

Martina & Mark Skehill

Present the 12th

Hertfordshire Championships

Sunday 7th June 2026

King Langley Secondary School, Love Lane, WD4 9HN



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ADJUDICATORS

Sarah Manning
David McCabe
Dervla Mc Gee
Michael O'Meara
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Annette Doolan-Kane
Lauren Stapleton
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MUSICIANS

Aidan O'Neill - Anthony Davis - Daniel Bolger - Majella Collins-Brooks

CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2026 - ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PREPAID BY BANK TRANSFER. DUE TO THE FEIS BEING RUN ON ONE DAY IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ENTER ON THE DAY, PLEASE ENTER EARLY TO AVOID ANY DISAPPOINTMENT.

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Dear Teachers & Parents,

The *12th Hertfordshire Championships* will be held Sunday 7th June 2026.

Kings Langley Secondary School is once again the venue for this year's event. Separate Premiers, Open Girls, Open Boys and Mixed Preliminary Championships will be available on this year's syllabus.

The Mixed Premiers U6 & U7 age groups will have 1 adjudicator. The U8 Girls, U9 Girls & Boys Championships will be adjudicated by a panel of 3. All Girls, Boys & Preliminary Championships from Under 10 will be adjudicated by a panel of 6 Adjudicators (3 for Rounds 1 & 2 and a new panel of 3 for the Set Dance Round) and will include 2 Solo Results from Rounds 1 & 2.

Once again we will be holding a "Tiny Tots" competition for competitors who are not yet ready to perform their Reel in the Grades competition, competitors will perform 16 bars of a Reel.

Vendors at the Feis will be: Chris Skehill with Feiswear & Redmond Rose.

Entries & Results will be provided by Instep Feis Management.

There will be hot and cold refreshments available from our canteen. To minimise cash handling we will have the facility to accept card payments.

Please note the closing date is Wednesday 27th May 2026 and all entries are to be emailed to desilke@instepfm.com or desilke648@icloud.com.
ALL PAYMENTS BY BANK TRANSFER.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL ENTRIES MUST BE PREPAID AND ENTRIES ON THE DAY WILL BE AT THE FEIS ORGANISERS DISCRETION.

Looking forward to welcoming you all to Hertfordshire in June.

Mark & Martina Skehill

ACCOMMODATION:

**Holiday Inn Hemel Hempstead, HP2 4UA
Holiday Inn Express - Hemel Hempstead, HP3 9 RH
Premier Inn - King's Langley, WD4 8BR
Premier Inn - Hemel Hempstead, HP1 1BT**

12th Hertfordshire Championships - 7th June 2026

Mixed Premier - 1 Adjudicator

U6 Mixed	Reel (40)	Light Jig (40) OR Single Jig (40)
6 & U7 Mixed	Reel (40)	Light Jig (40) OR Heavy Jig (40)

Boys & Girls OPEN Championships - 3 Adjudicators

7 & Under 8 Girls	Heavy Jig (40 bars)	Trad Set	Reel (40 bars)
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Free step down the line in the Hornpipe for the U8's in preparation for the Scottish Nationals

8 & Under 9 Girls	Heavy Jig (40 bars)	Trad Set	Reel (40 bars)
Under 9 Boys	Heavy Jig (40 bars)	Trad Set	Reel (40 bars)

Girls/Ladies OPEN Championships, includes 2 solo results

9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Trad or Open Set
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 17	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
17 & Under 18	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
18 & Under 19	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
19 & Under 21	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance
Senior Over 21	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48) or Slip Jig (40)	Open Set Dance

Boys/Men OPEN Championships from Under 11, includes 2 solo results

9 & Under 11	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48)	Trad or Open Set
11 & Under 13	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48)	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 15	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48)	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 17	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48)	Open Set Dance
17 & Under 19	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48)	Open Set Dance
Senior Over 19	Heavy Jig (48) or Hornpipe (40)	Reel (48)	Open Set Dance

Mixed Preliminary Championship, includes 2 solo results

9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig (40) or Hornpipe (32)	Reel (40) or Slip Jig (32)	Trad or Open Set
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig (40) or Hornpipe (32)	Reel (40) or Slip Jig (32)	Open Set Dance
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig (40) or Hornpipe (32)	Reel (40) or Slip Jig (32)	Open Set Dance
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig (40) or Hornpipe (32)	Reel (40) or Slip Jig (32)	Open Set Dance
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig (40) or Hornpipe (32)	Reel (40) or Slip Jig (32)	Open Set Dance
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig (40) or Hornpipe (32)	Reel (40) or Slip Jig (32)	Open Set Dance
15 & Under 16	Heavy Jig (40) or Hornpipe (32)	Reel (40) or Slip Jig (32)	Open Set Dance
Over 16	Heavy Jig (40) or Hornpipe (32)	Reel (40) or Slip Jig (32)	Open Set Dance

Entry Fees

CEILI CHAMPIONSHIPS	£5.00
GRADE COMPETITIONS (PLEASE ADD DOOR FEE TO GRADE ENTRIES)	£6.50
TINY TOTS	£10 + DOOR
DOOR FEE PER FAMILY - PAYABLE WITH ENTRY	£8.00
UNDER 6 & UNDER 7 PREMIERS (1 Adjudicator)	£30 + DOOR
PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS from Under 10 - 6 Adjudicators & 2 solo's	£45 + DOOR
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS from Under 8 - 6 Adjudicators & 2 Solo's	£45 + DOOR
Maximum for 1 Dancer	£60 + DOOR
Family Maximum	£95 + DOOR

Email your entry pack to: desilke@instepfm.com or desilke648@icloud.com

CLOSING DATE IS WEDNESDAY 27th MAY 2026

12th HERTFORDSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS - GRADES

TINY TOTS	16 BARS OF A REEL					
NOVICE (Bún Grád)	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY		
	REEL	LIGHT JIG	SINGLE JIG	SLIP JIG		
Under 6	122-124	116	124	124		
6 & Under 7	122-124	116	124	124		
7 & Under 8	122-124	116	124	124		
8 & Under 9	122-124	116	124	124		
9 & Under 10	122-124	116	124	124		
10 & Under 11	122-124	116	124	124		
11 & Under 12	122-124	116	124	124		
PRIMARY (Tús Grád)	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
	REEL	LIGHT JIG	SINGLE JIG	SLIP JIG	HEAVY JIG	HORNPIPE
Under 6	116-118	116	124	120		
Under 7	116-118	116	124	120		
7 & Under 8	116-118	116	124	120	76/96	118/144
8 & Under 9	116-118	116	124	120	76/96	118/144
9 & Under 10	116-118	116	124	120	76/96	118/144
10 & Under 11	116-118	116	124	120	76/96	118/144
11 & Under 12	116-118	116	124	120	76/96	118/144
12 & Under 14	116-118	116	124	120	76/96	118/144
14 & Under 16	116-118	116	124	120	76/96	118/144
INTERMEDIATE (Mean Grád)	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
	REEL	LIGHT JIG	SINGLE JIG	SLIP JIG	HEAVY JIG	HORNPIPE
Under 6	113	116	124	113	INT/OPEN SET DANCE U6	
Under 7	113	116	124	113	INT/TRAD SET DANCE U7	
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
Over 16	113	116	124	113	73	113
OPEN (Ard Grád)	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY	TROPHY
	REEL	LIGHT JIG	SINGLE JIG	SLIP JIG	HEAVY JIG	HORNPIPE
Under 6	113	116	124	113	U- 73/76/96	U- 113/118/144
6 & Under 7	113	116	124	113	U- 73/76/96	U- 113/118/144
7 & Under 8	113	116	124	113	73	113
8 & Under 9	113	116	124	113	73	113
CEILI AGE GROUPS - Under 11, Under 13, Under 16 & Over 16						
4 Hand Reel - Humours of Bandon - Fairy Reel - 8 Hand Dance - Figure & Progressive Dance						

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 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
- 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
- 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 rotating 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
- 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
- 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.**

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 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.

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 Hertfordshire Championships Committee and teachers of Celtic Hearts Irish Dance will protect all user's information in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

The Teachers of Celtic Hearts Irish Dance 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 - 11th Hertfordshire Championship Winners

Mixed	U6	ORLA ROWLEY	KIDD SCHOOL
Mixed	U7	TEDDY-MAE PORTER	KIDD SCHOOL
Girls	U8	SADIE CLARKE-SINGLETON	CARA GAEL
Girls	U9	ANNIE MOLONEY	TURLEY DUGGAN ACADEMY
Boys	U9	FIACHRA CUNNIFEE	DUFFY TRAVIS KING ACADEMY
Girls	U10	CLODAGH McCARRON-ZYLFIU	McCARRON DANCE
Prelim	U10	SCARLETT DOLBY	McGAHAN LEES ACADEMY
Girls	U11	ELLIE-MAI HEADD-McDERMOTT	HEADD-McDERMOTT ACADEMY
Boys	U11	KIERAN O'CONNOR	CLADDAGH ACADEMY
Prelim	U11	SCARLETT ROY	CLADDAGH ACADEMY
Girls	U12	NELA FUSCO	MURCHU-DUIGINN SCHOOL
Prelim	U12	GRACE GREEN	THE FRB ACADEMY
Girls	U13	HANNAH MAHON	CLADDAGH ACADEMY
Boys	U13	SEAMUS DALY	McGAHAN LEES ACADEMY
Prelim	U13	AILISH STEPHENS	LOUISE WALSH ACADEMY
Girls	U14	AMELIA HART	BLAIR McCARTHY SCHOOL
Prelim	U14	JESSICA SCHOEFFER	HOPKINS McSLOY ACADEMY
Girls	U15	NIAMH CHEDZOY	WALSHE ACADEMY
Boys	U15	LUKE McMORROW	MAGUIRE O'SHEA ACADEMY
Prelim	U15	ELLA BESTWICK	THE FRB ACADEMY
Girls	U16	LEILA THOMSON	KELLY ACADEMY
Prelim	U16	COURTNEY O'DOHERTY	TURNER ACADEMY
Girls	U17	SIENNA SKEHILL	CELTIC HEARTS ACADEMY
Boys	U17	CALLUM SCHROEYERS	McGAHAN LEES ACADEMY
Ladies	U18	FERN FARRELL	CLADDAGH ACADEMY
Men	U19	ARCHIE COUGHLAN	MURCHU-DUIGINN SCHOOL
Ladies	U20	SCARLETT SKEHILL	CELTIC HEARTS ACADEMY
Ladies	O20	BRIDGET MORAN	THE IRISH DANCE ACADEMY
Prelim	O16	JADE KREMNITZER	RINCE RYAN