



SATURDAY 22nd & SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY 2022

**NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND
IRISH DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**PARKS LEISURE CENTRE
HOWDON ROAD, NORTH SHIELDS
TYNE & WEAR. NE29 6TL**

ADJUDICATORS

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North West Region
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Scottish Region
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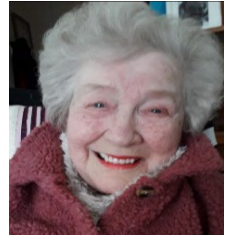
"Clairithe Leis An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha"



**Entries;- <https://www.instepfm.com>
Closing date: 10TH JANUARY 2022
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Welcome to The 2022 North East of England Irish Dance Championships



*The Championships are dedicated in loving memory of our
Beautiful mam Muriel Slater*

Dear Teachers, Parent / Guardians and Dancers,

On behalf of the Championship organisers we would like to extend a very warm welcome to this years annual North East of England Championships.

We will once again host our event at The Parks Leisure Centre, which has two full size championship stage's, plus a dance studio for practise, ample changing facilities, plenty of parking in front and to the rear of the venue. And as always superb hot and cold food will be available throughout the weekend.

From under 10yrs upwards all Open and Prelim Championships will run on Saturday 22nd January. All Grades, plus Open solo & Championships from U5 to U9yrs will run on Sunday 23rd January.

All dancers in the Preliminary & Open Championships will have the opportunity to dance their Set Dance as there will be a separate 'Set Dance Trophy Competition' for those not included in the recall.

The top five dancers in all Trophy Reel competitions will receive trophy awards. The first placed winner in each grade competition will receive a trophy award. There will also be 3 overall teachers awards for each grade section - Beginner, Primary and Intermediate.

To complete our Championship/Prelim day of competitions on Saturday, The Liam Harper Boys reel competition will take place, followed by our parade of Open, Local and Prelim Champions for 2022. The judges will then select our Minor, Junior and Senior Champion of Champions

We have an impressive line up of adjudicators and musicians and look forward to the very high standard of dancing our event always attracts.

Looking forward to welcoming you all to the North East Region and thank you for your continued support.

Kindest Regards

Barbara Slater ADCRG and Team Clann na nGael

Note: Any covid restrictions in place at the time of our event will be strictly adhered.

RULES GOVERNING FEIS

1. Please visit <https://www.instepfm.com> to submit your entry. Please see full details for entering on previous page. **Closing Date Monday 10th January 2022**
2. **Age to be taken from 1st January 2022. Entries may only be accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha.**
3. **The Adjudicators decision is final. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with CLRG rules.**
4. **Beginner competitions** are open to dancers who have never won a first place in that particular dance in any age group. Only basic steps may be performed. **No clicks or rocks.**
The Beginners Trophy Reel is confined to dancers who have danced in the Beginners Reel and have not previously won a Beginners Trophy Reel in any age group.
5. **Primary competitions** are open to dancers who have never won a first place in that particular dance in any age group. Excluding 1st placings won in the Beginner grades.
The Primary Trophy Reel is confined to dancers who have danced in the Primary Reel and have not previously won a Primary Trophy Reel in any age group.
6. **Intermediate competitions** are open to dancers who have not won a first place in that particular dance in their present age group.
The Intermediate Trophy Reel is confined to dancers who have danced in the Intermediate Reel and have not won an Intermediate Trophy Reel in their present age group.
7. If there are 5 or less competitors in any grade competition results will not effect a dancers grading status. However should a dancer win 3 such competitions they will move up to the next grade.
8. If there are 15 or more competitors in any Beginner competition, 1st 2nd & 3rd placed dancers will move up to the next grade. If less than 15 competitors only the 1st placed dancer will regrade.
9. **Grade competitions are open to All Regions.** Competitors in the **Beginner** and **Primary** grades are required to wear a class costume or a simple top with skirt/trouser. No make-up is allowed in either Beginner or Primary grades up to and including the under 12 age group.
10. With the exception of the Under 5, U6 & U7 age groups, a dancer who has won an Open championship, must dance in open competitions in the calendar year in which the championship was won
11. A dancer in the Under 5, U6 & U7 age groups, who has previously won an Open championship must dance in the Open grades for the dances they performed when winning. They are eligible to dance their other dances in the appropriate grades. Where there is no yearly Open grade the dancer may compete in the Intermediate grade in the next age group up.
12. **All Open, Prelim and Local challenge cups, are perpetual trophies and must be returned to the feis organisers when requested. The recipient/guardian is responsible for any loss or damage to the award whilst in their possession.**
13. Teams may contain up to 75% from a younger age group. A dancer may only compete in one team in the same age group, i.e., 1 x 2 hand, 1 x 3 hand etc. - the only exception to this would be where a dancer could dance in a mixed and unmixed 8 hand ceili team in the same age group.
14. No block, en Pointe, stationary or moving, is allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the Under 12 Age Group.
15. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids, and subsequently refuses to remove the 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.
16. Dancers must be suitable dressed at all times. Changing facilities will be provided, therefore there should be no changing in public areas.
17. **The use of make-up (including false eyelashes and tanner on face) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group.**
18. Any objections to these rules should be made in writing and handed to the Feis secretary with a fee of £20.00. The objection must be lodged within one hour after the completion of the competition. Where the objection is sustained the fee will be returned.
19. **No video or digital cameras, or phone cameras or flash photography to be used during competitions. Mobile telephones and electronic games must be switched off in dancing areas.**
20. No consumption of Alcohol is allowed in the building.
21. Competitors are required to be ready to dance 30 minutes before their competitions are scheduled on final timetable. They may lose their right to compete if not side stage when required.
22. The Feis organisers will as far as reasonably practical provide suitable surfaces for dancing. However they cannot be held responsible, or accept any liability for any injuries sustained whilst dancing. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer.
23. Subject to the approval of the Regional Council, the Feis organisers may cancel or amend any competitions in this syllabus. All teachers would be informed of any changes made.
24. **North East teachers are required to forward a copy of their entry to the Regional Records clerk: Jo Place Email: jo_place1@yahoo.co.uk on or before the 10th January 2022 Feis closing date. A £20 fine will be imposed by the Council for non-receipt of copy entries.**

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. A minimum of three adjudicators must officiate.
2. The first age group for preliminary championship is under 10
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Where there are separate Open and Preliminary Championships, dancers may compete in both at the discretion of the feis organiser.
6. Where a competitor wins two Preliminary Championships, they must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter.
7. For grading purposes, two wins will be taken as being in any two year rolling period. Where a dancer does not win a second Preliminary Championship within two years of winning their first Preliminary Championship, then the first win will be deemed as having expired and the dancers starts afresh.
8. Where there are less than 6 competitors 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.
9. Dances performed in a Preliminary Championship do not count for grading in solo competitions

Due to Covid restrictions & until further notice Please note prelim rules 10 & 11.

10. **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 Championship for a period of 12 months.**
11. **All competitors who are included on the official list of qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022 are not eligible to compete in Preliminary Championships until further notice. This includes dancers who automatically qualified at their Regional or National Oireachtas due to lack of numbers.**

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Under 10 to Senior Championships will be adjudicated by a panel of six adjudicators.

Three adjudicators for Rounds 1 & 2. A new panel will adjudicate the 3rd round.

Where there are 14 or more competitors in any Open or Preliminary Championship there will be a 50% recall. Less than 14 competitors, all competitors will dance their Set Dance.

All Championships are mixed unless there are 7 or more boys in any age group.

We continue to recognise our local dancers, the highest placed N.East dancer in every Open Championship from Under 8 upwards will be presented with the local award.

A Parade of Champions will take place at the end of both competition days, which will include the top 3 placed dancers in all Open Championships, the Prelim Champion and local champion.

This will be Followed by the adjudicators selecting our Minor, Junior and Senior Champion of Champions, who will be awarded the beautiful

Muriel Slater & Mary Lindsay Memorial Trophies.

Liam Harper Memorial Trophy competition - Open to all boys/men who have competed in Saturdays competitions - Required to dance 16 bars in Reel Time.

Approved by North East Regional Council Signed - Lisa Williamson Feis Registrar

COMPETITION INFORMATION, AGE GROUPS & FEES.

Solo Competitions:-

Reel (Cor) Single Jig (Port Single) Slip Jig (Port Luascach) Light Jig (Port Eadtrom)

Trophy Reel (Cor Trofai) Heavy Jig (Port) Hornpipe (Cornphiopa) **Traditional set Open U8 & U9**

Beginners: (bun-grad) Under 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 13

Primary: (tus-grad) Under 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 13 Over 13

Intermediate: (mean-grad) Under 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 Over 15

Open: (ard-grad) Under 5 6 7 8 9

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS:- OPEN TO DANCERS FROM ALL REGIONS.

Age groups: Under 10 11 12 13 14 15 Over 15

1st ROUND: Reel or Slip jig **2nd ROUND:** Heavy jig or Hornpipe

3rd ROUND: Open Set Dance. **Traditional or Open Set Dance for Under 10yrs only**

PREMIER - Under 5 - Reel

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - Age groups: Under 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 U21 O21

Under 6 & Under 7 - 1st Round: Reel 2nd Round: Single Jig

Under 8 & Under 9 - 1st Round: Reel/Slip Jig 2nd Round Heavy Jig/Hornpipe

3rd Round: Traditional Set Dance

To compete in Under 5 to Under 9 Open Premiers and Open Championships dancers are required to compete in the solo competitions of the relevant age group.

Under 10 yrs to Senior: Reel (cor) or Slip Jig (port luascach) & Heavy Jig (port) or Hornpipe (cornphiopa) Recall:- Open Set Dance.

Solo Medals will be awarded to all dancers in the first 2 rounds of Prelim & Open Championships from under 10 upwards

Entry Fees: Solo: £5.00 / Trophy Competition: £5.50

Open Premier: U 5 - £10.00 Open Championship: U6, U7, U8 & U9 - £15.00

Open Championships: U10 - Senior - £30.00

Preliminary Championships: U10 - Over 15- £30.00

Figure Dancing £1.00 per dancer. Dancer Maximum £45.00 / Family Maximum £70.00

Discounts: (Where an individual dancer's fees exceed £45.00

(A 'Dancers Maximum' fee of £45.00 would be payable

(Where family fee's exceeds £70.00

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Championship & Prelim charged @ £15.00 when entering 5+ solo grades

Door Entry: Adult £5.00. Child FREE. Concession £3.00. 2 Day pass £7.50 Programme £5.00

Closing Date for Entries: MONDAY 10TH JANUARY 2022

1. You can enter by visiting <https://www.instepfm.com> where you will be able to download your entry pack & find instructions on how to enter. All entries must be completed via the website and full payment made by 10th January.

2. Once you have completed your entry via the website you will receive a confirmation email advising the amount payable

3. Postal entries to be sent to: Des Silke 133 Hatfield Mead, Morden, Surrey. SM4 5PG.

4. All entries must be paid by Bank Transfer. Please contact Des Silke to complete your payment Email: desilke@instepfm.com or desilke648@icloud.com.

5. Entries will not be accepted if fees are not paid by due date 10th January 2022.

6. Teachers are responsible for ensuring all entries are correct. On receipt of confirmation email please check all information is correct. Details submitted by teachers will appear in official programme.

7. No refunds will be given. Fees payable in sterling only.

DIRECTIONS TO:- PARKS LEISURE CENTRE HOWDON RD, NORTH SHIELDS. NE29 6TL.

By Rail

From Central Station take Metro to Meadow Well Metro station. Alight from Metro station onto Bridge Street South. Head East .3 miles to 1st Round about turn right onto Howdon Road. Parks Leisure Centre on left hand side.

By Car: Approaching from the North A1

Leave A1 at junction for A19 Tyne Tunnel. Stay on A19. Take 1st slip road signed A193 North Shields. At R/Abt take 1st exit onto A193. At R/Abt take 3rd exit onto A187 Howdon. Continue on A187 crossing over 3 R/Abts. At 4th R/Abt take 1st exit which takes you into Parks Leisure Centre Howdon Road. North Shields NE29 6TL **(Due to changes in Road layout, it is no longer necessary to leave A19 at Silverlink R/A).**

By Car Approaching from the South A1 (M).

After passing Washington Services (A1M) keep right at the fork to continue on A194(M), follow signs for South Shields. At R/Abt take 2nd exit onto Leam Lane/A194. Continue on A194 at next R/Abt take 2nd exit onto A19 signed Morpeth/Tyne Tunnel. Continue on A19 and go through Tyne Tunnel. at R/Abt take exit onto signed A187 Howdon Road. Continue on A187 crossing over 3 R/Abts. At fourth R/Abt take 1st exit which takes you into Parks Leisure Centre Howdon Road. North Shields NE29 6TL

By Car Approaching from the West A69

From A69 cross over A1 to A186. At next R/Abt turn left onto A191. Follow signs for A167 to A167(M) City Bypass. Take exit onto A1085 signed Tynemouth proceed straight ahead going through several sets of Traffic lights. Take slip road signed Tyne Tunnel and stay in right hand lane. At R/Abt take 4th exit signed Tyne Tunnel A19. Take next slip road signed A193 North Shields and turn left. Move over to Rt hand lane at R/Abt take 3rd exit onto A187 Howdon Road. Continue on A187 crossing 3 further R/Abts. At fourth R/Abt take 1st exit which leads you into Parks Leisure Centre Howdon North Shields. NE29 6TL

ACCOMMODATION

<p align="center"><u>Feis Hotel:- Village Hotel</u></p> <p align="center">Village Hotel Cobalt Business Park, West Allotment, Newcastle Upon Tyne. Central reservations: 0871 222 4600 NE27 0BY</p>	<p align="center"><u>Nearest Accommodation to Feis Venue.</u></p> <p align="center">Premier Inn - North Shields Ferry Terminal Coble Dene Road, North Shields. NE29 6DL Tel: 0871 527 8820</p>
<p align="center"><u>Premier Inn</u></p> <p align="center">Edmund Road, Holystone, Tyne & Wear. NE27 0UN Tel: 0871 527 8790</p>	<p align="center"><u>Helpful websites</u></p> <p align="center"> www.instepfeismanagement www.village-hotels.co.uk www.trainline.com www.skyscanner.net </p>

AIRLINES FLYING TO NEWCASTLE

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<p>Easy Jet: Bristol Belfast Int London Gatwick</p>	<p>Aerlingus: Cork, Dublin,</p>
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