

MCGAHAN LEES

IRISH DANCE ACADEMY



20TH OPEN FEIS

SATURDAY 25th MARCH 2023

Chelmer Valley High School, Court Road, Chelmsford, CM1 7ER

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Entries received on or before Friday 9th March 2023 - Normal fees will apply

Entries received between Saturday 10th March and Friday 24th March 2023
will incur a £2 administration fee as per SERC rulings.
Entries will be taken on the day of the Feis subject to a
£5 administration fee as per SERC rulings.

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Dear Dancers, Parents and Teachers,

We are delighted to invite you to the 20th Open Feis hosted by the McGahan Lees Irish Dance Academy. The feis will be held on Saturday 25th at Chelmer Valley High School, in Chelmsford, only a 25 minute cab journey away from Stansted Airport.

Chelmer Valley School offers a clean modern and spacious feel to all of its spaces, including a large car park, two canteens adjacent to the main hall, and in addition to the schools own main stage, we will be erecting a large purpose-built stage, in the gymnasium.

All entries will be submitted online via the link listed within the syllabus or at www.mcgahanlees.co.uk and all payments will be made via bank transfer.

This year our Open championships (Under 8 and above) will be judged by a total of 6 adjudicators and we guarantee a 100% recall in all Open and Preliminary championships.

As in previous years, awards in the championships will be from 1st to 5th with cups and sashes, trophies from 1st to 3rd in all graded solos in addition to a sash for all trophy reel winners, each competitor will receive a bespoke enamelled medal in either their championship or trophy reel.

Each of our halls will also see the return of our social media areas where dancers can take their own photos at any time during the day. As usual you will be able to purchase your Feis supplies from Melaine Murphy.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Feis and thank you in advance for your support.

THE MCGAHAN LEES FEIS COMMITTEE

MORE INFORMATION:

You will find more information about our feis on our website

All updates will be posted here



Queries from registered teachers should be addressed to the Feis Committee at mcgahanlees@gmail.com

All other queries, including those from parents and dancers, should be sent to: webmaster@mcgahanlees.co.uk



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SOLO COMPETITIONS

1st to 3rd places in all solos will be awarded trophies and a sash for all trophy reel winners.

Age Group	Ungraded Under 5 Only	Novice/ Bun Grad	Primary/ Tus Grad	Intermediate/ Mean Grad	Open/ Ard Grad
Under 5 Under 6 6 & Under 7	Reel Light Jig Single Jig Slip Jig	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Championship
7 & Under 8 8 & Under 9 9 & Under 10 10 & Under 11 11 & Under 12 12 & Under 13		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	Preliminary and Open championships incorporating 2 solos. Preliminary Championships from Under 10 to Under 13
Over 13		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	
13 & Under 14 14 & Under 15 15 & Under 16 16 & Under 17 17 & Under 18 18 & Under 19 19 & Under 20 20 & Under 21 Under 23 Over 21					Preliminary and Open championships incorporating 2 solos. Preliminary Championships up to U16, 16-18, and Over 18

Traditional Set Dance Competition – Under 6

Open Set Dance Competition – Under 7

FIGURE COMPETITIONS:

Under 9	9 & Under 11	11 & Under 13	13 & Under 16	Over 16
2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship	2 Hand Dance 3 Hand Dance 4 Hand Dance Fairy Reel 8 Hand Dance Progressive Ceili C/ship



CHAMPIONSHIPS – GIRLS

(Rounds 1 and 2 will also be judged as solos)

Competition	First Round	Second Round	100% Recall
Under 6 (Mixed)	Reel	Light Jig	No recall
6 & Under 7 (Mixed)	Reel	Light Jig	No recall
7 & Under 8	Reel	Light Jig/Heavy Jig	Traditional Set
8 & Under 9	Heavy Jig	Reel	Traditional Set
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Trad/Open Set
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
15 & Under 16	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
16 & Under 17	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
17 & Under 18	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
18 & Under 19	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
19 & Under 20	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
20 & Under 21	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
Under 23	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
Senior	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set

CHAMPIONSHIPS – BOYS

(Rounds 1 and 2 will also be judged as solos)

Competition	First Round	Second Round	100% Recall
9 & Under 11	Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Trad/Open Set
11 & Under 13	Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set
13 & Under 15	Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set
15 & Under 17	Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set
17 & Under 19	Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set
Senior	Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS – MIXED

(Rounds 1 and 2 will also be judged as solos)

Competition	First Round	Second Round	100% Recall
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Trad/Open Set
10 & Under 11	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
11 & Under 12	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
12 & Under 13	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
13 & Under 14	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
14 & Under 15	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
15 & Under 16	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
16-18	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set
Over 18	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set

Championships Under 10 and above Jig/Reel 48 bars, Slip Jig/Hornpipe 40 bars.
Championships Under 6, 7, 8 and 9 plus all Preliminary Championships 8 bars less.

ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN FOR THIS VIA OUR AN ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM

- ✓ ONLINE ENTRIES ARE TO BE MADE BY CLICKING ON THE LINK BELOW.
- ✓ ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR ENTRY FORM/S, YOU WILL HAVE 24 HOURS IN WHICH TO MAKE PAYMENT.
- ✓ ANYONE WHO DOES NOT SUBMIT A CONFIRMATION OF PAYMENT WITHIN 24 HOURS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE ENTRY LIST

**CLICK HERE TO
ENTER THE FEIS**

ENTRY FEES

Solo trophies (1st to 3rd in all solos will be awarded trophies)	£5
Under 6 and 7 Championship (If entering 3 or more solos)	£20
Under 6 and 7 Championship (With no solos entered)	£30
Under 8 Championships and Above (6 Adjudicators)	£40
All Preliminary Championships (6 Adjudicators)	£40
Figure/Ceili (per Dancer)	£5
Family Fee (2 Dancers)	£70
Family Fee (3 or More Dancers)	£90
Single Dancer Maximum Fee (Excluding door entry fee)	£50
Door Entry (Per Adult - payable at the venue on the day)	£5
Door Entry (Concessions)	£3



FEISEANNA RULES

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ New entries may be taken on the day of the Feis in line with SERC late entry rule.
- ✓ Ages to be taken from 1st January 2023.
- ✓ All competitors may be required to produce their birth certificate / passport as proof of age.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ All decisions of the Adjudicators are FINAL.
- ✓ Only the committee members may approach the Adjudicators during competitions.
- ✓ ALL Grade Competitions are OPEN to all Regions.
- ✓ Competitors may only dance each dance in one grade.
- ✓ Where there are five or less competitors in a competition, results will not affect their grading.
- ✓ In all Heavy dances the lead around must be danced on both the right and left foot.
- ✓ 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 for that dance.
- ✓ The basic step rule will apply to all Novice competitions as per the Southern England Regional Council.
- ✓ The Primary Grade is for dancers who have not won a 1st or 2nd place for that particular dance in any Age Group.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Intermediate competitors can dance their grade dances and either the Preliminary or Open Championship.
- ✓ A panel of 3 adjudicators will judge the Under 6 and Under 7 championships. A panel of 6 adjudicators will judge all Open Championships from Under 8 and above. 3 adjudicators for rounds one & two and then 3 adjudicators for round three.
- ✓ Where there are separate Preliminary and Open Championships, dancers can compete in both at the discretion of the Feis organiser.
- ✓ 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 Sept.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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 competition areas.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Any competition can be moved to another hall at the discretion of the Feis Secretary.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children, at all times, whilst attending the Feis.
- ✓ The Feis Organiser accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.
- ✓ No Smoking, eating or drinking in any of the halls, except in designated areas.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Length of a costume 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 wear black tights (of a denier not less than 70 percent) in order 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.





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Preliminary Championship Rule

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ All Dancers who are included on the official confirmed list of qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2023 are not eligible to compete in Preliminary Championships until further notice. * This excludes dancers that 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.

SERC Rules Re: Awards

2 medals where there is 5 OR less competitors - 4 medals where there are 6-10 competitors

7 medals where there are 11-20 competitors - 10 medals where there are 21-30 competitors

14 medals where there are 31- 40 competitors - 1 medal for each additional 5 or part of 5 competitors.

Feiseanna General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Privacy Statement

As a Feis Organiser and a member of An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha (CLRG), I aim to protect all user's information in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

As a member of CLRG I comply with the CLRG GDPR Regulations, a link can be found below:

<https://www.clrg.ie/index.php/en/about-us/privacy-policy.html>

Security

We are committed to ensuring that your information is secure. In order to prevent unauthorised access or disclosure, we have put in place suitable physical, electronic and managerial procedures to safeguard and secure the information we collect.

Personal Information Collection

As a Feis Organiser some personal data is required to be shared in order to gain information about who is taking part in our competition. This information will be given to the Feis Organiser by Registered Teachers.



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OUR CHAMPIONS 2022

U6 Mixed	Niamh Brennan	McGahan Lees
U7 Mixed	Alyssa Meany	Mulvenna
U8 Girls	Ellie-Mai Head-McDermott	Head-McDermott
U9 Girls	Summer Conway	Loughran
U10 Girls	Hannah Mahon	Claddagh
U11 Girls	Ellen Leavens	McGahan Lees
U12 Girls	Eilis Gaughan	McGahan Lees
U13 Girls	Ava Rose Folan	McGahan Lees
U14 Girls	Mya Toal Allen	Doherty Petri
U15 Girls	Olivia Delaney	McGahan Lees
U16 Girls	Ellie-Kaite McCarthy	McGahan Lees
U17 Girls	Ellie Read	Claddagh
U18 Ladies	Mary Conway	McGahan Lees
U19 Ladies	Alliyah O'Hare	Scanlon
U20 Ladies	Emily Grace	O'Riain (USA)
U21 Ladies	Niamh Rogers	Mulvenna
U23 Ladies	Annaleise Carter	AMDC
Senior Ladies	Shakaela Carroll	Claddagh
9 & U11 Boys	Oscar Donnelly	Sharon Taylor
11 & U13 Boys	George Gallagher Francis	Carey
13 & U15 Boys	Aiden Ward	Marie Connell
15 & U17 Boys	James McGuirk	Carey
17 & U19 Men	Callum McAleer	Scanlon
Senior Men	Liam Costello	McGahan Lees
9 & U10 Prelim	Ava Vaughan	McGahan Lees
10 & U11 Prelim	Faye Wootton	Donna Griffin
11 & U12 Prelim	Isla Curson	Cara Gael
12 & U13 Prelim	Caitlin Parnaby	McGahan Lees
13 & U14 Prelim	Keira Williams	Sharon Taylor
14 & U15 Prelim	Millie Devlin	Carey
15 & U16 Prelim	Eabha Daly	Troy O'Herlihy
16 - 18 Prelim	Ciara Breen	Troy O'Herlihy
Over 18 Prelim	Kamila Czajkowska	McGahan Lees Europe
Minor Champ of Champions	Alyssa Meany	Mulvenna
Junior Champ of Champions	Aiden Ward	Marie Connell
Senior Champ of Champions	Liam Costello	McGahan Lees



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TRAVEL INFORMATION

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By Car

The main motorways nearest the venue are the M25 and M11 motorways

Route from M25:-

<https://goo.gl/maps/DDyYkUikRLxU2TV6A>

Route from M11:-

<https://goo.gl/maps/k1KN9N1HXkyTLsLh9>

By Rail

The nearest station to Chelmer Valley School is Chelmsford
Chelmsford station is 10 minutes by taxi to Chelmer Valley School

By Air

25 minutes from London Stansted Airport

Route by car from Stansted:-

<https://goo.gl/maps/k8JSoAUeu26e3EfAA>

Route by coach from Stansted:-

<https://goo.gl/maps/g35BrZ76ua96NoJd9>

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