

# McGahan Lees Irish Dance Academy 11th Open Feis

Saturday & Sunday  
24th & 25th March, 2012

Welling School, Elsa Road, Welling, Kent DA16 1LB

## **Adjudicators**

Caroline Green Scotland	Chris McPartland Southern England	Stella Moore North West England
Brian Corrigan Leinster	Jenny Wilson-Flower Midlands	Olive Burns Leinster
Maire Treacy-Dixon Leinster		Marion O'Loughlin Southern England (Sunday only)

## **Musicians**

Majella Collins S England	Dean Crouch S England	Alan Burns S England
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## **Feis Secretary:**

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### **NEW RULING FOR ALL SOUTHERN ENGLAND FEISEANNA**

Entries received on or before Friday 2nd March – Normal fees will apply  
Entries received between Saturday 3rd and Friday 16th – March fees will incur a £2  
administration fee  
Entries will then be accepted up until the day of the Feis but will be subject to a £5  
administration fee.

*Feis registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha*

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Dear Teacher

We would like to welcome you to the 11th Open Feis held by the McGahan Lees Academy, to be held on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th March at Welling Secondary School in South West London.

Those of you who have attended our Feis in the past will realise that this is a new venue. Unfortunately the building works which led to our feis being restricted to championships only in 2011 have been delayed, resulting in neither the main hall or canteen space being available. We have therefore sourced a new venue.

Our new venue offers fantastic facilities for both dancers and spectators alike. The school has recently been refurbished and offers a clean modern feel to all of the spaces, including a large canteen adjacent to the main hall.

Following the success of last years championship-only event we are continuing with a panel of 6 adjudicators for open championships (Under 10 and above) – 3 adjudicators for rounds 1 and 2, and a separate panel of 3 adjudicators for the recall set dance. In light of how close the event is to *Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne* we hope to have a 100% recall.

In order to avoid clashes with other feiseanna running on the same weekend, we have decided to run all of the open championships on Saturday 24th March, along with the graded competitions for the Under 6, 7, 8 and 9s on the same day. All the remaining grades and preliminary championships will take place on Sunday 25th March.

As in previous years, awards in the championships will be from 1st to 5th with cups and sashes and we will be awarding trophies from 1st to 3rd in all graded solos.

You will be able to purchase your feis supplies from Melaine Murphy and Feiswear by John and Rose Clark throughout the weekend.

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

Frances McGahan A.D.C.R.G. Debbie McGahan T.C.R.G. & Cecily Charlton T.C.R.G.

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## More Information

You will find more information about our feis in due course on the Internet at:

<http://www.mcgahanlees.com/openfeis2012.php>

Any updates and changes will also be posted there, so please check back from time to time. Copies of this syllabus can be obtained online from our website

## Queries and Problems

Queries from registered teachers should be addressed to Frances McGahan, A.D.C.R.G. at

[McCOIGLEES@aol.com](mailto:McCOIGLEES@aol.com)

All other queries, including those from parents and dancers, should be sent to:

[webmaster@mcgahanlees.com](mailto:webmaster@mcgahanlees.com)

# Feis Rules

- 1) Lodgement of entries at a feis implies that you accept the rules relating to the feis in their entirety, as laid down by the Southern England Regional Council (SERC) and An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha, and the rules listed below.
- 2) Ages to be taken from 1st January 2012.
- 3) The adjudicators' decision is **final**.
- 4) Committee members only may approach adjudicators.
- 5) Objections against any breach of the rules must be made, in writing and signed, to the feis secretary and accompanied with a fee of £25.00 which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
- 6) Entries will only be accepted from schools registered with An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha and entry forms must be signed by the registered teacher. Entries with no fee will not be processed or acknowledged.
- 7) All grades are open to all regions.
- 8) A dancer may only compete in one grade for each dance, with the exception of dancers who are intermediate and wish to compete in the Open Championship, Preliminary Championship or Premier. Competitors must dance in their own age group for solo competitions.
- 9) All championship winner awards are perpetual and must be returned in good condition and in good time for the following year's feis.
- 10) A novice dancer is one who has not won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in that particular dance or any medal in a higher grade.
- 11) 'Basic Step' as defined by SERC will be adhered to for the novice competitions.
- 12) A primary dancer is one who has not won 1st or 2nd place for that particular dance in any age group.
- 13) An intermediate dancer is one who has not won a 1st place for that particular dance in his/her present age group or higher age group, or who has not won a premier competition or championship.
- 14) In the event of a novice or primary competition exceeding 40 competitors the feis organisers will divide this into two competitions; this will be split on the day.
- 15) 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 phones, standard camera, video camera, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is expressly forbidden.  
  
Photographs taken at awards ceremonies are permitted. However, these must be for your own use, and not used for public display purposes unless previous permission has been obtained.
- 16) Where there are 5 or fewer competitors in a solo competition grades will be unaffected. A solo competition cannot be held with only one competitor.
- 17) In ceili 8 hand competitions any 8 hand may be performed in accordance with Ar Rince Foirne.
- 18) No refunds will be made on the day of the feis and will only be considered upon receipt of a written request from the teacher.
- 19) In the event of a dispute not covered by the above rules or elsewhere in this syllabus, then the rules of An Coimisiún will apply.
- 20) Parents are at all times responsible for the conduct of their children whilst attending the feis.
- 21) In the Under 6 and 7 Premiership, dancers must compete in the solos to be allowed take part in the Premiership.
- 22) Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and who 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) An Coimisiún 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.
- 24) Makeup will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades up to and including the under 12 age group worldwide.
- 25) The feis organiser must provide a surface to dance upon (including non slip dance flooring), however the feis organiser cannot accept any liability for injuries sustained whilst dancing.
- 26) 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.
- 27) In all heavy dances for intermediate and open, the lead round must be danced on both the right and left feet.
- 28) All novice and primary dancers may only wear a class costume, simple dancewear or appropriate attire (skirts and top or simple dress for girls, and trousers, shorts and tee-shirt or shirt for boys) in competitions up to and including the Under 12 age group. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the competitor being disqualified.
- 29) A dancer is only eligible to enter a preliminary championship if they have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open championship from the 1st January in the previous year or within the current year. If there were 5 or fewer dancers in the open championship result, the dancer will still be eligible to enter a preliminary championship.  
  
A dancer is not eligible to enter a preliminary championship if they are a current medal holder for Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne.  
  
If a dancer wins two preliminary championships within the current feis year, commencing 1st January of that year, they are no longer eligible to enter a preliminary championship in the rest of the current year and until Dec 31st of the following year.  
  
A dancer may not enter a preliminary championship and an open championship at the same feis.

**SOLO COMPETITIONS: 1st to 3rd places in all solos will be awarded trophies.**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Novice/Bun Grad</b>	<b>Primary/Tus Grad</b>	<b>Intermediate/Mean Grad</b>	<b>Open/Ard Grad</b>
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 Premiership
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	Open championship incorporating 2 solos.  Preliminary championships from Under 9 to Under 13
13 to 16 Over 16		Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy jig Hornpipe	Reel Light jig Single jig Slip jig Heavy jig Hornpipe	
Over 13	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 Over 21				Open championship incorporating 2 solos.  Preliminary championship up to Under 16, 16-18, and Over 18

**Traditional Set Dance Competition – Under 9**  
**Open Set Dance Competition – Senior**

<b>FIGURE COMPETITIONS</b>				
<b>Under 9</b>	<b>9 &amp; Under 11</b>	<b>11 &amp; Under 13</b>	<b>13 &amp; Under 16</b>	<b>Over 16</b>
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

**PREMIERSHIPS/CHAMPIONSHIPS – GIRLS (Rounds 1 and 2 will also be judged as solos)**

Competition	First Dance	Second Dance	Recall
Under 6 (Premier competition)	Reel	Light Jig	No recall
6 & Under 7 (Premier competition)	Reel	Light Jig	No recall
7 & Under 8 (Mixed)	Reel	Heavy Jig	Traditional Set
8 & Under 9 (Mixed)	Reel	Heavy Jig	Traditional Set
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	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
Senior	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	Open Set

**CHAMPIONSHIPS – BOYS (Rounds 1 and 2 will also be judged as solos)**

Competition	First Dance	Second Dance	Recall
9 & Under 10	Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	Open Set
10 & Under 11	Jig or Hornpipe	Reel	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 Dance	Second Dance	Recall
9 & Under 10	Heavy Jig/Hornpipe	Reel/Slip Jig	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

**All entries by 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2012 to the Secretary:**

**Frances McGahan ADCRG, 14 Kingsford Drive, Chelmer Village, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 6YR.**

Cheques only should be made payable to 'The Friends of McGahan Lees Irish Dance Academy'.

**ENTRY FEES**

Solo trophies ( <i>1st to 3rd places in all solos will be awarded trophies</i> )	£3.50
Premiership (Under 6 and 6 & Under 7 – please refer to Rule 21)	£7.50
Championship Girls and Boys (including two solos – solo medals will be presented for the 1st and 2nd round of the Championship)	£18.50
Preliminary Championship Mixed (including two solos – solo medals will be presented for the 1st and 2nd round of the Championship)	£18.00
Figure/Ceili (per dancer)	£3.50
Family Fee	£50.00
Single dancer maximum fee (excluding door entry fees)	£35.00
Door entry fee (per adult – payable at the venue on the day)	£3.50

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## Our Champions in 2011

- Under 8 Mixed ~ Ronan O'Brien, Costello
- Under 9 Mixed ~ Molly McAdam, Kelly Hendry
- Under 9 Prelim ~ Jade Darby, Maguire O'Shea
- Under 10 Girls ~ Rubie Caulfield, Aaron Crosbie
- Under 10 Boys ~ Louis Cuddy, Delaney
- Under 10 Prelim ~ Jessica Butler, Kelley O'Boyle
- Under 11 Girls ~ Mairead Trainor-Aitken, Trainor
- Under 11 Boys ~ Joseph McGeown, Murchu Duiginn
- Under 11 Prelim ~ Harley Carroll-O'Leary, Kenny
- Under 12 Girls ~ Sofia Fitzmaurice, Murchu Duiginn
- Under 12 Prelim ~ Justyna Lukiewics, Murchu Duiginn
- Under 13 Girls ~ Anna Marie Coll, Ceim Oir
- 11 & Under 13 Boys ~ Lucas Dean, Maguire O'Shea
- Under 13 Prelim ~ Grainne Desmond, Murchu Duiginn
- Under 14 Girls ~ Amy Prior O'Loughlin, Hennigan O'Loughlin
- Under 14 Prelim ~ Hannah Burns, Hennigan O'Loughlin
- Under 15 Girls ~ Lily Taylor, McGahan Lees
- 13 & Under 15 Boys ~ Eamon Kitching, Conway Lally
- Under 15 Prelim ~ Ellie Abbott, Ceim Oir
- Under 16 Girls ~ Rachel Ferguson, McGahan Lees
- Under 16 Prelim ~ Jade O'Rourke, Ceim Oir
- Over 16 Prelim ~ Niamh McGovern, Brooks
- Under 17 Girls ~ Alana Pearson, Ceim Oir
- Under 17 Boys ~ Owen Sherman, Maguire O'Shea
- Under 18 Ladies ~ Caroline Gray, McGahan Lees
- Under 19 Ladies ~ Caitriona Quinlan, Ceim Oir
- Under 20 Ladies ~ Leanne Gray, McGahan Lees
- Under 21 Ladies ~ Claire Greaney, Hession
- Senior Men ~ Benedict Devlin, Maguire O'Shea
- Senior Ladies ~ Isabel Yorke, McGahan Lees

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## DIRECTIONS FROM THE M25 MOTORWAY

**Welling Secondary School  
Elsa Rd  
Welling DA16 1LB**

If travelling from the north, take the M25 across the Queen Elizabeth Bridge at the Dartford Crossing. [Note that there is a toll payable from 6am to 10pm. Cars are £1.50 at the time of writing.]

Whether travelling from the north or the south, exit at Junction 2 and take the A2 northwest towards Bexleyheath and London.

After 5 miles, take the A221/A210 exit towards Bexleyheath/Sidcup/Blackfen.

Merge onto Kestlake Rd/A221. At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit onto Blendon Rd/A210. At the next roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Danson Underpass/A221 and continue to follow the A221.

Go through 1 roundabout and after a mile, turn right onto Crook Log/A207. Take the 1st left onto Brampton Rd and at the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Holmesdale Rd. Turn right onto Gipsy Rd and Take the 1st left onto Elsa Rd. The school will be on your right.

***Entry/Programme sales will be made on the gate to  
avoid unnecessary queuing inside the venue.***

## ACCOMMODATION/TRANSPORT

[Please note that accommodation and travel information is given in good faith but you should verify it with the relevant parties before making your arrangements or committing yourself to any expenditure]

For accommodation and taxi information, please refer to

**[www.mcgahanlees.com](http://www.mcgahanlees.com)**

where we will post details in due course.

### Rail Travel

Both Welling and Bexleyheath Railway Stations are a 30 minute journey from Central London (London Bridge Station), and a 5 minute taxi journey or 20 minute walk from the venue.

Gatwick and Stansted Airports are both around 40 miles from the venue by car. Both airports have train stations on site. From Gatwick the train journey takes about 1.5 hours, with a simple change at London Bridge Station. The train journey from Stansted takes about 2 hours.