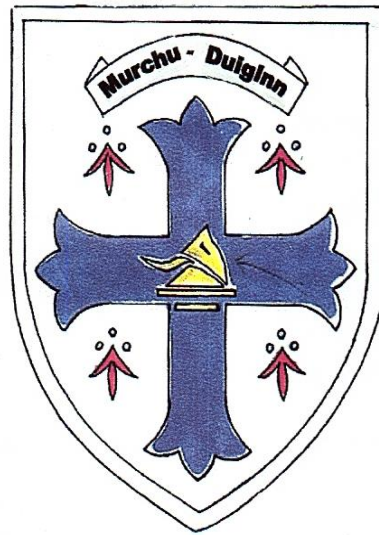


**MURCHU-DUIGINN**  
**SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING**  
**19th ANNUAL FEIS**  
**SATURDAY 11th MAY 2019**



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**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2019**

*Cláraithe leis An Choimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha*

# WELCOME BACK



We are pleased to announce "we are back" for our 19th year.

We are returning to St Joseph's Catholic High School, Slough, which is easily accessible from major motorways, The venue has a brand new large gymnasium with plenty of space for 4 grade stages along with an excellent stage in the main hall.

We have an extensive panel of adjudicators, with excellent musicians to accompany the children. A full preliminary & championship result system will be in operation throughout the weekend.

Again for 2019, we are running the 32 Bar Grade System which is explained in greater detail later in the syllabus.

We will be running Open competitions in the U8 and U9 age groups. If dancing the Championship ONLY U8 & U9 the entry fee is £26.00. If entering "3" of more solo grade competitions the entry fee for the U8 & U9 Championship will be reduced to £15.00 - PLEASE TICK THE CORRECT BOX ON THE ENTRY FORM.

In Mixed Championships, from Under 10 upwards, the highest placed Boy and Girl will receive a Cup, and will be eligible to dance in the Champion of Champions. Also where competitions are run in double age groups, the highest placed Boy & Girl from each age group will be eligible to dance.

As in previous years, we will be running 3 Champion of Champion competitions, the first will be from Under 6 to Under 9, the second will be from Under 10 to Under 14, and the third will be from Under 15 to Senior.

Can you please take note of all the requests in the syllabus. The deadline for entries will be Wednesday 24th April 2019. Cheques to be made payable to the "**Murchu Duiginn School of Irish Dancing**" and entries will not be accepted without payment. Entries to be sent to **Murchu-Duiginn School of Irish Dancing, The White Lodge, 49 London Rd, Shenley, Herts, WD7 9BN**. Can you please use the official entry form.

There will be full catering facilities with hot and cold food available throughout the weekend.

We look forward to welcoming you to our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Feis.

*Ann Marie Flaherty ADCRG*

*Fiona Diggins Murphy ADCRG*

*Maria Diggins Murphy ADCRG*



## Standard Rules for SER Feiseanna – 2019

- 1 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.
- 2 Entries will only be accepted from Schools registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha and entry forms must be signed by the registered teacher. Entries with no fee will not be processed or acknowledged.
- 3 New entries may be taken on the day of the Feis in line with **SERC** late entry rule and competitions may be combined at the Feis Organisers discretion if only one competitor is entered.
- 4 Ages to be taken from **1st January 2019**
- 5 All competitors may be required to produce their birth certificate / passport as proof of age.
- 6 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.
- 7 All decisions of the Adjudicators are **FINAL**.
- 8 Committee members only may approach the Adjudicators.
- 9 **ALL** Grade Competitions are OPEN to all Regions.
- 10 Competitors may only dance each dance in one grade.
- 11 Where there are five or less competitors in a competition, results will not affect their grading.
- 12 In all Heavy dances the lead around must be danced on both the right and left foot.
- 13 A Novice is 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.
- 14 The basic step rule will apply to all Novice competitions as per the Southern England Regional Council.
- 15 The Primary Grade is for dancers who have not won a **1st or 2nd place** for that particular dance in any Age Group.
- 16 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. 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 may lead to disqualification.
- 17 The Intermediate Grade is for dancers who have not won a **1st place** for that particular dance in a particular Age Group, or who has not won a Premier competition, Preliminary Championships or Open Championship.
- 18 Intermediate competitors can dance their grade dances and either the Preliminary or Open Championship.
- 19 A panel of three adjudicators will judge all Open Championships and all Preliminary Championships from U6 upwards.
- 20 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.**
- 21 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.
- 22 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.
- 23 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.
- 24 Make-up Rule (4.5 in CLRG Rule Book) 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.
- 25 Dancers must be properly attired throughout the whole competition and must be in full costume and appropriate footwear when receiving awards. No changing allowed in competition areas.
- 26 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.**
- 27 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.
- 28 Any competition can be moved to another hall at the discretion of the Feis Secretary.
- 29 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.
- 30 **Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children**, at all times, whilst attending the Feis.
- 31 The Feis Organiser accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.
- 32 No Smoking, eating or drinking in any of the halls, except in designated areas.
- 33 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 £25.00, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld. If parents have any constructive comments to make about any aspect of Feiseanna, these would be welcomed by the council and should be put in writing. It should be noted that anonymous correspondence cannot be dealt with.

# SOUTHERN ENGLAND REGION PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP RULE

## Effective from February 2018

**To compete in a Preliminary Championship dancers must not:-**

Have placed in the top 3 in an Open Championship in the previous 12 months.

Have won more than 2 Preliminary Championships in the current year or previous calendar year.

Have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne at any event in the past calendar year. Dancers who qualify for Oireachtas Na Cruinne, are an exception to the rule where they may have automatically qualified due to low entry levels at their Regional Oireachtas. These dancers may remain in the Preliminary grade, if they so wish, until such time they win out of the grade.

Competitors can only dance in either Preliminary or Open Championship: they may not compete in both.

If a dancer wins a Preliminary Championship where there were 5 or fewer dancers in the competition, the dancer will still be eligible to enter a Preliminary Championship.

### PLEASE NOTE

The points above apply when a dancer competes from Under 10 and upwards. A dancer who has been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open Championship in the age groups below Under 10, will be eligible to compete in Preliminary Championships.

(Teachers are advised / requested to use their own discretion)

### AWARDS

2 medals = 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

## COMPETITION FEES

All Solo Trophy Dances (1st – 3rd Place)	£4.50
Figure & Ceili Championship (per dancer)	£3.00
<b>DOOR ENTRY PER FAMILY - PLEASE INCLUDE WITH ENTRY</b>	<b>£6.00</b>
Premier Under 5 (1 Adjudicator)	£7.00
Championship U6 & U7 (2 grade dances must be <b>danced</b> )	£10.00
Championship U8 & U9 (If <b>dancing</b> 3 or more solo grades)	£15.00
Open Mixed Championships U8 up (includes 2 solo results)	£26.00
Preliminary Championships U10 up (includes 2 solo results)	£26.00
Maximum for one child	£40.00
Family Fee	£60.00

### ALL CHEQUES TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO: MURCHU DUIGINN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

Murchu Duiginn School of Irish Dancing  
The White Lodge  
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**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENTRY FORMS RECEIVED WITHOUT  
PAYMENT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

**ENTRIES ON THE OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN  
WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2019**

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### SOUTHERN ENGLAND LOCAL RULE

Entries received on or before WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL 2019 will be subject to normal fees.

Entries received between THURSDAY 25th APRIL 2019 and FRIDAY 10th MAY 2019 will be subject to a £2.00 late fee per dancer.

Entries accepted on the day of the feis will be subject to a £5.00 admin fee for each dancer.

# 32 BAR GRADE SYSTEM

We are going to use the 32 Bar System in all grade dances for Novice, Primary, Intermediate & Open Solos, except the Traditional Set Dance & Open Set Dance Competitions. It is called the 32 Bar Grade System.

We are using this system for 2 reasons

Time Saving: Time is not spent walking on and off and Bowing.

Audience Participation: All dancers will be on stage at the same time, which will capture the attention of the whole audience - thereby ensuring a quieter and more orderly reception for all dancers.

This system is relatively new & some dancers may not have used it before.

There will be stage stewards on each stage counting the next 2 dancers in and dancers will not be penalised for starting late or continuing after 32 bars.

**There will not be a gap of 8 bars in between each performance.**

All Dancers in the Competition will be lined up at the back of the stage at the start of the competition.

The adjudicators will take down the numbers of all competitors at this point.

The first two dancers walk to the starting positions & after the 8 Bar introduction the dancers will begin & dance for 32 bars\*

After 32 bars\* they bow (Quickly) and return to their original place in the line up at the back of the stage (the position they were in when lined up at the beginning).

The next two dancers have picked up and commence their performance of 32 bars\*

# 32 BAR GRADE SYSTEM

# Murchu-Duiginn Feis 2019 - Grade Competitions

AGE GROUPS	NOVICE (BUN GRAD) TROPHY	PRIMARY (TUS GRAD) TROPHY	INTERMEDIATE (MEAN GRAD) TROPHY	OPEN (ARD GRAD) TROPHY
<b>Under 5</b>	Reel (ungraded)			<b>Premier</b>
<b>Under 6 6 &amp; Under 7</b>	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe <b>Open Championship</b>

## Under 7 Traditional Set

## 8 & Under 9 Open Set Dance

<b>7 &amp; Under 8 8 &amp; Under 9</b>	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
<b>9 &amp; Under 10 10 &amp; Under 11 11 &amp; Under 12</b>	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	
<b>12 &amp; Under 14 14 &amp; Under 16</b>		Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	
<b>16 &amp; Over</b>			Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig Heavy Jig Hornpipe	

## CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN & PRELIMINARY

<b>7 &amp; Under 8 8 &amp; Under 9 9 &amp; Under 10 10 &amp; Under 11 11 &amp; Under 12 12 &amp; Under 13 13 &amp; Under 14 14 &amp; Under 15 15 &amp; Under 16 16 &amp; Under 17 17 &amp; Under 19 Senior Over 19</b>	<b>Open Championship includes 2 Solo Results</b>		<b>9 &amp; Under 10 10 &amp; Under 11 11 &amp; Under 12 12 &amp; Under 13 13 &amp; Under 14 14 &amp; Under 15 Senior Over 15</b>	<b>Preliminary Championship includes 2 Solo Results</b>
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## CEILI & FIGURE COMPETITIONS

<b>Under 11 11 &amp; Under 13 13 &amp; Under 16 Over 16</b>	<p>4 Hand Reel</p> <p>Humours of Bandon</p> <p>Fairy Reel</p> <p>Progressive Dance</p> <p>Ceili Championship</p> <p>Figure Dance Championship</p>
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## MIXED PREMIER

### Age Group Round 1

Under 5 Reel (40 Bars)

## MIXED CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Age Group Round 1 Round 2 Round 3

Under 6	Reel (40 Bars)	Light Jig (40 Bars)	Single Jig (40 Bars)
6 & Under 7	Reel (40 Bars)	Light Jig (40 Bars)	Single Jig (40 Bars)
7 & Under 8	Heavy Jig (40 bars)	Reel (40 Bars)	Trad Set Dance
8 & Under 9	Heavy Jig (40 bars)	Reel (40 Bars)	Trad Set Dance
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 16	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
16 & Under 17	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
17 & Under 19	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Senior O/19	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

Competitors from U10 will perform 40 bars in the Reel & Heavy Jig & 32 bars in the Slip Jig & Hornpipe

## MIXED PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

### Age Group Round 1 Round 2 Round 3

9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Senior O/15	Heavy Jig / Hornpipe	Reel / Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

Preliminary dancers will perform 40 bars in the Reel & Heavy Jig & 32 bars in the Slip Jig & Hornpipe



## 2018 Winners

MIXED	U6	HANNAH MAHON	CLADDAGH SCHOOL
MIXED	U7	LILY MURPHY	GLENDARRAGH
MIXED	U8	NIAMH CAPALDI	KIDD SCHOOL
MIXED	U9	AVA ROSE FOLAN	MCGAHAN LEES ACADEMY
<b>Champion of Champions</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>LILY MURPHY</b>	<b>GLENDARRAGH</b>
GIRLS	U10	SIENNA SKEHILL	CELTIC HEARTS
GIRLS	U11	ELLIE CAMPBELL	MCNELIS CUNNINGHAM
BOYS	U11	JOHN O'CONNOR	CLADDAGH SCHOOL
GIRLS	U12	ELLIE KATE McCARTHY	MCGAHAN LEES ACADEMY
BOYS	U12	ARTHUR MORAN	THE IRISH DANCE ACADEMY
GIRLS	U13	ELLA McCARTHY	SCOIL RINCE CEIM OIR
BOYS	U13	OISIN MORONEY	CEIM OIR
GIRLS	U14	ELLA OWENS	CEIM OIR
<b>Champion of Champions</b>	<b>U14</b>	<b>ELLA McCARTHY</b>	<b>BLAIR McCARTHY</b>
GIRLS	U15	AILEEN MURPHY	MURCHU DUIGINN SCHOOL
GIRLS	U16	CHRISSEY MURRAY	MURCHU DUIGINN SCHOOL
GIRLS	U17	ERIN GRACE COOKE	HENNIGAN O'CONNOR
BOYS	U17	TOMMY BATESON	MURCHU DUIGINN SCHOOL
LADIES	U19	MAIREAD TRAINOR	TRAINOR SCHOOL
LADIES	SENIOR	SHANNON MORRISSEY	CEIM OIR
MEN	SENIOR	CHARLIE CAHILL	MURCHU DUIGINN SCHOOL
<b>Champion of Champions</b>	<b>O14</b>	<b>MAIREAD TRAINOR</b>	<b>TRAINOR SCHOOL</b>
PRELIMINARY	U10	ALEX MACE	FRYDAY ACADEMY
PRELIMINARY	U11	DARCEY DOWLEY	SCANLON SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY	U12	EVIE McILRAITH	KIDD SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY	U13	LAOISE KEEGAN	MURCHU DUIGINN SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY	U14	MOLLY STAPLETON	MURCHU DUIGINN SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY	U15	AOIFE KEEGAN	MURCHU DUIGINN SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY	O15	MEGAN STRICKLAND	BROOKS ACADEMY

## 2018 Winners