



The 15th Annual McElvogue Academy Feis

Date:

Saturday 18th May 2019

Venue:

Brinkburn CIO

Harton Lane

South Shields

NE34 0PJ

Adjudicators:

Jim Murrhhy Ulster, Eire

Paula McNelis Ulster, Eire

Nikki O'Meara Munster, Eire

Fiona McRoibin NW Region, UK

Kirsty Blair-McCarthy Southern Region, UK

Musicians:

Martin Daly Scotland

Gerry Conlon Scotland

Dear Teachers, Parents & Dancers,

Firstly, we would like to welcome you all back to the 15th Annual McElvogue Academy Feis. We have decided to keep the format of our Feis the same as last years, i.e. a one day Feis, making it easier for families with children dancing in older age groups to travel.

Grade solo competitions will be held for Beginners, Primary & Intermediate sections (which are open to dancers from any region). Prelims & Championships will be held for ages Under 6+. In the graded solo 'Trophy Reel Competition' we will be giving the top 5 dancers trophies, as we have always done in previous years, and the remainder of the children medals. The new Under 5 Open Premier will also be a trophy competition, we will give the top 5 dancers trophies. All children will be placed in the Reel.

All dancers will be placed in the first two solo rounds of the Open/Preliminary Championships; this ensures that every entrant will go home with at least two medals. We have separate Boys Championships from Under 11 upwards, as long as we have 5 or more boys competing.

Due to the past 2 years' success', we will be providing 'Judges Comments' for each competitor that dances in the Prelim & Open Championships, these can be purchased inside the marks pack that will be sold in the Presentation Area after the results have been announced.

The canteen will be open from 8:30am, serving Bacon Sandwiches, Toasties, Curry, Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches, Jacket potatoes with a selection of hot and cold fillings, Tea, Coffee, and cold drinks.

We have great Adjudicators and Musicians, as always, plus fantastic awards. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Many thanks in advance for your ongoing support.

Lisa McElvogue

T.C.R.G

The parents & pupils of the McElvogue Academy

Rules Governing Feis

1. Entries with fees made payable to McElvogue-Trainer Account can be made by BACS McElvogue-Trainer Account 20-83-69 03126293 (one payment per school, quoting school name and number of entries) or Cheque posted to Lisa McElvogue TCRG, 105 Hyde Street, South Shields, NE33 3LL on or before Monday, 6th May 2019. Tel 0789 9786019. Enquiries by e-mail to McElvogueIrishDance@gmail.com
2. No entries will be accepted without fees.
3. All entries must be signed by a registered teacher and confirmed in writing along with appropriate fees.
4. Age to be taken from 1st January 2019.
5. The adjudicator's decision is final.
6. Beginner and Primary competitions are open to dancers from any region and dancers in these competitions must either be in class costume or skirt and top.
7. Beginner competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place medal in that particular dance in any age group and must dance basic steps.
8. Primary competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place medal in that particular dance in any age group.
9. Intermediate competitions are open to dancers who have never won a 1st place medal in that particular dance in their present age group.
10. Beginner, Primary and Intermediate Trophy Reel competitions are only open to those who have danced in the respective Reel competition and who have not previously won a Trophy Reel Competition in any age group.
11. If there are 5 or less competitors in any Beginner, Primary or Intermediate competition, this will not count for grading purposes (i.e. 1st place dancer will not move out of the grade, provided that they have not won 1st place in that particular dance in that particular grade 3 times.)
12. If there are 15 or more competitors in any Beginners competition, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed dancers will move up to the next grade. If there are less than 15, only the 1st place will count.
13. With the exception of Under 6 and Under 7 age groups, any dancer who has won an Open Championship must dance in the Open Grade in the calendar year in which this was won. Any dancer in these age groups who have previously won an Open Championship, must dance Open for the dances they performed in that Championship, they may dance their other dances in the appropriate grade.
14. Special Premier Competitions are confined to dancers who have never won a Special, Prelim or Open Premier/Championship in any age group. A dancer must compete in the solo competitions to be eligible to dance in Special Premier or Open Championships (up to and including Under 9).
15. Open Premier is U5 only, and open to all grades.
16. To be eligible to compete in a Preliminary Championship, a dancer must not have won an Open Championship in any age group (with the exception of Under 6 and Under 7 Championships). A dancer can win ONE Preliminary Championship in a calendar year (January – December) – the following year the dancer will be eligible to compete again in a Preliminary Championship.
17. Special Premier and Preliminary Championships are open to dancers from any region and will be held in yearly age groups, provided there are five or more competitors, otherwise they will be held in double age groups. Preliminary results do not affect grade status.
18. Teams may contain up to 75% from a younger age group. Dancers may only dance in one team in the same age group. (i.e. One two hand dance etc)
19. Competitors must be present when their competition is called, otherwise they may lose their right to dance.

20. All trophies are perpetual and must be returned when requested. The recipient is responsible for any loss or damage and the safe return in adequate time to be presented to subsequent winners.
21. If the perpetual trophy is lost or damaged, the recipient must contact mcelvogueirishdance@gmail.com before the **30th March 2019**, with proof of repair. Recipient holds all responsibility of costs to repair or replace trophies. If the trophy is returned broken or damaged, there will be a £50 fine or the full cost of a replacement trophy.
22. Any objections must be made in writing and handed to the Secretary with a fee of £10, within one hour of the competition. If the objection is sustained, the fee will be refunded.
23. No video, digital camera, digital phone camera or flash photography is to be used in the halls during competitions. Mobile phones and electronic games to be switched off in dancing areas.
24. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with An Coimisiun rules.
25. The Feis organisers reserve the right to cancel or amend any competitions, subject to the approval of the North East Regional Council (teachers will be notified of any changes).
26. No smoking is allowed anywhere in the building.
27. Dancers must be suitably dressed at all times. No changing is allowed in the competition halls/corridors, changing rooms are available and must be used.
28. The Feis Organiser will provide a surface suitable for dancing. However, the organisers cannot accept any liability for injury sustained whilst on stage. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed as acceptance of this.
29. All North East Teachers must send a copy of their entries to the records clerk, Louise Killen, by the closing date. If this is not adhered to, The North East Regional Council will impose a fine of £20.
30. Abusive language and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and will result in future entries from said person(s) being refused.
31. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove them will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed apparatus (proof of which may be required) will be exempt from this ruling.
32. No make-up can be worn in Beginners and Primary Grades, up to and including Under 12 age Group worldwide.
33. Make-up (including false eyelashes and tanner on the face and neck) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group.
34. No block or en-poinde steps, stationary or moving, can be performed in age groups up to and including Under 12 age group.
35. If a dancer has qualified for the World Championships (as a solo competitor) in the previous 12 months, he/she is not eligible to dance in the Preliminary Championships.
36. **DISCLAIMER** Champions of Champions Competition will be streamed live through our Facebook Page.
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Approved by North East Regional Council
Anne Curran Thomas ADCRG
Feis Registrar
Date: 12/03/2019

Solo Grades

(B=Beginner, P=Primary, I=Intermediate, O=Open)

Age	Reel £4.00	Slip Jig £4.00	Single Jig £4.00	Light Jig £4.00	Trophy Reel £5.50	Heavy Jig £4.00	Hornpipe £4.00	Trad Set £4.00
U5	O	O	O	O		O	O	
U6	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	
U7	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	
U8	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	O
U9	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	B,P,I	B,P,I,O	B,P,I,O	O
U10	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	
U12	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	
U13	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	
O13	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
U14	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	
U15	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	
O15	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	

Figure Competitions

Age	Competitions
£2.50 per dancer	
U7 & U9	2 Hand, 3 Hand & 4 Hand (Trad)
U11, U13, U16 & Senior	2 Hand, 3 Hand, 4 Hand (Trad) & 8 Hand (Trad)

Special Premiers

Age	1 st Round	2 nd Round
£8.50		
U7	16 Bar step about in Reel	16 Bar step about in Light Jig
U8 & U9	16 Bar step about in Reel	16 Bar step about in Heavy Jig

Open Premier

Age	1 st Round
£8.50	
U5	Reel

Preliminary Championships

Age	1 st Round	2 nd Round	Recall
£28.00			
U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15 & O15	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe (if required)

Open Championships

Age	1 st round	2 nd round	Recall
U6 & U7 £10.00	Reel	Single Jig	-
U8 & U9 £15.00	Reel	Heavy Jig	Traditional Set
U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U18, U20 & O20 £30.00	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set

Family Ceiling - £65.00

Door entry - £5:00 (concessions £2.50)

Please use official entry form.

Provisional Timetable

****TIMETABLE MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON VOLUME OF ENTRIES RECEIVED****

Championship Hall	
08:30	Under 10 & 11 Championship Alternating
10:15	Under 10 & 11 Prelims Alternating
11:00	Under 6 & 7 Championships Alternating
11:30	Under 12 Championship
12:30	LUNCH BREAK
13:15	Under 8 & 9 Championship Alternating
13:45	Minor Champions of Champions (Top 3 in all age groups up to and including Under 12)
14:00	Under 13 Championship
14:45	Under 12 & 13 Prelims Alternating
15:45	Under 14 & 15 Championships Alternating
17:00	Under 16, 18, 20 & O20 Championships Alternating
18:45	Under 14, 15 and O15 Prelims Alternating
	Senior Champions of Champions (Top 3 in all age groups from Under 13 to Over 20)

PLEASE NOTE – ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PRELIMS WILL START LIGHT ROUND FIRST.

Grades Sports Hall		
Stage 1		Stage 2
08:30	Under 6 Beginners	Under 7 Beginners
09:15	Under 6 Primary	Under 7 Primary
10:00	Under 6 Intermediate/Open Alt	Under 7 Intermediate/Open Alt
10:30		Under 7 Special Premier
10:45	Under 8 Beginner	Under 9 Beginners
11:00	Under 8 Primary	Under 9 Primary
12:00	Under 8 Intermediate Followed by U8 Special Premier	Under 9 Intermediate Followed by U9 Special Premier
12:15	Under 8 Open & Trad Set Comp	Under 9 Open & Trad Set Comp
13:00	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30	Under 10 Beginners	Under 11 Beginners
14:15	Under 10 Primary	Under 11 Primary
15:00	Under 10 Intermediate	Under 11 Intermediate
15:30	Under 13 Beginners (Reel will be danced separately for timing)	Under 13 Primary/O13 Primary Alt
16:45	Under 12 & 13 Intermediate Alt	Under 14, 15 & O15 Intermediate Alt

****AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE PRESENTATION AREA SHORTLY AFTER
COMPETITIONS HAVE ENDED AND MARKS ARE TABULATED****

2018 Winners

Championship		
O20	Stephanie Andrews	Scoil Rince Realta
U20	Declan McLaughlin	Sharon Taylor
U18	Siobhan Boles	McLaughlin
U16	Abi Shrimpton	Rogers
U15	Julia Tuohy	Turley Duggan
U14	Kathleen Collins	Sharon Taylor
U13	Olivia Mulcock	Kelly Hendry
U12	Chloe Moore	McCaul
U11	Rose McDowell	Kelly Hendry
U10	Josephine Mallen	Kelly Hendry
U9	Isabella Zibe	Kelly Hendry
U8	Isabella Buckley	Duffy Travis
U7	Lily Murphy	Glendarragh
U6	Aine McGeehan	McLaughlin

Prelims		
U10	Tess Tabiner	Rogers
U11	Abbie Orr	Stokes Collins
U12	Elizabeth Cheetham	Alisha Cowman
U13	Erin Phelan	Clann Na nGael
U14&U15	Charlotte Varey	Hannon Murphy
O15	Chloe Sephton	Field Academy

Champions of Champions – Chloe & Liam Memorial Cup		
Minor	Rose McDowell	Kelly Hendry
Senior	Declan McLaughlin	Sharon Taylor

Other Information:

Hotels 15 minutes from the venue		
Premier Inn	Port of Tyne	0871 5278992
Travelodge	Whitemare Pool	0871 984 6165
Little Haven Hotel	South Shields	0191 455 4455
Sea Hotel	South Shields	0191 427 0999
The Clarion Hotel	Boldon	0191 519 1999
The Village Hotel	Newcastle	0191 338 5245

Public Transport links to venue	
Newcastle International Airport	17 Miles
Central Station, Newcastle	9.6 Miles
Megabus, John Dobson St, Newcastle	9.7 Miles
Tyne Dock Metro	1.2 Miles
Chichester Metro	1.5 Miles

Local Taxi Numbers	
Richmond Taxis	0191 455 3131
Redline Taxis	0191 455 8888
Westoe Taxis	0191 456 4511
Blueline Taxis	(Online App)



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