

JOHN FLANAGAN

MEMORIAL FEIS



THE JOHN FLANAGAN MEMORIAL CHARITY FEIS

SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2025

VENUE

THE OXFORD ACADEMY
SANDY LANE WEST
LITTLEMORE, OXFORD
OX4 6JZ

ADJUDICATORS

Andrea Curley - Leinster, Ireland Catherine Flanagan - Ulster, Ireland
Sonia Leonard - Ulster, Ireland Finbarr Conway - Southern England, UK
Maria Sweeney - Southern England, UK Mike McInerney - Southern England, UK

MUSICIANS

ANTHONY DAVIS - MIDLANDS & AIDAN O'NEILL - SOUTHERN REGION

100% RECALL IN ALL COMPETITIONS

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WELCOME TO THE 25th JOHN FLANAGAN MEMORIAL CHARITY FEIS

We are delighted to welcome you all back to Oxford this year to the fabulous venue at The Oxford Academy. The Feis will be run as a one day Feis.

With your support we were able to donate in excess of £2500 to Cancer Research UK from the 2023 Feis. In addition to this we contributed £250 to a local supporter who suffered a stroke and needed an electric wheelchair in order to support his mobility.

We have invited 6 very accomplished adjudicators and 2 excellent musicians to be with us for the weekend. A panel of 3 adjudicators will judge all Preliminary and Open Championships.

All entries are to be submitted by email on the entry form attached and once received you will receive confirmation of your entry and sent the John Flanagan Memorial Feis bank details to transfer the entry fee. We do ask for one entry per school. The door fee must be submitted with all entries.

We are offering grade competitions, Preliminary and Open Championships over the weekend. There will be a separate results hall for the Preliminary and Open Championships. Grade results will be given in the sports hall after each grade has been completed.

Sashes and trophies will be awarded to the top 5 in all Preliminary and Open Championships and trophies for the Top 3 in all Graded competitions irrespective of the number entered.

A selection of Hot and cold food will be available all weekend.

Our vendors for the weekend will be The Feis Shop and tabulation will be carried out by feisresults.com.

We will have a live commentary on the John Flanagan Memorial Feis Facebook page and taking photos of all the award presentations. Where possible we will try to live stream the results.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all again in Oxford

Marion Flanagan

& The John Flanagan Memorial Feis Committee



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SOLO COMPETITIONS:

1ST to 3RD places in all solos will be awarded trophies.

Grade dancers will dance 3 at a time and perform 32 bars of each dance

Age Group	Under 5 Ungraded	Novice/ Bun Grad	Primary/ Tus Grad	Intermediate/ Mean Grad	Open/ Ard Grad
Under 6 6 & Under 7	Reel Light jig Single jig Premier	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Championship
7 & Under 8 8 & Under 9 9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12 12 & Under 13 13 to 15		Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Preliminary and Open championships incorporating 2 solos. Preliminary Champi- onships from Under 10 to Under 13
Over 15		Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
13 & Under 14 14 & Under 15 15 & Under 16 16 & Under 17 18 & Under 19 20 & Under 21 Over 21					Preliminary and Open championships incorporating 2 solos. Preliminary Champi- onships up to 15-17, Over 17

Traditional Set Dance Competition – Under 9

Open Set Dance Competition – Senior

FIGURE COMPETITIONS:

Under 9	9 & Under 11	11 & Under 13	13 & Under 16	Over 16
2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship

*Will adhere to speeds agreed by SERC





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PREMIER

Age Group	Dance
Under 5	Reel (32 Bars)

MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Group	First Dance	Second Dance	Recall
5 & Under 6	Reel	Single Jig	Light or Heavy Jig
6 & Under 7	Reel	Single Jig	Light or Heavy Jig

GIRLS/LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Group	First Dance	Second Dance	Recall
7 & Under 8	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set
8 & Under 9	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
15 & Under 16	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
16 & Under 17	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
18 & Under 19	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
19 & Under 21	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
Senior Ladies	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set

BOYS/MENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Age Group	First Dance	Second Dance	Recall
7 & Under 9	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Traditional Set
9 & Under 11	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set
11 & Under 13	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set
13 & Under 15	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set
15 & Under 17	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set
Senior Men	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competition	First Dance	Second Dance	Recall
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
15 & Under 17	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
17 & Over	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set

Championships Under 8 and above Jig/Reel 40 bars, Slip Jig/Hornpipe 32 bars
Championships Under 6 & Under 7 Reel, Single Jig and Light Jig 40 bars or Heavy Jig 32 bars
All Preliminary Championships Jig/Reel 40 bars, Slip Jig/Hornpipe 32 Bars





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ENTRY DETAILS

- ✓ ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED ON THE ENTRY FORM PROVIDED
- ✓ ENTRIES TO BE SUBMITTED BY A REGISTERED TEACHER ONLY
- ✓ PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY BANK TRANSFER ONLY – BANK DETAILS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
- ✓ ONE ENTRY SHEET & ONE PAYMENT PER SCHOOL PREFERRED

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ENTRY QUERIES

Please contact: 07971 035797 (Registered Teachers Only)

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ENTRY FEES

Solos	£6.00
Under 5 Premier (One Adjudicator)	£15.00
Championship U6 and above (Includes 2 Solos)	£40.00
Preliminary Championships (including 2 solos)	£40.00
Family Fee (2 dancers) excluding door fee	£75.00
Family Fee (3 or more dancers) excluding door fee	£95.00
Single Dancer fee excluding door entry	£55.00
Door Fee per family to be included with entry	£8.00
Ceili/Figure per dancer	£3.00





FEIS RULES



FEIS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Lodgement of entries implies that you acknowledge and accept all of the Rules of An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha and the Southern England Regional Council plus the additional rules listed below, relating to the Feis.
- ✓ Entries will only be accepted from Schools registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha. Entries with no fee will not be processed or acknowledged.
- ✓ New entries may be taken on the day of the Feis in line with SERC late entry rule.
- ✓ Ages to be taken from the 1st January 2025.
- ✓ All dancers may be required to produce their birth certificate/passport as proof of age.
- ✓ All competitors must dance in their own age group for solo competitions except where there is no competition in their age group for that particular dance. Dancers cannot compete in a younger age group.

COMPETITION RULES

- ✓ All decisions of the Adjudicators are FINAL.
- ✓ Competitors may dance each dance in more than 1 grade.
- ✓ Where there are 5 or less dancers in a competition, results will not affect their grading.
- ✓ In all Heavy Dances the lead around must be danced on both the right and left foot.
- ✓ NOVICE is for a dancer who has not gained a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in a Novice Grade competition or any medal in a higher grade for that particular dance.
- ✓ The basic step rule will apply to all Novice Competitions as per the SERC local rules.
- ✓ The Primary Grade is for dancers who have not won a 1st or 2nd place for that particular dance in ANY Age Group.
- ✓ All Novice and Primary Dancers may only wear a class costume or simple dancewear in competitions up to and including Under 12 age group. Make-up will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades up to and including the Under 12 age group Worldwide, Failure to comply with this rule can result in disqualification.
- ✓ The Intermediate Grade is for Dancers who have not won a 1st place for that particular dance in that age group or an older age group, or who has not won a Premier competition, Preliminary Championship or an Open Championship.
- ✓ Intermediate dancers can dance their grades and either the Preliminary or Open Championship.
- ✓ An Coimisiun has ruled that from 1st January of each year, that no block, en pointe, stationary or moving be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the Under 12 age group Worldwide. The Under 12 Age Group will be allowed to Toe Walk from 1st September.
- ✓ Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove same will be subject to disqualification from that competition. Medically prescribed apparatus, proof of which may be required, will be exempt from this ruling.
- ✓ In order to comply with the health and safety measures, all dancers lining up side stage prior to any round of a competition will be required to perform the simple exercise of raising arms to shoulder level unhindered. If unable to do this due to costume stitching or any arm attachments by the time of their rotation they will not be permitted to perform.
- ✓ Make-up rule (4.5 in CLRG rulebook) 4.5.2 make-up (including false eyelashes) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group (POINT OF CLARIFICATION) For the purpose of this rule the term 'Make-up' includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products. An coimisiun hopes that teachers and parents will interpret and apply this rule in the spirit in which it is intended.
- ✓ Costume length: length of costume 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 in to black tights (of a denier not less than 70%) in order for the dancer to continue in the competition. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator, all the adjudicators on the panel must agree to ask the dancer to wear tights.
- ✓ Appropriate undergarment covering the midriff must be worn, Undergarments must provide full coverage as per CLRG rules.
- ✓ Solo costumes (including headwear) worn in championship competitions must not include any "Identifying Designs". Dancers breaching this rule must be instructed to either amend or replace the costume in order to appear on stage to compete. Dancers who are unable to amend or replace the costume may still participate but will not be scored. Effective 01 September 2025
- ✓ "Identifying Designs" are defined as any element on any costume worn in championship solo competitions identifying a status of achievement or an Irish dance competition award (i.e. globes).
- ✓ "Championship" is defined as any preliminary or open championship competition adjudicated by a panel of minimum three adjudicators.
- ✓ Solo costumes (including headwear) worn in championship competitions must not include any names or initials. Dancers breaching this rule must be instructed to either amend or replace the costume in order to appear on stage to compete. Dancers who are unable to amend or replace the costume may still participate, but will not be scored. Effective 01 September 2025
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- ✓ The adjudication panel is at the discretion of the Feis Organiser.
- ✓ The Feis Organiser must provide non slip flooring for every dance surface, however the Feis Organiser cannot accept any liability for injury sustained whilst dancing.
- ✓ Dancers must be properly attired throughout the whole competition and must be in full costume and appropriate footwear when receiving results. No changing allowed in competition areas.
- ✓ 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 all competitions.
- ✓ Photographs taken at awards ceremonies are permitted, however these must be for your own use and not used for public display purposes, unless permission has been obtained.
- ✓ Any competition can be moved to a different hall at the discretion of the Feis Secretary.
- ✓ All championship cups are perpetual and recipients will be responsible for any loss or damage and for the safe return in adequate time to be presented to subsequent winners.
- ✓ Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children at all times whilst attending the Feis.
- ✓ The Feis Organiser accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.
- ✓ NO SMOKING on school premises.
- ✓ Eating and drinking should only be in designated areas.
- ✓ Objections against any breach of the above rules must be made in writing, and signed, to the Feis Secretary and accompanied by a fee of £25, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld. If parents have any constructive comments to make about any aspect Feisanna, these would be welcomed by the council and should be put in writing. It should be noted anonymous correspondence cannot be dealt with.

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

- A minimum number of three Adjudicators must officiate.
- The first age group for a preliminary championship is Under 10.
- 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.
- 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.
- Where there are separate preliminary championships, dancers can compete in both at the discretion of the Feis Organiser.
- When an competitor wins two preliminary championships they must dance in open championships for a period of 12 months thereafter.
- For grading purposes, two wins will be taken as being in any 2 year rolling period. Where a dancer does not win a second preliminary within 2 years of winning their first preliminary championship, then the first win will be deemed as having expired and the dancer starts a fresh.
- Where there are less than six 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.
- Dances performed in a preliminary championship do not count for grading in solo competitions.
- Competitors that qualify for and compete in Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne in the previous 12 months cannot compete in a preliminary championship except where the dancer auto qualified at their regional or national Oireachtas due to lack of numbers.
- 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 for a period of 12 months.

AWARDS

2 medals/trophies = 5 or less – 4 medals = 6 to 10 competitors
7 medals = 11 to 20 competitors – 10 medals = 21 to 30 competitors
14 medals = 31 to 40 competitors
1 medal for each additional 5 or part of 5 competitors

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

The Feis Organiser and committee will protect all users information in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

The Feis Organiser is a fully paid up member of CLRG and comply with all CLRG GDPR Regulations currently in place as regards to running Feisanna.





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THE JOHN FLANAGAN MEMORIAL FEIS WINNERS 2023

U5	Romana Thompson	Herlihy Burgoine
5 & U6 Mixed	Nancy Bray	Loughran
6 & U7 Mixed	Liam Higgins	Loughran
7 & U8 Girls	Clodagh McCarron-Zylfiu	McCarron
8 & U9 Girls	Ellie- Mai Headd-McDermott	Headd-McDermott
7-U9 Boys	Rafferty Brooks-Stevens	Brooks
U10 Prelim	Francesca Haden	Marie Connell
U10 Girls Champ	Summer Conway	Loughran
U11 Prelim	Alyssa Murphy	Celtic Hearts
U11 Girls Champ	Hannah Mahon	Claddagh
9-U11 Boys Champ	Seamus Daly	McGahan Lees
U12 Prelim	Emily McManus	Maguire O'Shea
U12 Girls Champ	Ellen Leavens	McGahan Lees
U13 Prelim	Caoimhe Hopkins	Celtic Hearts
U13 Girls Champ	Niamh Chedzoy	Walshe Academy
11 - U13 Boys Champ	Callum Hammond	Scoil Rince Ceim Oir
U14 Prelim	Kacey O'Sullivan	McGahan Lees
U14 Girls Champ	Ava Folan	McGahan Lees
U15 Prelim	Bea Gavin	McGahan Lees
U15 Girls Champ	Ciarra McCarthy	McGahan Lees
13 - U15 Boys Champ	Aidan Ward	Marie Connell
U16 Girls Champ	Olivia Delaney	McGahan Lees
15 - U17 Prelim	Darcey Dowley	McGahan Lees
U17 Girls Champ	Grace Davitt	Ward Mallinson
15 - U17 Boys Champ	Shay Brunning	Glendarragh
U18 Girls Champ	Lizzie Anderson	McGahan Lees
U19 Girls Champ	Caitlin Ward	Marie Connell
19 - U21 Girls Champ	Hollie Vass	Hopkins McSloy
O17 Prelim	Nicola Swales	McGahan Lees
Over 17 Senior Men		
Over 21 Senior Ladies	Jodie Clark	Herlihy Burgoine

