



Mearns Castle High School  
Waterfoot Road, Newton Mearns,  
Glasgow G77 5GU

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> & Sun 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

*Registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha*

Dear Teachers and Parents,

On behalf of the Caroline Greene School of Irish Dancing we look forward to welcoming you to our 5th Feis Ní Gríanna.

We have a distinguished panel of adjudicators, great musicians, fantastic awards and an amazing venue. All Open Championships/Preliminary Championships will be judged by a panel of three adjudicators with the top five dancers in the Open Championship receiving sashes/pennants. The top 3 dancers in the Preliminary will receive trophies.

All children will be placed in the Reel in the grade section and all dancers in the Open Championship/Preliminary Championship will be placed in the light round. This ensures that all competitors will go home with at least a medal.

The beginners and primary sections will be open to dancers from all regions.

**New in 2017 - Champion of Champions at the end of each day.  
Trophies are in memory of our late mother.**

As we have done in previous years, all dancers from U10 through to Senior who are not recalled in their open championships will have the opportunity to dance their open set dance in a separate set dance competition. This is included in the championship entry fee.

A provisional timetable has been included however once final entries have been received a final timetable will be issued. We will endeavour to have this issued by 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

For anyone travelling or who requires to book accommodation age groups will be on the following dates:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>U6 - U12</b> Solos, Preliminary, Open & Ceili Championship <b>Junior Champion of Champions</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>U13 – Senior</b> Solos, Preliminary, Open & Ceili Championship <b>Senior Champion of Champions</b>

The canteen will be open from 9.30am and will sell a selection of hot and cold food at very reasonable prices. A teacher's area will also be made available.

Once again our sincere thanks and gratitude to all our sponsors and vendors.

We look forward to seeing you all there and hope you will have a successful weekend. Thank you in advance for your support.

Best Wishes,

Caroline Greene-Parfery ADCRG  
Michelle Greene ADCRG  
And The Caroline Greene School of Irish Dancing

### Adjudicators

Carole Scanlon	ADCRG	Midlands Region
Lauren Stapleton	ADCRG	Southern Region
Regina Burke	ADCRG	North West Region
John Carey	ADCRG	Midlands Region

### Musicians

Gerry Conlon	Glasgow
Willie Patterson	Glasgow

### Entry Fee

Solo Grades	£4.00 per dance
Light Trophy / Heavy Trophy	£5.00 per dance
Traditional Set Trophy	£5.00
Ceili U10, U12, U15, U18, Senior	£3.00 per dancer
U6 Championship	£15.00
U7, U8 & U9 Championship* *	£20.00
U10 - Senior Championship/Preliminary*	£25.00
Dancer Maximum	£37.50
Family Maximum	£65.00
Door Entry (on the day – concessions £3)	£5.00

If a dancer enters 4 or more solo dances, they can enter a combined Open Championship/Preliminary Championship competition at the subsidised rate of

\* £15.00. (U10 – Senior Only)

\*\* £10.00. (U6 – U9 Only)

### **Beginner & Primary Grades are open to all Regions**

#### Feis Secretary

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Cheques should be made payable to  
‘Feis Ní Gríanna’

**\*\*\*Please note – one cheque only per school\*\*\***

***All entries must be returned to the Feis Secretary by  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017***

# Feis Ní Grianna

## Solo Grades

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

Age Group	Reel	Single Jig	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe	Light Trophy	Heavy Trophy	Trad Set
U6	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	I	I	B,P,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	Open To All
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	Open To All
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	Open To All
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	Open To All
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	Open To All
U13	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 To All
O13	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 To All

## Combined Preliminary/Open Championships

(Solo results will be given for rounds 1 and 2 from U6 - Senior)

Age Group	1 <sup>st</sup> Round	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round	Recall
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
U11	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
U12	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
U13	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
U14	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
U15	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
U16	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
U17	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
U19	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance
Senior	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Reel or Slip Jig	Open Set Dance

**Grades may be combined to double age groups depending on entry**

## 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. **One cheque per sch.**
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 £25 fee to the Feis Secretary within an hour of the 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 30 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 and associated costs.
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	Horn-pipe
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 Coimisiun 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 whilst dancers are on stage. This could result in disqualification of the dancer.
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) for a period of at least 12 months.
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. **PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS.** These are included in all Open Championships from Under 10 upwards, provided that there are 2 or more eligible competitors. To compete in a Preliminary Championship dancers:
  - \* Cannot have placed top 3 in an Open Championship within the last 12 months;
  - \* Competitors cannot win more than 2 Preliminary Championship within the last 12 months irrespective of the number of competitors.
 A Preliminary Championship is a competition which has been judged by a panel of three adjudicators (minimum) and which must have included at least one light and one heavy round. The relevant notation must be made on the entry form to indicate that a dancer is entitled to be also entered into the Preliminary Championship.
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. The use of make-up is prohibited for those dancers up to and including the Under 12 age group when competing in Beginner and Primary competitions.
25. 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. The use of hairspray will only be permitted in designated changing areas. No hairspray to be used in competition halls.
27. The dress code in accordance with An Coimisiun 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.
28. 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 by anyone except the official feis photographer.  
The official feis photographer has been vetted in accordance with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha guidelines. Should you wish your child/children to be excluded from being photographed during their performance, this must be advised in advance.
29. The Committee are not responsible for any property lost during the Feis and everyone is advised not to leave bags or clothing etc. unattended.
30. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the venue or its grounds.
31. 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.

**\*PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Preliminary Championships will be held in conjunction with the Championships and will be decided by the order of merit of dancers after the first two rounds.

Dancers entitled to be entered into these Preliminary Championships **must** indicate accordingly on the official entry form.

Special awards will be presented to relevant prize winners.

Preliminary Dancers are also entitled to be considered for the overall Championship.

There is **no additional fee** required as the **Championship entry covers both the Open and Preliminary Competitions.**

If a dancer enters 4 or more solo dances, they can enter a Championship or a Preliminary Championship competition at the subsidised rate. See page 3.

## Accommodation

Premier Inn, Newton Mearns  
Little Greenlaw, Crookfur Road  
Newton Mearns  
Glasgow G77 6EF

Tel: 0871 527 9304

Great value

Also has an onsite Beefeater Grill restaurant serving freshly chargrilled food in a family friendly environment.

There are also other lovely restaurants within a few minutes' walk from the hotel

## Directions for Hotel

From the North leave M77 at Junction 4, heading towards Newton Mearns. At the roundabout take the first exit left, the Premier Inn is on the left.

From the South, leave M77 at Junction 5. At the roundabout, take the first exit towards A77 onto Ayr Road, follow for 1.5 miles and at the next roundabout take first left onto Crookfur Road and follow for one mile. At the roundabout take the third exit and the Premier Inn is on the left.

## Direction from Premier Inn to Mearns Castle High School

1. Head **west** toward **Stewarton Road B769** 312 ft
2. Exit the roundabout onto **Crookfur Road** 1.0 mi
3. At the roundabout, take the **2<sup>nd</sup>** exit onto **Ayr Road/A77** 197ft
4. Turn left onto **Firwood Road** 0.4 mi
5. Turn right onto **Mearns Road** 0.3 mi
6. Turn left onto **Waterfoot Road**  
Destination will be on the left 0.7 mi

**If the Premier Inn is full please contact us to obtain information on other hotels in the nearby area.**