



# **MCGRATH**

# CHAMPIONSHIPS

**26TH - 27TH AUGUST 2023**

Adjudicators:

Bronwyn Kelly - Hobart

Caitlin Carolan - QLD

Kelli-Rae Howden - SA

**CALWELL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
CANBERRA ACT**

## McGrath Championships 2023

Our Feis will be in the tiered Auditorium of Calwell High School, on a large 12 x 8 dance floor. Our warm up room will be in the school dance rooms which have large mirrors and tarkett flooring. We will have our arts and crafts table, a stocked canteen, BBQ, raffles, 2nd chance stores and more.

### ADCRG

We welcome our adjudicators, Bronwyn Kelly ADCRG, Caitlin Carolan ADCRG and Kelli-Rae Howden ADCRG.

### Closing Date

Entries will close **12 August 2023**. Late entries *may* be accepted with an additional fee of \$20. Entry numbers will be capped to ensure we stay on schedule.

### Sustainability and Reuse Stall

We are hoping to run our event as sustainable as possible and this includes prizes. We are excited to share our ideas and we hope all the dances will love them. Our canteen will be stocked with sustainable and delicious treats. Please assist in our day with limiting the amount of plastic covered food and snacks to the venue. We would love to be able to recycle our whole day!

Did you know we recycle trophies to our younger competitors. If you have any trophies you would like to donate that we can clean up and re brand, please bring in a box to the competition for us to use next year...please don't send them to landfill!

Did you also know that there is a dancing school in NZ who locates unwanted costumes to use for their less fortunate families. We will be sending a bulk package to them after our feis.... Do you have an older unwanted costume? Please bring it so we can donate... how cool!

### Dancer Feedback Entry

This year, dancers have the option to enter the feedback section. Dancers will perform any dance on their own and all three adjudicators will provide written feedback to the dancer. Each dancer can be filmed and have their photograph taken on stage. A dancer may enter this section twice and perform any dance and bars of their choice. This section is available to Elementary, Intermediate, Open and Adult dancers only. This section is **NOT** a competition.

### Entry Options

All Championship events will be adjudicated by 3 ADCRG's. .

Novice, Beginner and Primary sections will have Warm Up Dances available at \$11 each, and Premierships at \$40

Elementary, Intermediate and Open Premierships will be 3 rounds. Premierships will be \$65.

Elementary, Intermediate, Open and Adult Sections will have the Dancer Feedback section available for \$25 each dance. Dancers can enter twice. It is not a competition.

Door Entry Fee is \$15.

### Online Entry

Enter the Feis on our website at [www.mcgrathirishdance.com.au](http://www.mcgrathirishdance.com.au).

### Contact

Questions? Contact Leanne at [contactmcgrathirishdance@gmail.com](mailto:contactmcgrathirishdance@gmail.com)

## RULES OF FEIS

The following rules should be read in light of the AIDA Mission statement, the objective of which is to encourage good sportsmanship in a healthy, positive and fair spirited environment. This objective should be upheld by ALL teachers, dancers, parents and spectators at all events.

1. Competitors must be pupils of teachers registered with An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha.
2. There must be a minimum of three (3) competitors to make up an event.
3. All competitors must be ready to commence their section at least 30 mins prior to the scheduled start time. The Championship Organising Committee has the right to commence sections up to 30 mins prior to their advertised start time.
4. All competitors must be in the marshalling area prior to the commencement of their section otherwise they may be disqualified.
5. The Championship Organising Committee reserves the right to amend the order of the dances at any time.
6. Competitors will be required to dance to music supplied by the Championship Organising Committee.
7. If the music has a problem, the dancer will be permitted to re-dance.
8. If a dancer loses a heel or a complete shoe, he/she may stand back allowing the other dancer to continue dancing uninhibited. Such a dancer will then be allowed to re-dance.
9. Should a dancer bump, slip, or fall they may re-dance at the adjudicator's discretion.
10. No block, en pointe, stationery, or moving is allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including 11 years and under-age groups.
11. If a dancer falls the adjudicator must ring the bell. The dancer will be permitted to re-dance at the adjudicator's discretion.
12. Where a dancer fails to complete their performance in any given round, that dancer is to be given zero marks by each adjudicator for that round.
13. Lead round/Heavy Dancing – In all competitions for Primary, Intermediate, and Open, in all heavy dancing the lead around must be danced on both the right and the left foot.
14. Number of Dancers on stage – The following is the maximum number of dancers on stage at any one time. For Intermediate and Open Sections -2 dancers on stage per dance from 13 years and older.
15. The decision of the adjudicator is final.
16. To receive prizes or awards, competitors must wear full dancing costumes, including shoes.
17. Make-up Rules: Make-up (including false eyelashes) is not permitted for dancers, up to and including the Under 10 age group. For purposes of this rule the term "make-up" includes tinted moisturizer and any artificial tanning products.
18. Any form of photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion using electronic or manual means is forbidden in competition unless prior permission has been given

by the Championship organizing committee. Non-flash photography is allowed for beginner sections. For Beginners sections there will be a dedicated area to video your own child/child from your school (with permission from your teacher). For Own Choice Set Dances, a video station will be set up for a family member or teacher to video this dance only.

19. Dancers are reminded to always wear appropriate dress whilst at the Championships (especially in the auditorium area). This means that shorts/skirts must always be worn over leotards. Please refrain from changing in the auditorium.

20. Competitors enter at their own risk regarding an injury. Maureen Whelan Memorial Championships

21. McGrath Irish Dance Championship Organising Committee will not accept any liability for injuries sustained. Lodgement of any entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer.

22. An enquiry in relation to the running of the competition should be directed to the Championship Organising Committee.

23. Lodgement of an entry shall be taken to signify that the Teacher, Parent, and Pupil concerned accept these rules in full and agree to strictly abide by them.

24. All dancers must be registered with AIDA Inc by the official closing date of the entries. (except for Dance to the Music entries)

GRADE	AGE	COSTUME	MAKE UP & LEG TAN	WIG
<b>NOVICE and BEGINNER (BUN)</b>	<b>11 years &amp; under</b>	Traditional class costumes or appropriate attire* but NO Solo costume may be worn	No	No
	<b>12 years &amp; over</b>	Solo Costume allowed	Yes	Yes
<b>PRIMARY (TUS)</b>	<b>11 years &amp; under</b>	Traditional class costumes or appropriate attire* but NO Solo costume may be worn	No	No
	<b>12 years &amp; over</b>	Solo Costume allowed	Yes	Yes
<b>ELEMENTARY (MEAN1) INTERMEDIATE (MEAN) OPEN (ARD)</b>	<b>9 years &amp; under</b>	Solo Costume allowed	No facial make-up but leg tanner allowed	Yes
	<b>10 years &amp; over</b>	Solo Costume allowed	Yes	Yes

**Appropriate attire\*** refers to 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.

## PHOTOGRAPY CONDITIONS FOR NOVICE AND BEGINNER DANCERS

Following recent changes made to the photography rule as set down by An Comisiun le Rinci Gaelacha, Ireland, families will now be given the opportunity to film their children dancing in NOVICE AND BEGINNER SECTIONS ONLY under the guidelines set out below.

- **Who**

Only persons known to the Dancer may be photographers. There will only be one photographer permitted per dancer per dance.

- **What**

Video and still Photo images only. NO FLASH Photography permitted. Only those permitted to take images of the Dancer/s for whom the Photographer has been granted permission. Photography of any other Dancer is NOT Permitted. If the same Dancer who competes in Novice/Beginners also competes in a higher Grade event, photography is not allowed in the higher Grade event under any circumstances.

- **Where**

Any Novice/Beginner events of any AIDA Feis. Photographers only permitted to take photographic images from the designated area/s assigned by the Feis Organisers. Prize presentation photography is permitted and is not limited to the designated photography area.

### Covid-19

There are currently no restrictions relating to Covid-19 in the ACT to follow.