



# SOLENT FEILE CHAMPIONSHIPS

ESTABLISHED 1978

**NEW LOCATION**

OAKLANDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL, STAKES HILL ROAD,  
WATERLOOVILLE, HAMPSHIRE, PO7 7BW

## SATURDAY 20th JUNE 2026

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**CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY 12th JUNE 2026**

DUE TO THE FEIS BEING A ONE DAY FEIS  
IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ENTER ON THE DAY,  
PLEASE ENTER EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT  
**£5.00 Admin fee, payable for entries on the day**

Claraíthe Feis An Coimisiún le Ríncí Gaelacha



Dear Teachers,

We are delighted to welcome you all to the 48th Solent Féile and would like to thank you for your continued support over the years.

This year, the Solent Féile will be held at Oaklands Catholic School, conveniently located just four minutes from Junction 4 of the A3. Oaklands Catholic School proudly hosted the very first Solent Féile back in 1978, and we are excited to return to this special venue for what promises to be a memorable and nostalgic event—especially for those who joined us on day one.

The school offers excellent facilities, including an impressive assembly hall featuring a hugely spacious, stage as well as tiered seating for up to 500 spectators.

Our canteen will once again provide a variety of hot and cold food and drinks throughout the day at reasonable prices. In addition, our sweets and snack stall will be available in the sports hall, offering a wide selection.

As in previous years, our medals and trophies will be of a high standard. All Open and Preliminary Championship winners will be presented with our impressive perpetual cups, along with sashes for the top five competitors.

In graded solo competitions, trophies will be awarded to the top three, and all participants will receive a placing in their reel.

This year, we are pleased to introduce the Solent Stars competition for competitors who are not yet ready to perform their full Reel in the Grades competition. Participants will perform 16 bars of a Reel, and every competitor will receive an award.

We are delighted to welcome nine highly accomplished adjudicators and three excellent musicians for the weekend. All Preliminary and Open Championships (from Under 10 upwards) will be adjudicated by a panel of six judges.

We are pleased to welcome our vendors for this year's Feis: Chris Skehill of Feiswear and Redmond Rose.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you back this year. For those attending for the first time, a very warm welcome—we wish everyone a safe journey and an enjoyable weekend.

***Alice Boyle-O'Dowda, ADCRG & Ailis O'Dowda, ADCRG  
And The parents and pupils of the Boyle-O'Dowda Academy.***

## **ACCOMMODATION**

**PREMIER INN PORTSMOUTH HAVANT** - 65 BEDHAMPTON HILL, HAVANT, PO9 3JN

**PREMIER INN PORTSMOUTH HAVANT SOUTH** - EAST LANGS TECH PARK, LANGSTONE ROAD, HAVANT, PO9 1SE

**HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS PORTSMOUTH** - EASTERN ROAD, FARLINGTON, PORTSMOUTH, PO6 1UN

**TRAVELODGE PORTSMOUTH HILSEA** - COPNOR ROAD, HILSEA, PORTSMOUTH, PO3 5HS

## 48th Solent Feile - Grade Competitions

SOLENT STARS						
16 BARS OF A REEL						
NOVICE (Bún Grád)	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
	REEL	LIGHT JIG	SINGLE JIG	SLIP JIG	HEAVY JIG	HORNSPIPE
Under 6	122-124	116	124	124		
6 & Under 7	122-124	116	124	124		
7 & Under 8	122-124	116	124	124	96	144
8 & Under 9	122-124	116	124	124	96	144
9 & Under 10	122-124	116	124	124	96	144
10 & Under 11	122-124	116	124	124	96	144
11 & Under 12	122-124	116	124	124	96	144
<b>OVER 12</b>	122-124	116	124	124	96	144
PRIMARY (Tús Grád)	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
	REEL	LIGHT JIG	SINGLE JIG	SLIP JIG	HEAVY JIG	HORNSPIPE
Under 6	116-118	116	124	120		
Under 7	116-118	116	124	120		
7 & Under 8	116-118	116	124	120	76	118
8 & Under 9	116-118	116	124	120	76	118
9 & Under 10	116-118	116	124	120	76	118
10 & Under 11	116-118	116	124	120	76	118
11 & Under 12	116-118	116	124	120	76	118
12 & Under 14	116-118	116	124	120	76	118
<b>OVER 14</b>	116-118	116	124	120	76	118
INTERMEDIATE (Mean Grád)	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
	REEL	LIGHT JIG	SINGLE JIG	SLIP JIG	HEAVY JIG	HORNSPIPE
Under 6	113	116	124	113		
Under 7	113	116	124	113		
7 & Under 8	113	116	124	113	73	113
8 & Under 9	113	116	124	113	73	113
9 & Under 10	113	116	124	113	73	113
10 & Under 11	113	116	124	113	73	113
11 & Under 12	113	116	124	113	73	113
12 & Under 14	113	116	124	113	73	113
14 & Under 16	113	116	124	113	73	113
<b>OVER 16</b>	113	116	124	113	73	113
OPEN (Ard Grád)	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
	REEL	LIGHT JIG	SINGLE JIG	SLIP JIG	HEAVY JIG	HORNSPIPE
Under 6	113	116	124	113	UNGRADED	UNGRADED
6 & Under 7	113	116	124	113	UNGRADED	UNGRADED
7 & Under 8	113	116	124	113	73	113
8 & Under 9	113	116	124	113	73	113
UNDER 9 OPEN SET DANCE						
Under 11 & Under 13		13 & Under 16			Over 16	
4 Hand Reel		4 Hand Reel			4 Hand Reel	
Fairy Reel		Fairy Reel			Fairy Reel	
Ceili Championship		Ceili Championship			Ceili Championship	
Progressive Dance		Progressive Dance			Progressive Dance	
Traditional Set Dance competition - Panel of 3 Adjudicators						
Under 10 - Teresa Boyle Memorial Cup						
Under 15 - Sheila McAleer Memorial Cup						
Over 15 - Tom & Cath Alford Memorial Cup						

## 48th Solent Feile - Championship & Preliminary Dances

### MIXED/GIRLS/LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS

Under 6 Mixed	Reel (40)	Single Jig (40)	Light Jig(40) or Heavy Jig (40)
6 & Under 7 Mixed	Reel (40)	Single Jig (40)	Light Jig (40) or Heavy Jig (40)
7 & Under 8 Girls	Reel (40)	Heavy Jig (40)	Traditional Set Dance
8 & Under 9 Girls	Reel (40)	Heavy Jig (40)	Traditional Set Dance
9 & Under 10 Girls	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Traditional or Open Set Dance
10 & Under 11 Girls	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12 Girls	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13 Girls	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14 Girls	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15 Girls	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 16 Girls	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
16 & Under 17 Girls	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
17 & Under 19 Ladies	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
19 & Under 21 Ladies	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
Senior Over 21 Ladies	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance

### BOYS/MENS CHAMPIONSHIPS

7 & Under 9	Heavy Jig (40)or Hornpipe (32)	Reel (40) or Slip Jig (32)	Traditional Set Dance
9 & Under 11	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 13	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 15	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 17	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
17 & Under 19	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
Over 19	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance

### MIXED PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Traditional or Open Set Dance
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 16	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
16 & Under 18	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
Over 18	Heavy Jig (48)or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance

### Entry Fees

<b>CEILI - FIGURE COMPETITIONS (£5 PER DANCER)</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>SOLO TROPHY COMPETITIONS</b>	<b>£6.50</b>
<b>DOOR FEE PER ADULT - PAYABLE ON ENTRY TO THE FEIS (Children Free)</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
<b>SOLENT STARS</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>UNDER 10, UNDER 15 &amp; OVER 15 MEMORIAL TRAD SET COMPETITIONS</b>	<b>£10.00</b>
<b>MIXED OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS FROM UNDER 6 - INCLUDES 2 SOLO RESULTS</b>	<b>£45.00</b>
<b>MIXED PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS FROM UNDER 10 - INCLUDES 2 SOLO RESULTS</b>	<b>£45.00</b>
<b>Maximum for 1 Dancer - £60.00 : Family Fee - MAX for 2 Dancers - £80.00</b>	
<b>Family Fee - MAX for 3 or more Dancers - £100.00</b>	

Email your entry pack to: [des@instepfm.com](mailto:des@instepfm.com) or [desilke648@icloud.com](mailto:desilke648@icloud.com)

**CLOSING DATE IS FRIDAY 12th JUNE 2026**

## Standard Rules for SER Feiseanna – 2026

- 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.
- 4 **Ages to be taken from 1st January 2026.**
- 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 Only the committee members may approach the Adjudicators during competitions.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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
- 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 The adjudication panel is at the discretion of the Feis organiser.
- 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
- 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
- 34 Competitors in Bun Grad & Tus Grad, up to and including the Under 12 age group, may only wear traditional class costumes or 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.
- 35 Costume Length: Length of costumes must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps. Adjudicators who determine a costume to be too short or to lack modesty may ask a competitor to change into black tights (of a denier not less than 70 per cent) in order for the dancer to continue in the competition. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator, all adjudicators on the panel must agree to ask the dancer to wear tights.
- 36 Appropriate undergarments covering the midriff must be worn. Undergarments must provide full coverage as per the illustration attached. (See Addendum A). Dancers wearing undergarments that do not cover the areas of the body as in the illustrated example will be asked to put on black tights of a denier of not less than 70%. This is monitored by the adjudicator. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator all adjudicator on the panel must agree to ask the dancer to put on tights
- 37 **Costumes (including headwear) worn in championship competitions must not include any "Identifying Designs". "Identifying Designs" are defined as any element on any costume worn in a championship solo competition identifying a status of achievement or an Irish dance competition award (i.e. GLOBES). Effective date 1st September 2025.**

CLRG / SERC RULES WILL BE UPDATED / AMENDED IF THEY CHANGE BETWEEN THE PASSING OF THIS SYLLABUS AND THE EVENT.

## Preliminary Championships in England, Scotland and Wales Effective 1st January 2021

- A minimum number of three Adjudicators must officiate.
- The first age group for a Preliminary Championship is Under 10.
- 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.
- 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.
- Where there are separate Preliminary and Open Championships, dancers can compete in both at the discretion of the Feis organiser.
- Where a competitor wins two Preliminary Championships they must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter.
- 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 within two years of winning their first Preliminary Championship, then the first win will be deemed as having expired and the dancer starts afresh.
- Where there are less than 6 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.
- Dances performed in a Preliminary Championships do not count for grading in solo competitions.
- Competitors that qualify for and compete in Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in the previous 12 months cannot compete in a Preliminary Championship *except where the dancer auto qualified at their Regional or National Oireachtas due to lack of numbers.*
- Dancers placing 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in an Open Championship with up to 20 competitors or 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in an Open Championship with more than 20 Competitors cannot compete in a Preliminary Championship for a period of 12 months.

**PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE RULES ARE NOT RETROSPECTIVE**

### Awards

2 medals/trophies = 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

### General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Solent Feile Committee and teachers of the Boyle-O'Dowda Academy will protect all user's information in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

The Teachers of Boyle-O'Dowda Academy are fully paid up members of CLRG and comply with all CLRG GDPR Regulations currently in place as regards to running Feiseanna.

Data collected will be via the completed entry pack that is available for download from <https://www.instepfm.com>. All the data in the entry pack will be stored on a password protected laptop and only shared with the Feis Organiser.

## 2025 WINNERS - 47th Solent Feile Winners

Mixed	U6	ORLA ROWLEY	KIDD SCHOOL
Mixed	U7	ORLA WHYTE	KEADY ACADEMY
Girls	U8	CAOIMHE HUGHES	KIDD SCHOOL
Girls	U9	ANNIE MOLONEY	TURLEY DUGGAN ACADEMY
Boys	U9	KIAN LYDON	WALSHE ACADEMY
Girls	U10	THEA HURST	CLADDAGH ACADEMY
Girls	U11	ELLIE-MAI HEADD-McDERMOTT	HEADD-McDERMOTT ACADEMY
Boys	U11	OISIN HARRELL	ANGELA O'CONNOR ACADEMY
Girls	U12	NELA FUSKO	MURCHU-DUIGINN SCHOOL
Girls	U13	KAYLEIGH O'CONNOR	CELTIC HEARTS IRISH DANCE
Boys	U13	PETER McGOVERN	MURCHU-DUIGINN SCHOOL
Girls	U14	AMELIA HART	BLAIR McCARTHY SCHOOL
Girls	U15	NATHAN CHEDZOY	WALSHE ACADEMY
Boys	U15	LUKE McMORROW	MAGUIRE O'SHEA ACADEMY
Girls	U16	AVA FOLAN	McGAHAN LEES ACADEMY
Girls	U17	TILLY BROWN	TRAINOR SCHOOL
Boys	U17	EOGHAN BRIGGS	MURCHU-DUIGINN SCHOOL
Ladies	U19	KEELEY WARD	CROSBIE McGEOWN ACADEMY
Ladies	U21	HANNAH MANNERS-CIDON	CROSBIE McGEOWN ACADEMY
Ladies	SEN	ANNALISE CARTER	AMDC
Men	SEN	NO ENTRY	
PRELIM	U10	EIRNAN CORKE	TOLAN FLANAGAN ACADEMY
PRELIM	U11	CARRAGH MCQUILLAN-WOODHOUSE	ANGELA O'CONNOR ACADEMY
PRELIM	U12	SUMMER-ROSE MORRILL	SCANLON SCHOOL
PRELIM	U13	EMMA SCHWAIGER	O'KELLY IRISH DANCE ACADEMY
PRELIM	U14	LILY EVANS	HEADD-McDERMOTT ACADEMY
PRELIM	U15	MONICA SCOTT	BLAIR McCARTHY SCHOOL
PRELIM	U16	COURTNEY ACADEMY	TURNER ACADEMY
PRELIM	U18	SHANNON WHELAN	KELLEY O'BOYLE SCHOOL
PRELIM	O18	MOLLY SHORLAND	BLAIR McCARTHY SCHOOL
TRAD	U10	JOSIE HIGGINS	MAGUIRE O'SHEA ACADEMY
TRAD	U15	IMOGEN BEQO	BOYLE-O'DOWDA ACADEMY
TRAD	O15	MAYA BUTLER	MANNING SCHOOL