

## **2023 Maureen Whelan Memorial Championships**

# **SYLLABUS**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Berowra Community Centre Auditorium  
The Gully Road, Berowra**

**ADJUDICATORS**  
**Eileen Mulcahy, VIC**  
**Adam Morris, NSW**  
**Bronwyn Kelly, TAS**  
**Sean Kelliher, VIC**



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## Championship Timetable:

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

**Session 1: 12, 13 & 14 years**

**Session 2: 15, 16 & 17 years & 15 and over men**

**Session 3: 18 years and over & Adult Sections**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**Session 1: 7 & 8 years**

**Session 2: 6 & under & Dance to the music**

**Session 3: 9, 10 & 11 years**

**Extra Information:**

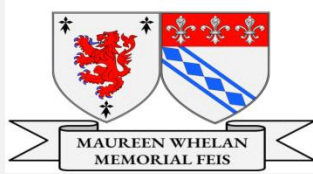
**\*\*Novice Sections: – eligible for those who have only entered 3 or fewer competitions.**

**Role of 4<sup>th</sup> Adjudicator:**

**There will be 3 adjudicators for the Championships with a Championship result AND 2 additional solo round results from the 4<sup>th</sup> adjudicator. Dancers will perform all championship dances once on the day.**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Adjudicator will judge rounds 1 & 2 and give two individual results separate from the Championship result.**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Adjudicator will write comments for the reel in the 6 & under Inter/Open Championship and the set dance round for all 7 & over Inter/Open Championships**



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**AGE:** as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

**Entries close:** 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Online Entries:** [Maureen Whelan Memorial Championship 2023 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)

**Bank Account:** Dwyer-Whelan Academy of Irish Dance BSB 032-254 Acc: 156-028

**Ref:** Dancer Initial and Surname

## Fees:

6 & Under, Inter/Open Championships (single ages up to 19 years + Male 15 yrs & over)	\$70.00
Novice/Beginner/Primary Championships (2 dances)	\$40.00
Elementary & Adult Championships (2 dances)	\$55.00
Warm Up dance for Novice/Beginner/Primary/Elementary & Adult Grades (Max 2 dances)	\$15.00
Dance to the music: For younger dancers wanting stage exp.	\$10.00
Step Down the Line: GIFT CARD PRIZE	\$15.00
Under 12 years - open to all grades. Reel or Slip Jig 16 bars. Disney costume optional.	
Over 12 years – Inter/Open warm-up. Jig or Hornpipe 16 bars	
Venue Fee per family (Program, Marks & Feedback Sheet included in Venue Fee)	\$30.00

## VIDEO OF OWN CHOICE SET DANCES

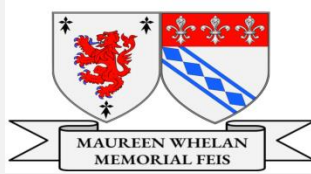
**WE WILL BE SETTING UP A VIDEO STATION WHERE 1 FAMILY MEMBER AND/OR TEACHER CAN VIDEO THEIR DANCERS OWN CHOICE SET DANCE**



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## Rules

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.



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21. Maureen Whelan Memorial Feis 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)

The following costume rules must be adhered to:

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

Appropriate underwear must be worn. Where tights are worn, they must be of a denier not less than 70