



# THE 39<sup>TH</sup> ALL SCOTLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS IN IRISH DANCING

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THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023  
GLASGOW ROYAL CONCERT HALL

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# Venue & General Information

## Glasgow Royal Concert Hall 2 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G2 3NY

**A chairde,**

The Championship Committee is delighted to announce that the 39th All Scotland Championships will take place in the fabulous Glasgow Royal Concert Hall in October.

Once again we are offering Preliminary Championships which will run in conjunction with the Open Championships (Under 10 Championships upwards). All Championships will also have 2 solo results (U6 has 3 Solo results). Please read carefully the rules of eligibility for Preliminary Championships as these have been changed in line with the Scottish Regional Council's guidelines.

Entry fees include three wristbands per competitor. To gain access to the venue, wristbands must be worn by competitors and attendees.

A schedule of anticipated days that each age group will compete has been released, however days cannot be confirmed until all entries have been received and a final timetable is published in early September.

It is hoped that recalls will be set at 50%, if time and entries allow. However, these may need to be paired back to All Ireland ratios if entries are particularly large or if participants don't co-operate with stage stewards' instructions. Championships over 9 will be judged by rotating panels of three with each panel consisting of one Irish, one British and one other adjudicator from North America. Such age groups will therefore be judged by 9 adjudicators. In the younger age groups a set panel of 3 judges will officiate as in all previous years.

**Please note that as Door Entry Fees are already included in the Entry Fee, there will be NO additional charges on the day. Programmes and results will be available at an additional cost.**

**Please note that only enquiries from registered TCRGs will be answered.**

We do look forward to wishing everyone a Hale and Hearty welcome to Scotland in October and to the 39th Championships.

*James McPutcheon* SDCRG

## Date:

Thursday 5th – Sunday 8th October 2023

## Feis Secretary:

Mrs Noreen McCutcheon ADCRG  
42 Wellwood Street, Muirkirk, Ayrshire, KA18 3QX  
Telephone: +44 (0) 7799 690378 **(Strictly - Teachers Only)**

## Fees:

Solo Championships (U6-U9)	£75.00
Solo Championships (U10 Upwards)	£85.00
Ceili Championship (per dancer)	£15.00
Family Maximum	£200.00

**(Includes three wrist bands per competitor)**

## Moltóirí:

Alan Scariff, ADCRG, Ballina, Ireland  
Chris McPartland, ADCRG, Surrey, England  
Dara O'Shea Delap, ADCRG, Edinburgh, Scotland  
Helena McCarron, ADCRG, Birmingham, England  
Joseph R Walker, ADCRG, Orlando, USA  
Margaret Cleary, SDCRG, Los Angeles, USA  
Olive Burns-Crowley, ADCRG, Monkstown, Ireland  
Tracey Taaffe-Metcalf, ADCRG, Virginia, Ireland  
Zack M Warshaw, ADCRG, Seattle, USA

## Ceoltóirí:

Paul O'Donnell – Ireland, Liam O'Sullivan - England,  
Gerry Conlon, Kevin Murray, Martin Daly  
& William Patterson – Scotland

Official entry form and fees must reach the Feis Secretary by

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023**

Cheques (Sterling) payable to "All Scotland Championships"  
Due to a later than normal closing date and to allow for  
scheduling there will be no secondary extension date.

**AGE TO BE TAKEN AS AT 1st JANUARY 2023**

## Solo Championships @ £75 (includes 3 wristbands)

Mixed U6:	Reel, Single Jig,	No recall (Light Jig Solo)
Mixed U7:	Reel, Single Jig,	Light or Heavy Jig on Recall
Mixed U8:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Hornpipe on Recall (Step About)
Girls U9:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Traditional Set on Recall
Boys U9:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Traditional Set on Recall

## Solo Championships @ £85 (includes 3 wristbands)

Girls U10:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U11:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U12:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U13:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U14:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U15:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Girls U16:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies U17:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies U18:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies U19:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies U20:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies U22:	Slip Jig, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Ladies O22:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall

Boys U10:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U11:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U12:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U13:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U14:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U15:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Boys U16:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Men U17:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Men U18:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Men U19:	Reel, Heavy Jig,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Men U20:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall
Men O20:	Reel, Hornpipe,	Any Set Dance on Recall

## Ceili Championships @ £15

(includes all door fees)

- U10: One dance consisting of 8 dancers per Ár Rincí Céilí (Any figure)
- U12: One dance consisting of 8 dancers per Ár Rincí Céilí (Any Figure)
- U15: One dance consisting of 8 dancers per Ár Rincí Céilí (Any Figure)
- U18: One dance consisting of 8 dancers per Ár Rincí Céilí (Any Figure)
- O18: One dance consisting of 8 dancers per Ár Rincí Céilí (Any Figure)

**(Competitions may be split if sufficient Mixed Teams)**

# RULES

- All rules of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha (including those pertaining to Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne) are applicable to this feis unless stipulated that an agreed local rule applies.
- **The event will be held in full compliance of the Scottish Government travel and event guidelines in place at the time of the event.** The Feis Committee may modify or cancel any arrangements detailed in this syllabus as is deemed necessary to ensure compliance and subject to the approval of the Scottish Regional Council or An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
- Entries will only be accepted directly **from teachers** registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
- All entries must be made on the official entry form, which must be completed and signed by the teacher. Entries will only be accepted **from teachers** en-bloc. Entries from parents **will not** be accepted. Payment may be by either sterling cheque or bank transfer. **Only one payment per school will be accepted.** Subsequent payments from a school will incur a £10 banking fee.
  - Bank Details:
    - Bank: Virgin Money, Kilmarnock
    - Name of Account: All Scotland Championships
    - Sort Code: 82-62-00
    - Account No: 60112790
    - IBAN: GB60CLYD82620060112790
    - BIC: CLYDGB21200
  - If paying by Bank Transfer, the School Name & Location **MUST** be entered into the reference field.
  - **Ensure that any amounts paid by Bank Transfer also include any Bank Fees. The full value of entries must be received into the Bank Account or entries will be rejected.**
- There is a slight possibility that competitions may need to be capped. At the time of syllabus release, the numbers per individual competition have been **capped at 120**. Places will be allocated on a strict order of receipt of both entry form and fees.
- Refund of entries will **not** be permitted after 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. Refund of entry fees after this date will only be made where there is a subsequent change in any Scottish Government regulations making travel impossible. An administration charge of 10% may be applicable.
- The dancer's FULL FIRST NAME and SURNAME must be entered in BLOCK CAPITALS. Each school must provide their personal Email address. This information will be held on file until 28 days post event when the information will be destroyed. This information will not be passed onto any outside third parties and will only be used if Covid-19 Track and Trace purposes is required.
- Adjudicators' decisions are final, subject to the rules of the syllabus and general rules of CLRG..
- Adjudicators **MUST NOT** be approached by any teacher, parent or competitor whilst the adjudicators are employed to carry out their duties at the competition. Only those officiating at the competition may approach the adjudicators on matters relating to the competition.
- Complaints can only be accepted if in writing and accompanied with a £30 fee to the Feis Secretary and should be submitted prior to the announcement of any result. The fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.
- Competitors must be present when their competition is called and fully obey all instructions and directions from Feis Stewards and Officials, or they may lose their right to compete.
- The organisers reserve the right to start any competition up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled times. Competitions will not be held open.
- All first place championship trophies are perpetual trophies and must be returned in good condition at the request of the Feis Committee.
- The normal rotation of dances for the U6 – U9 competitions will be Reel then either Single Jig or Light or Heavy Jig. In the older age groups, the hard shoe round will be danced first.

- Total entries and if relevant any event restrictions that may still be in place at the time of the Championships will determine how many competitors will perform on a stage at any one time. Further details will follow nearer the time.
- Competitors in U10 - Senior age categories will normally be expected to dance a maximum of 48 bars in Reels and Jigs and 40 bars in the Slip Jig and Hornpipe. U6 – U9 will dance 8 bars less. The Committee reserve the right to reduce by 8 bars performances in the Hard and Soft Shoe rounds if required. Final details will follow nearer the time.
- Tempos for Solo Championships are:
 

▪ Reel, Slip Jig, Hornpipe	113
▪ Single Jig	124
▪ Light Jig	116
▪ Heavy Jig	73

Adjudicators have the right to set more appropriate speeds in the U6 – U7 categories, should they so wish.

- Toe blocks or any other footwork danced “en-point” whether stationary or moving is not permitted for those dancers **up to and including the Under 11 age group**.

*\*For clarification purposes, this means that if the full weight is put on the foot, that is en point, which is not allowed in any movement.*

- All competitors must be in full costume and appropriate **black** dance footwear when receiving awards, otherwise such awards may be forfeited.
- Changing facilities will be provided and must be used. **NO CHANGING IN THE HALLS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Competitors are requested to arrive at the venue with make-up and hair completed.
- Attendees must comply with the Make Up Rules 4.5 per 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. For the purposes of this rule, the term “make-up” includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products. An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha hopes that teachers and parents will interpret and apply this rule in the spirit it is intended.
- **THE DRESS CODE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN COIMISIÚN RULING 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. Length of costumes must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps.
- Warm up areas will be provided. Any dancer causing damage to any floor surface outwith this area will be liable for all costs associated for any repairs required.
- All electronic mobile devices including electronic games **must** be placed on silent mode in the competition arenas.
- The photography and videoing policy of An Coimisiún will be strictly observed, full details of which will be published in the official programme.
  - *"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 competition".*
  - The organisers hope to appoint an official photographer for the All Scotland Championships 2023, who will take photographs of competitors, competitions and presentations. Such photographs may be subsequently used for marketing and promotional purposes of the event.
  - The organisers may also appoint other personnel during the course of the Championships for special promotional projects and reserves the right to appoint suitably accredited photo-journalists to take photographs on a case by case basis. Should any dancer or dancer's parent or guardian wish to be excluded from any of these photographs, then the Chairman or Secretary of the the Championships should be informed prior to the event commencing.
  - Other than the photographs taken by the official photographer, authorised agents of the organisers or accredited photo journalists, all photographs of competitors, competitions and presentations may only be taken for personal use. They may not be redistributed, sold, lent

or passed on to third parties. They may also not be used for commercial purposes or used in any publication or website without the express written permission of the organisers and the parents or guardians dancers included therein.

- **Coaching is strictly prohibited whilst dancers are on stage, during any competition.** Failure to comply with this could result in disqualification of the dancer.
- Only competitors dancing in the Championship will be allowed back stage at any time.
- The consumption of alcohol in the three competition halls is strictly prohibited and will be enforced. Alcohol may only be consumed in designated areas. Smoking is not permitted anywhere within the venue.
- The organisers retain the right to refuse admission to anyone in breach of any rule or where they believe there is a risk to any individual.
- The Feis Committee are not responsible for property lost or damaged during the event. All personal property is the sole responsibility of the owner.
- The contents of this syllabus may not be copied or shared onto any anonymous Social Media platforms.

## **Preliminary Competitions**

Preliminary competitions are included from the Under 10 age groups upwards and are in accordance with the agreed rules common throughout Britain.

- Preliminary Championships will be held in conjunction with the Solo Championships and will be decided in accordance with the order of merit after the first two rounds.
- Dances performed in a Preliminary Championships do not count for grading in solo competitions.
- 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 one year rolling period. Where a dancer does not win a second Preliminary within one year 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.
- All dancers\*, who were eligible to compete at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2023 or who have qualified to dance at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2024, 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.*
- Where a dancer has placed 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in an Open Championship with up to 20 competitors, or 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in an Open Championship with more than 20 competitors, they cannot compete in a Preliminary Championship for a period of **12 months** thereafter.

**IMPORTANT** All competitors will be asked to confirm and sign for their eligibility to compete in a Preliminary Championships when collecting their entry number and dancer pack. This list will then be used to announce the Preliminary Championship result. No changes to this list will be allowed after the commencement of the relevant Championship. Any subsequent enquiries will be forwarded to the competitor's region for further deliberation and action where required.

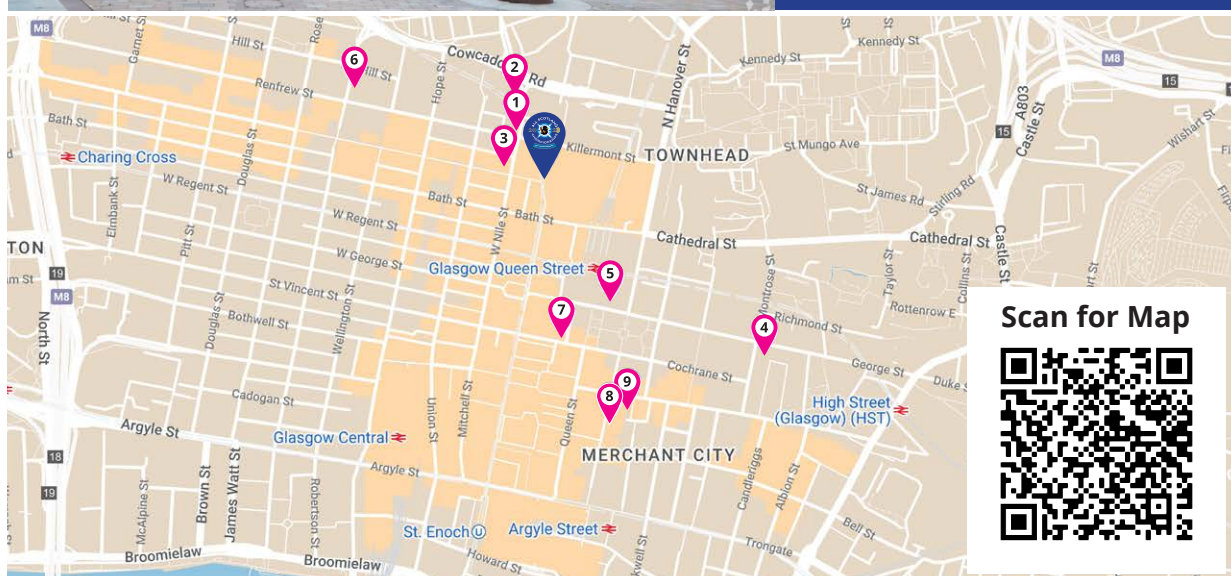
**PLEASE ENSURE THAT DANCERS ARE FULLY AWARE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO COMPETE IN THE PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP.**

### [Covid 19 Guidelines and Caveats](#)

At this stage, there are few restrictions in place in Scotland concerning Covid 19 and therefore it is planned to run the event similarly to pre-pandemic Championships. However, the committee reserve the right to change this syllabus to comply with any guidelines that the Scottish Government may introduce.

# Nearby Accommodation

Venue: Glasgow Royal Concert Hall 2 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G2 3NY



**1. Holiday Inn Theatreland – 4 Star - 0345 218 2071**

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/glasgow/glwgc/hoteldetail>  
0.2 Miles / 4 Minutes' walk

**2. Express by Holiday Inn Theatreland – 3 Star - 0345 218 2073**

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/glasgow/glwth/hoteldetail>  
0.2 Miles / 4 Minutes' walk

**3. Premier Inn Buchanan Galleries – Budget - 0333 321 9268**

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/scotland/strathclyde/glasgow/glasgow-city-centre-buchanan-galleries.html>  
0.1 Mile / 2 Minutes' walk

**4. Premier Inn George Square – Budget - 0333 777 7294**

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/scotland/strathclyde/glasgow/glasgow-city-centre-george-square.html>  
0.4 Miles / 8 Minutes' walk

**5. Millennium Hotel – 4 Star - 0141 332 6711**

<https://www.millenniumhotels.com/en/glasgow/millennium-hotel-glasgow/?cid=gplaces-millennium-hotel-glasgow>  
0.2 Miles / 4 Minutes' walk

**6. DoubleTree by Hilton Glasgow Central – 4 Star - 0141 332 3311**

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/glagwdi-doubletree-glasgow-central/>  
0.4 Miles / 8 Minutes' walk

**7. Native Glasgow – 4 Star Apartments - 0141 288 7730**

<https://nativeplaces.com/property/native-glasgow/>  
0.3 Miles / 4 Minutes' walk

**8. Ibis Styles George Square – 0141 428 3400**

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/9684/index.en.shtml>  
0.4 Miles / 8 Minutes' walk

**9. Mercure Hotel Glasgow – 3 Star - 0141 441 1022**

<https://www.mercureglasgow.co.uk/>  
0.4 Miles / 8 Minutes' walk