
5:30pm	Under 16 championship
	Under 17 championship
	Under 18 championship
	18-20 championship
	Over 20 championship

Sunday 1st

8am	Under 6 mixed championship
	Under 7 mixed championship
	Under 8 mixed championship
	Under 9 mixed championship
11am	Bun Grad competitions
2pm	Tus Grad competitions
4pm	Mean Grad competitions

Please note that times are approximate and are **subject to change based on entries**. Final timetable will be released closer to the time.



Information

- Championship size stage.
- Panel of three for under 6, under 7, under 8 and under 9 championships.
- Panel of five from under 10 up to senior championships.
- Separate boys competition if there are five or more boys entered from under 10.
- If championships have 20 or more entries, there will be a 50% recall.
- Prelim competitions from under 9 to under 18.
- Separate prelim result based on first two rounds.
- Separate solo results for rounds one and two.
- There will be mixed four hands and ceili championships in the following age groups: Under 15 and Over 15 on the Saturday.
- Separate results room.
- Onsite vendor and make up artists.
- Please be ready to dance 30 minutes before scheduled time.
- There will be a cap on entry numbers so we encourage you to enter early to avoid disappointment.
- All fees are **non refundable** except in the event that the feis does not go ahead.
- Adjudicators decision is final.



Bun, Tus & Mean Grad Dances

Bun Grad

Reel, light jig, single jig, heavy jig, and light trophy dance

Tus Grad

Reel, light jig, single jig, heavy jig, traditional set and light trophy dance

Mean Grad

(U7, 7-8, 8-9, 9-10) Reel, light jig, single jig, heavy jig, traditional set and light trophy dance

(10-11, 11-12, 12-14 over 14) Reel, light jig, slip jig, heavy jig or hornpipe, traditional set and light trophy dance

BUN	TUS	MEAN
Under 7	Under 7	Under 7
7-8	7-8	7-8
8-9	8-9	8-9
9-10	9-10	9-10
10-11	10-11	10-11
11-12	11-12	11-12
12-14	12-14	12-14
	Over 14	Over 14



Solo Championships

AGE GROUP	DANCES
Under 6 mixed	Reel & Light Jig
Under 7 mixed	Reel, Light Jig/Heavy Jig & Single Jig
Under 8 mixed	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Trad Set
Under 9 mixed	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Trad Set
Under 10	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Trad Set/Open Set
Under 11	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Open Set
Under 12	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Open Set
Under 13	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Open Set
Under 14	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Open Set
Under 15	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Open Set
Under 16	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Open Set
Under 17	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Open Set
Under 18	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Open Set
18-20	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Open Set
Over 20	Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe & Open Set

Ceili Championships

Under 15	4 Hand
Over 15	4 Hand
Under 15	8 Hand
Over 15	8 Hand



An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha Leinster Feis Rules 2021

1. Age as on 1st of January in each year of feis.
2. Entries only accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha
3. Make up and false tan is not permitted in Bun Grad and Tus Grad competitions up to and including under 12 age group. Makeup including false eyelashes is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including under 10 age group.
4. Children competing in all age groups, in Bun and Tus Grad competitions may only wear class costumes, skirt and blouse, or appropriate civilian clothing. No low cut or off the shoulder tops or short tight skirts permitted.
5. The use of artificial carriage aids is strictly forbidden. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove same, will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed apparatus (proof of which may be required) will be exempt from this ruling.
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 Grad competitions confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in any age group or grade. Basic steps only.
8. In Bun and Tus Grad competitions, the following applies for grading out of dance. 1-5 dancers (no upgrade), 6-9 dancers (one upgrade), 10-19 dancers (two upgrades with a minimum of 10 dancers), 20-30 dancers (three upgrades with a minimum of 20 dancers). There will be an extra one upgrade per 10 dancers after that.
9. Tus Grad competitions confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in any age group in Lar, Mean or Ard.
10. Lar Grad competitions confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in any age group in Lar, Mean or Ard.
11. Mean Grad competitions confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in that age group or a higher age group in either Mean or Ard Grad.
12. Traditional set dance must be chosen from the following list: a. St Patrick's Day, b. Garden of Daises, c. Job of Journeywork, d. The Blackbird, e. King of the Fairies, f. Jockey to the Fair, g. Three Sea Captains.
13. With regard to toe movements no block, en pointe, stationary or moving allowed to be performed for all age groups up to and including under 12 years. However, according to the an Coimisiun rule, dancers who will compete under 13 from 1st January may perform en pointe from September of the previous year.
14. Any form of unauthorised photography, which has the capability to capture a dancers' image, whilst in motion, using electronic/manual means, e.g. mobile phones, iPad, video, still camera, commercial film with/without flash enhancement or any other means of recording is strictly forbidden.
15. Parents are responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their children at all times whilst attending the Feis with and around the hall.
16. Feis committee, as far as practicable, will provide a surface floor suitable for dancing. However, the committee cannot accept any liability whatsoever for injuries sustained whilst on stage or within the practice area. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer and by her/his parent, guardian or teacher.
17. An Coimisiún rules will apply if disputes arise that are not covered by the above rules.
18. Objections must be lodged within one hour of the announcement of the results of a competition and must be accompanied by a fee of 20 euro.
19. Changing of costumes, dressing and undressing, is not permitted in the halls or public areas.
20. Social Media Rule - Feis organisers must continually make all persons aware that the taking of photographs of any children without parental permission is not permitted. Those who do not wish to be photographed should make themselves known to the Feis Organiser.
21. Comhairle Laighean child safety officer is Orla Nic Conuladh dlpleinster@gmail.com. Please contact her if you have any concerns in regard to any child safety at the event.



EFFECTIVE FROM 1st JANUARY 2022

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.

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in a Preliminary 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 Preliminary 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 (2026) or previous year (2025).
- Dancers must not have recalled in the actual Championship at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann in the current year (2026) or previous year (2025).
- 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 won the Prelim Championship with).