

Katie Jeffrey McVey T.C.R.G.
invites you to

The West of Scotland Irish Dancing Championships



Ravensraig Regional Sports Facility
1 O'Donnell Way
Motherwell
North Lanarkshire
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Saturday 16th September 2017

Fellow Teachers

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your dancers to the 12th annual **West of Scotland Championships**. I hope you can join me in celebrating this year's event and hopefully add to the amazing and overwhelming success of previous years.

I am delighted to announce that we have managed to secure the fabulous, state of the art sports complex, Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility, to host our event over 1 day again, for the third year running. This amazing venue boasts excellent amenities and will again accommodate two championship halls, each with a purpose built stage.

As ever, the competition will also have fabulous awards and prizes on display, with a 5 tier podium, sashes, cups, trophies, crystal and medals all up for grabs, as well as a number of exciting surprises.

This year's competition will continue to amalgamate all prelim dancers into the open championship for each age group from Under 9 through to Senior. Separate prelim results will be given to reflect rounds 1 and 2 of these championships. I can also confirm that all grade, prelim and championship competitions are open to dancers from all regions.

In addition to the open championships for age groups Under 10 through to Senior, there will be a separate traditional set dance competition available. Furthermore, there will be separate set dance competition held for all non recalled open championship dancers.

The final timetable will be confirmed by Monday 4th September, once all entries are received, but I have prepared a provisional timetable, to help with travel plans, and I will endeavour to stick as closely to this as possible.

Finally, I also take pleasure in confirming that our **Champion of Champions** competition will be hosted at the end of the day, where the winners of each open championship will compete for the Champion of Champions Title and a beautiful Crystal Trophy award. This competition will be split into 2 age groups, Under 5 to Under 12 and Under 13 to Senior, showcasing the amazing talent that our champions have to offer.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Katie Jeffrey McVey T.C.R.G

Entry Fees

Solo Grades	£3.50 per dance
Trophy Grades	£5.00 per dance
Traditional Set Trophy	£5.00 per dancer
U5 Championship	£10.00 per dancer
U6 Championship	£15.00 per dancer
U7 - Senior Championships	£26.50 per dancer
Dancer Maximum	£40.00 per dancer
Family Maximum	£70.00 per family
Door Entry (on the day)	£5.00 per person

Feis Secretary

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Cheques should be made payable to
'The West of Scotland Championships'

***All entries must be returned to the Feis Secretary by
Friday 25th August***

Adjudicators

1. Bernadette Trainor	London
2. Anthony Costello	Limerick
3. John Morgan	Manchester
4. Blainaid McCaul	Co Louth
5. Maire Dixon	Dublin
6. Sinead Brooks	London
7. Debbie Trainor	London

Musicians

1. Seamus O'Sullivan	Glasgow
2. Gerry Conlon	Glasgow
3. Martin Daly	Glasgow

Rules

1. Entries will only be accepted from teachers registered with AN COIMISIUN.
2. All entries must be made on the enclosed official entry forms, which must be fully completed and signed by the teacher. Entries will only be accepted from teacher's en-bloc and not on an individual basis. The dancer's FULL FIRST and SURNAME must be entered in BLOCK CAPITALS.
3. The Feis Committee may notify or cancel any arrangements detailed in this syllabus as is deemed necessary, subject to the approval of An Coimisiun.
4. The Adjudicator's decisions are final.
5. Complaints must be submitted in writing with a £20 fee to the Feis Secretary within an hour of incident. The fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.
6. Competitors must be present when their competition is called and fully obey all directions from the Feis Stewards and Hall Keeper, or they may lose their right to dance. Everyone in attendance must follow the Code of Conduct published in the Programme.
7. Competitors must dance in strict numerical order and be in costume ready to dance no less than 20 minutes before the times scheduled for their competitions.
8. Competitors must use the designated areas to practice and must not practice in the competition halls, corridors, side stage etc. This rule will be strictly enforced. Any dancer found causing damage to floor surfaces out with the areas designated as official practice areas will be held personally liable for any necessary repairs.
9. All championship trophies are perpetual challenge trophies and must be returned at the request of the Feis Committee.
10. Tempos for Intermediate and Open competitions and Open Championships will be the same as those stipulated for the World Championships.
Reel-113, Slip Jig – 113, Heavy Jig – 73, Hornpipe – 113
11. Beginner and Primary competitions are open to competitors from all regions. Speeds will be in accordance with those stipulated by the Scottish Regional Council, as outlined below.

	Reel	Single Jig	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe
Beginner	122	124	116	122	76	128
Primary	120	124	116	118	76	120

12. Beginners are only permitted to dance steps equivalent to the basic reel, single jig, light jig, slip jig, heavy jig and hornpipe. Any competitors performing steps of a harder degree of difficulty in the beginner's grade may be disqualified from that particular competition.
13. Make-up Rules (4.5 in CLRG Rule Book)
 - 4.5.1 Make-up will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades (Beginner and Primary) up to and including the Under 12 age group worldwide.
 - 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 purposes of this rule the term "make up" includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products. An Coimisiún hopes that teachers and parents will interpret and apply this rule in the spirit in which it is intended. Effective March 1st, 2014

14. First Aiders will be present should anyone need their assistance at the Feis.
15. No Coaching is allowed whilst dancers are on stage. This could result in disqualification of the dancer and is a rule laid down by the SRC
16. Beginner – A dancer winning 1st or 2nd in beginner grade, when there are 6 or more competitors, must dance that particular dance in primary grade (or above).
17. Primary – A dancer winning 1st in primary grade, when there are 6 or more competitors, must dance that particular dance in intermediate grade (or above) for a period of at least 12 months.
18. Intermediate – A dancer winning 1st in intermediate grade, when there are 6 or more competitors, must dance that particular dance in open grade for a period of at least 12 months.
19. Open – A dancer winning 1st, 2nd or 3rd in open grade must dance that particular dance in open grade for a period of at least 12 months.
20. Open Championship – A dancer placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open championship must remain open for the dances performed in that championship for a period of at least 12 months.
21. A Preliminary Championship is a competition that consists of at least one light & one heavy round that is judged by a minimum of 3 adjudicators & must consist of a minimum of 2 dancers. To be eligible to compete in a Preliminary Championship dancers cannot:
 - have been placed Top 3 in an Open Championship within the last 12 months.
 - win more than 2 Preliminary Championships with the last 12 months, irrespective of the number of competitors.
22. All dancers must be in full costume and appropriate black footwear when receiving awards, otherwise such awards may be forfeited.
23. Dancers in Beginner and Primary competitions up to and including the Under 12 age group may only wear class costume, skirt and blouse or appropriate civilian clothing. Low cut tops or short tight skirts are not permitted. Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification from the competition.
24. Toe blocks or any other footwork danced 'en Pointe', whether stationary or moving is not permitted for those dancers up to and including the Under 11 age group.
26. Changing facilities will be provided and must be used. No changing in the halls will be allowed.
27. The use of hairspray will only be permitted in designated changing areas. No hairspray to be used in competition halls.
28. The dress code in accordance with An Comisiun rules will be strictly observed. i.e. for the sake of modesty and in the interest of safety to young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the Feis scantily dressed.
29. Any form of unauthorised photography which has the capacity to capture a dancer's image in motion, using electrical or manual means, e.g. mobile-phone, standard camera, video camera, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is strictly forbidden in competition.
30. The Committee are not responsible for property lost during the Feis and every one is advised not to leave bags or clothing etc. unattended.
31. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the venue.
32. The SRC has a zero tolerance on the consumption of alcohol in all areas of feiseanna. Furthermore the consumption of alcohol on non-licensed premises is a breach of Scottish law and may be subject to prosecution by the appropriate authorities

Directions

By Road

From M74 North and South

- Leave M74 at Junction 6 signposted Hamilton & Motherwell
- Follow slip road towards Motherwell
- Turn right onto Airbles Rd/B754
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on Airbles Rd/B754
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit and stay on Airbles Rd/B754
- Go through mini roundabout
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Windmillhill St/A721
- Go through mini roundabout
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit
- At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Robberhall Rd
- At the roundabout, take the 1st exit
- At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto O'Donnell Way
- Destination will be on the left

For Parking

- There is ample parking available at the venue

By Rail

Nearest Station – Motherwell

- Venue is 2.5 miles away from the station

Accommodation

- Moorings Hotel, Motherwell - 01698 258131
- The Commercial Hotel, Wishaw - 01698 355775
- Holiday Inn Express, Strathclyde Park - 01698 858585
- Holiday Inn Express Hamilton - 01698 456300

Solo Grades

(B – Beginner, P – Primary, I – Intermediate)

Age Group	Reel	Single Jig	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Trophy Reel	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe	Heavy Trophy
U6	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	I	I	I
U7	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U8	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U9	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U10	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U11	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U12	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
O12	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I

Open Championships

(Solo results will be given for rounds 1 and 2 from U7 – Senior)

(Prelim results will be given for age groups U9 – Senior)

Age Group	1 st Round	2 nd Round	Recall	Traditional Set Separate Competition
U5	Reel			
U6	Reel	Single Jig		
U7	Reel	Single Jig	Light or Heavy Jig	
U8	Reel	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe	
U9	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Traditional Set Dance	
U10	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance	X
U11	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance	X
U12	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance	X
U13	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance	X
U14	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance	X
U15	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance	X
U16	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance	X
U18	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance	X
Senior	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance	X