



THE MCINERNEY OPEN FEIS 2011

29th and 30th October - Swindon, Wiltshire, UK

Nova Hreed College, Akers Way, Swindon, Wiltshire.

Adjudicators: Ann Ash ADCRG – Manchester
Gemma Carney ADCRG – Galway
Kathleen Clifford-Lightley ADCRG – Coventry
Mary Kelly ADCRG – Newcastle
Maeve Madden Smith ADCRG – Birmingham
Kathleen McLaughlin ADCRG – Glasgow

Musicians: Dean Crouch – London
Majella Brooks – London

Claraithe Leis An Choimisiun Le Rinic Gaelacha



Dear Teachers, Parents & Dancers,

Following our successful feis last year, we are holding the 2011 McInerney Open Feis on 29th & 30th October 2011, the last feis before the SERC Qualifiers. The venue is again Nova Hreod College in Swindon, Wiltshire, a new school with excellent facilities. All areas are arranged around a wonderful central dome which will be the hub for our helpdesk, vendors, catching up with friends & will also be the home of our special results podium where presentations for both grades & championships will be made.

The grades are open to all regions and will be run as trophy competitions with lovely trophies for 1st-3rd. We will also be running a traditional set dance competition for all grades and ages, plus an U9 Open Set dance competition, with trophies for the top three and a sash for the winners. All dancers will be placed in the reel.

Championships from U8 upwards will be adjudicated by a panel of 3 adjudicators. We will also be holding Preliminary Championships from U10 upwards. The championship stage will be even larger this year. All Prelim and Open dancers will have the opportunity to dance their set. Trophies & sashes will be awarded for the top 5. Where there are 3 or more boys per double age group we will run a separate boys Championship with awards and belts for the top 3, otherwise the highest placing boy & girl will receive perpetual cups in a mixed open competition. Printed results will be available for all championships.

Feispix will be taking photos of grade and championship presentations as well as studio photos. Derry Reel and Melaine Murphy will be attending to supply all your dancing needs and refreshments will be available all weekend.

Please note the closing date for entries to be included in the program is 25th October. Entries received after this date will be accepted but not included in the program.

If any teachers have questions don't hesitate to contact Mike at mike@mcinerney-dance.co.uk or telephone 07720 811116.

We look forward to welcoming you to our feis, many thanks in advance for your support.

Mike McInerney A.D.C.R.G.

and the parents and students of The McInerney School of Irish Dancing



MIXED PREMIER COMPETITION

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
Under 6	Reel	Light Jig	No Recall
6 & U7	Reel	Light Jig	No Recall

GIRLS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
7 & U8	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set Dance
8 & U9	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set Dance
9 & U10	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
10 & U11	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
11 & U12	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
12 & U13	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
13 & U14	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
14 & U15	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
15 & U16	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
16 & U17	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
17 & U19	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Over 19	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

BOYS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(where there are 3 or more boys, otherwise a mixed championship will be run with perpetual cups for highest placing girl and boy)

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
U9	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Traditional Set Dance
9 & U11	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
11 & U13	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
13 & U15	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
15 & U17	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance
Over 17	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set Dance

MIXED PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP

Age Group	Round 1	Round 2	Recall
9 & U10	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
10 & U11	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
11 & U12	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
12 & U13	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
13 & U14	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
14 & U15	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
15 & U16	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
16 & U17	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Over 17	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

FIGURE DANCES

Under 10	10 & U12	12 & U 15	Over 15
2 Hand Dance	2 Hand Dance	2 Hand Dance	2 Hand Dance
Humours of Bandon	Humours of Bandon	Humours of Bandon	Humours of Bandon
The Fairy Reel	The Fairy Reel	The Fairy Reel	The Fairy Reel
8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance	8 Hand Dance
Figure	Figure	Figure	Figure
Progressive	Progressive	Progressive	Progressive

SOLO GRADE DANCES

		Reel	Light Jig	Hop Jig	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Horn' pipe	Traditional Set Dance	Open Set <small>U9 ONLY</small>
U5	Ungraded	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
U6	Novice / <i>Bun grad</i> Primary / <i>Tus grad</i> Intermediate / <i>Mean grad</i> Open / <i>Ard grad</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
6 & U7		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
7 & U8		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
8 & U9		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9 & U10	Novice / <i>Bun grad</i> Primary / <i>Tus grad</i> Intermediate / <i>Mean grad</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
10 & U11		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
11 & U12		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
12 & U13									
O13	Novice / <i>Bun grad</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
13 & U15	Primary / <i>Tus grad</i> Intermediate / <i>Mean grad</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
O15		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

FEES

Solo Competitions (all trophy dances)	£4.00
Championships	£18.00 includes 2 solo results
Premier Trophy	£8.00 please see rule no.28
Ceili & Figure Competitions	£2.00 per dancer
Maximum fee for one dancer	£30 (excl. door fee)
Family Fee	£50 (excl. door fee)
Door Fee (per family)	£6.00 to be included with entry

Entries to be sent to the Feis Secretary:

McInerney Open Feis
 25 Field Rise
 Swindon, SN1 4HP
 Email: feis@mcinerney-dance.co.uk

Entries will only be accepted from registered teachers

Cheques made payable to:
McInerney School

Alternatively, enter online at

www.mcinerney-dance.co.uk

Closing Date for Entries to be included in program is TUESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2011

(entries will be accepted by e-mail after this date but will not be included in the program)

DIRECTIONS

Nova Hreed College

Akers Way
Swindon
Wiltshire

SN2 2NQ (set Sat' Nav's to:- 32 Akers Way, SN2 2NQ
entrance to School is at traffic lights)



For approach from East and North via A419

From M4 J15 -- Turn Right onto **A419** follow for 6.5 miles take the exit for Swindon Park & Ride, then **turn left** at the traffic lights at the end of the slip road by the **Harvester Pub**.....

From M5 J11a -- Turn Left onto **A417 / A419** follow for 26 miles turn right at the lights at the end of the exit road over the A419 then turn left. Go straight over the lights by the **Harvester Pub**.....

....then from the **Harvester Pub**:-

1. Follow the main road round slightly to the right towards Groundwell & Motorola onto **Thamesdown Dr.**
2. Follow **Thamesdown Dr.** for 3 miles through 11 sets of traffic lights.
4. Just after passing the **Tawny Owl Pub**, **turn left** at the next lights to **Haydon Wick** (via slip road)
5. Go straight through a small set of lights then **turn right** (3rd exit) at the next roundabout.
6. Go straight over the next roundabout.

Turn right at traffic lights into the entrance to the School

For approach from the West

1. Leave **M4** at **J16** and at the junction **turn left** (1st exit) onto **Great Western Way/A3102** heading to **Swindon**
2. Drive straight over next **4** roundabouts.
3. Just past B&Q store, at the next roundabout, **turn left** (1st exit) to **Cheney Manor**
5. Almost immediately at another roundabout, **turn left** (1st exit), still to **Cheney Manor**
6. At the next roundabout (with a church), **turn left** (1st exit) onto **Akers Way**.
7. Go straight over the next roundabout

Turn left at traffic lights into the entrance to the School



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Airports

Swindon is about 45 miles from Bristol Airport. There is an International Flyer service to Bristol Temple Meads station and then regular trains to Swindon. Alternatively Heathrow Airport is about 70 miles down the M4 and trains run via Reading Station to Swindon

Trains

Swindon Station is on the main First Great Western line into Paddington station, London. The feis is about 5 minutes in a taxi.

Taxis

V Cars - 01793 701 701

A1 taxis - 01793 205 060

United Radio Cars - 01793 611111

HOTELS

Jurys Inn
(Base Hotel)

£50 B&B Single
£55 B&B Double/Twin

01793 445 600
quote "Irish Dancing"

www.jurysinns.com

Marriott Hotel

From £51 room only, £66 B&B

01793 512 121

www.swindonmarriott.co.uk

Campanile Hotel

From £47 room only

01793 514 777

www.campanile-swindon.co.uk

Travel Lodge

From £19 family room only

0871 984 6328

www.travelodge.co.uk

Express by Holiday Inn
(Swindon Central)

From £40 family room incl.
breakfast

01793 602 000

www.exhiswindon.co.uk

Saturday 29th October 2011

Main Hall Stage	Dome Results Stage	Floor 1	Floor 2	Floor 3
9:00 AM		U7 Novice	U7 Primary	U7 Inter/ Open alt.
9:30 AM		U14 Girls & U15 Girls & U15 Boys Open Champ (alt.)		
10:00 AM	U7 Grades	U12 Novice	U12 Primary	U12 Inter
10:30 AM	U15/U14 Open	U7 Premier		
11:00 AM	U6 Premier	U14 & U15 Prelim Champ (alt.)	U13 Primary	U13 Inter
11:30 AM	U12 Grades			
12:00 PM	U13 Grades			
12:30 PM		LUNCH		
1:00 PM	U14 Prelim	Overflow for Championship sets if required		
1:30 PM	U15 Prelim	O13 Novice	U15 Primary	U15 Inter
2:00 PM				
2:30 PM	O13/U15 Grades		O15 Primary	O15 Inter
3:00 PM	U12/U13 Prelim	U12/U13 Girls & U13 Boys Open Champ (alt.)		
3:30 PM	O15 Grades			
4:00 PM		U16 & U17 Prelim Champ (alt.)	Overflow for Championship sets if required	
4:30 PM	U12/13 Girls & U13 Boys			
5:00 PM	U16 & U17 Prelim	U16 Girls & U17 Boys Open Champ (alt.)		
5:30 PM				
6:00 PM				
6:30 PM	U16/17 Girls & U17 Boys			

Sunday 30th October 2011

Main Hall Stage	Dome Results Stage	Floor 1	Floor 2	Floor 3
8:30 AM				
9:00 AM		U8 Girls Open Champ	U6 Primary	U6 Inter/ Open (alt.)
9:30 AM		U10 Prelim Champ	U8 Primary	U8 Inter/ Open (alt.)
10:00 AM	U8 Girls	U6 Premier		
10:30 AM	U5/U6 Grades	U11 Girls & U11 Boys Open Champs (alt.)	U10 Primary	U10 Inter
11:00 AM	U10 Prelim			
11:30 AM	U6 Premier			
12:00 PM	U8 Grades			
12:30 PM	U11 Boys			
	U11 Girls			
1:00 PM	U10 Grades			
1:30 PM		U9 Boys & U9 Girls Open Champs (alt.)	LUNCH	
2:00 PM		U10 Girls Open Champ	U11 Primary	U11 Inter
2:30 PM	U9 Boys			
	U9 Girls			
3:00 PM	U11 Grades	O17 Prelim Champ	U9 Primary	U9 Inter/ Open (alt.)
3:30 PM	U10 Girls	U11		
4:00 PM	O17 Prelim &	U19/O19 Ladies & O17 Mens Open Champ (alt.)	Overflow for Championship sets if required	
4:30 PM	U9 Grades			
5:00 PM	U11 Prelim			
5:30 PM				
6:00 PM	O17 Mens & U19/O19 Ladies			
6:30 PM				

1. Ages to be taken from 1st January 2011
2. The feis will run in accordance with the Rules of An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha
3. The receipt of entries implies that you acknowledge and accept all of the rules set down by An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha & the Southern England Regional Council as well as the additional rules listed below.
4. Novice & Primary Grade competitions are OPEN TO ALL REGIONS. Entries will only be accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiun.
5. 'Novice Rule' the basic steps as defined by the Southern England Regional Council will be adhered to for all Novice age groups.
6. An Coimisiun ruled that as from 01/01/11, that no block, en pointe, stationary or moving be allowed to be performed for all ages up to & including the under 12 age group worldwide. The U12 age group will be allowed to toe walk from 1st September 2011
7. 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.
8. Dancers should have proof of age (i.e. Registration cards or birth certificate) in the event of a query into their age group.
9. Where there are 5 dancers or less for Novice, Primary & Intermediate competitions the results will not affect their grading.
10. A Novice is a dancer who has never gained a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in a Novice Grade competition or any medal in a higher grade for that particular dance.
11. A Primary dancer is one whom has never won 1st or 2nd place for that particular dance in any age group.
12. An Intermediate dancer is one whom has not won 1st place for that particular dance in a particular age group and/or has not won a Preliminary or Open Championship or Premier competition.
13. Any Novice, Primary & Intermediate competition in which competitors number over 40 competitors will be split evenly by number.
14. All Championship Cups are perpetual; winners will be responsible for any loss or damage and for their safe return in adequate time for the next Feisanna.
15. All adjudicator's decisions are **FINAL**.
16. Any competitions can be moved to another hall at the discretion of Feis Secretary.
17. Dancers must be properly attired throughout the whole competition and in the halls, as well as for the results ceremony.
18. Dancers **must not** get dressed in any of the halls and are asked to use the changing facilities provided.
19. No smoking in any of the schools buildings or grounds.
20. In all heavy dances for Intermediate & Open the lead round must be danced on both right & left feet.
21. The Feis committee accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to any personal property.
22. Objections against any breach of the rules must be made in writing and signed by a TCRG to the Feis Secretary & accompanied by a fee of £25. This will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
23. Any form of unauthorised photography, which has the capability to capture the dancers image while in motion, using electronic or manual means, e.g. mobile phone, standard camera, video camera, cine recorder or commercial film with or without flash enhancement is expressly forbidden in competition.
24. Photographs taken at award presentations are for private use and must not be published on the internet without written permission from all individuals shown.
25. The dancers will remain in the same order for each round of the championships.
26. A recall in the Premier competition or championships will be at the discretion of the adjudicators and the organising committee. All dancers will dance their Set Dances if there are less than 10 dancers competing. Any dancer not getting a recall will automatically be entered into a separate set dance competition free of charge.
27. Makeup will not be permitted for any dancer in the first 2 grades up to & including the Under 12 age group. All Novice and Primary dancers may only wear a class costume, simple dancewear or appropriate attire (skirt & top or simple dress for girls and trousers, shorts and T-shirt or shirt for boys) in competitions up to and including the under 12 age group. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the competitor being disqualified.
28. Dancers must enter a minimum of three solos to be eligible to compete in the Under 6 and Under 7 Premier Trophy.
29. In the event of any dispute not covered by the above rules or elsewhere in this syllabus, then the rules of An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha will apply.

Rules for Preliminary Championships.

A dancer is only eligible to enter a preliminary championship if they have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open championship from 1st January in the previous year or within the current year. If there were 5 or fewer dancers in the open championship result, the dancer will still be eligible to enter a preliminary championship. A dancer is not eligible to enter a preliminary championship if they are a current medal holder from Oireachtas Na Cruinne. If a dancer wins two preliminary championships within the current feis year, commencing 1st January of that year, they are no longer eligible to enter a preliminary championship in the rest of the current year and until December 31st of the following year.