



**Ormskirk High School  
Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AT**

**29th February 2020**

### **Adjudicators**

Christina Kilcoyne (ADCRG)	Philadelphia USA
Ailis O'Dowda (ADCRG)	Southampton, UK
Gerard Carson (ADCRG)	Belfast, N. Ireland
Lori Hall (ADCRG)	Co Dublin, Ireland
Michael Stanley (ADCRG)	Nottingham, UK
Ciara Lennon (ADCRG)	Co. Louth, Ireland
Donna Boyle (ADCRG)	Glasgow, Scotland
Mary Teresa McHugh (ADCRG)	Birmingham, UK
Sonia McLaughlin (ADCRG)	Manchester, UK

### **Musicians**

Martin Daily	Glasgow, Scotland
Gerry Conlon	Glasgow, Scotland
Brian O'Sullivan	Glasgow, Scotland





# CHESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dear Dancers, Parents and Teachers,

On behalf of the Rogers Academy, we would like to extend to you all, a very warm welcome to the Cheshire Championships 2020. Hosting the event prior to the Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2020 is an excellent practice opportunity for solo competitors and teams.

Our NEW location this year Ormskirk High School and easily accessible from Liverpool & Manchester Airports (30-40 mins away), rail and motorway networks. The venue offers state of the art facilities, staging and stadium seating in the championship hall, presentation room, and practice area, catering facilities offering both hot and cold food and drinks.

We are delighted to have an esteemed judging panel and talented musicians from across the USA, Ireland, Scotland and England.

So that family and friends can keep in touch with the days' events there will be live commentary via the Cheshire Championships Facebook page 'Cheshire Championships' and Instagram '@cheshirechampionships'. Melaine Murphy, Feiswear, Cheshire Sanctuary - Reflexology and Vicky Anderson will be attending the event to ensure that the dancers have everything they need. Mark packs will be available to purchase on the day.

We will be running Championships starting from Under 6. Perpetual Cups will be awarded in both sections along with sashes and unique awards. In the grade competitions every child will receive a medal in the reel, single jig and the light trophy, and we will also be having a FULL Novice Grade Trophy in all age groups up to and including Under 11. Trophies and sashes will be award in all top 3 competitors in the grade Light and Heavy Trophy competitions.

We would like to invite the top 3 champions in each age group inc preliminary champion to join us for the 'Parade of Champions'.

**\*\*NEW** this year, will be a new competition U5 Ungraded reel competition to celebrate our future stars. All of our U5 Ungraded dancers will line up on the main stage and perform one at a time for 16 bars. They will ALL receive a special prize for their performance. This is always a crowd pleaser across the UK as we invite the first "Stars of the Future" in the North West. We will be running an U25 & Over 25 Adult Preliminary Championship. From U10 Championships will be a panel of 3 x adjudicators for rounds 1 & 2 and a different 3 x adjudicators for the recall set dance.

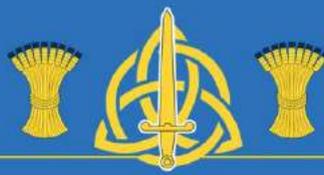
We look forward to meeting & welcoming you to the forthcoming Cheshire Championships.

Warmest regards,

Kieran Rogers A.D.C.R.G.

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# CHESHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Transport:

**Taxi:** Ormskirk Taxi's: Tel: 01695 575757

**Nearest Rail:** Ormskirk Station (5 mins away from the venue)

**Nearest Airports:** **Liverpool John Lennon (30 mins)** Ryanair, Flybe, WIZZAir & Easy Jet  
**Manchester (40 mins)** Ryanair, Aer Lingus, Lufthansa, BA, Jet 2

## Accommodation:

**Base Hotel:** **Lancashire Manor Hotel**, Prescott Road, Pimbo,  
Lancashire WN8 9QD. Tel: 01695 567260  
[www.lancashiremanorhotel.com](http://www.lancashiremanorhotel.com)

Alternative: **Briars Hall Country House Hotel (10 minutes away from venue)**, Briars Lane, Lathom, L40 5TH. Tel 01704832368  
[www.briarshallhotel.co.uk](http://www.briarshallhotel.co.uk)

**Premier Inn Ormskirk**, 544 Southport Road, Scarisbrick,  
Ormskirk, L40 9RG. Tel: 08715279010

## Competitor Prices:

Solo Dances - £4.50	Trophy Dances - £6
Stars of the future U5 - £5.00	Ceili/Figure Dancing - £2:50
p/p Preliminary Championships - £27.00 (Inc. 2 x solo results)	
Open Championships - £30.00	(Inc. 2 x solo results)

A dancer entering in the Intermediate section who is also dancing Preliminary will pay a maximum of £45

Family Fee - £60.00 maximum (see Rule 53)

## Door Admission:

£5.00 per adult      £3.00 Concession

## Entries:

Closing date for prepaid entries is **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> February 2020** to:

Kieran Rogers  
126 Kinross Close  
Warrington  
Cheshire  
WA2 0UR

**Entries after this date including on the day of the championships will incur a £5 administration fee per dancer.**





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## Grade Competitions

### Novice (Bun):

**U6 to U11**

Reel, Hop Jig, Light Jig, Slip Jig & Light Trophy

### Primary (Tus):

**U6 to 13 Over**

Reel, Light Jig, Hop Jig, Slip Jig, Light Trophy, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Heavy Trophy

Primary Trophy - See Rule 16

### Intermediate (Mean):

**U6 to 14 & Over**

Reel, Light Jig, Hop Jig, Slip Jig, Light Trophy, Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Heavy Trophy

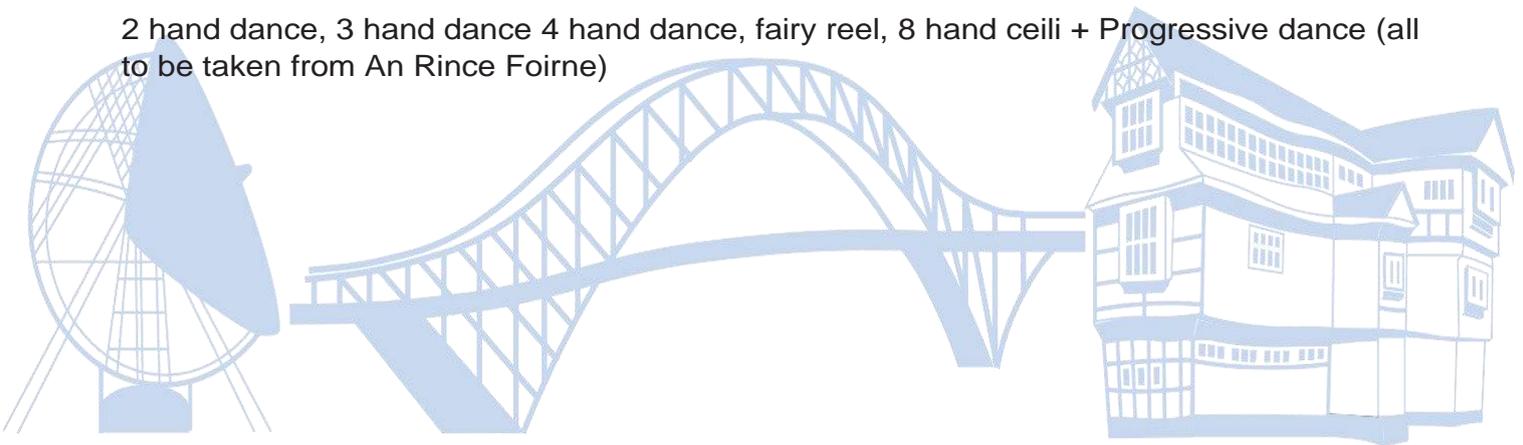
**U6, U7 & U8** - Traditional Set

**14 & Over** - Open Set Dance

Intermediate Trophy - See Rule 24

### Ceili/ Figure Competitions:

2 hand dance, 3 hand dance 4 hand dance, fairy reel, 8 hand ceili + Progressive dance (all to be taken from An Rince Foirne)





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## Preliminary Championships:

**U10 - 14Over & U25 – Over 25** Reel or Slip Jig & Heavy Jig or Hornpipe. Solo results being given for each round. Round one will be the light dance and round two will be the heavy dance.

Number of bars required for preliminary championships for the Reel/Heavy Jig = 40 Bars, Slip Jig/Hornpipe = 32 Bars.

## Open Championships:

Time permitting all open championship dancers will be recalled for their open set, otherwise it will be 50% recall over 20 competitors. Round one will be the light dance and round two will be the heavy dance. There will be a 100% recall on Senior dancers.

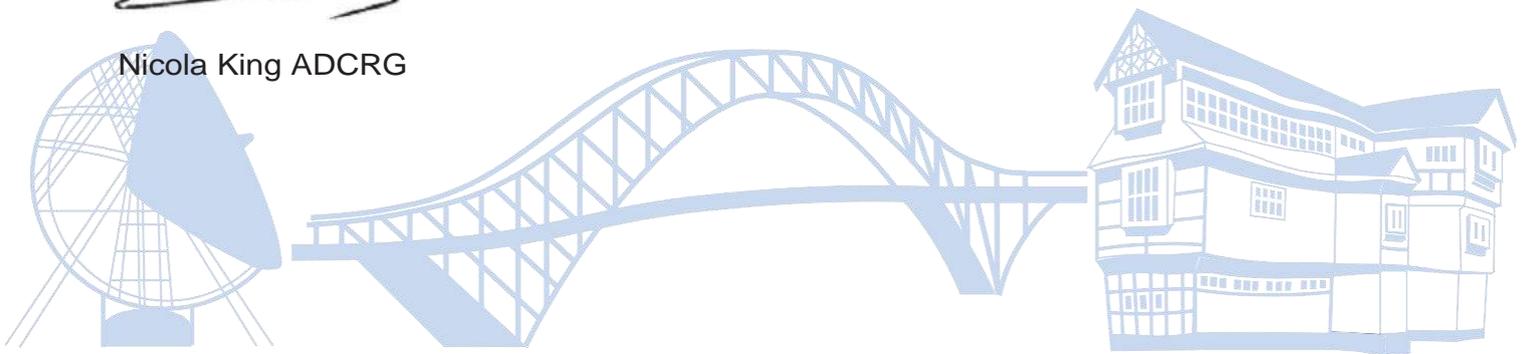
<b>U6 &amp; U7</b>	Reel, Hop Jig and Light Jig or Heavy Jig
<b>U8 &amp; U9</b>	Reel & Heavy Jig (Recall Traditional Set)
<b>U10 - Seniors</b>	Reel or Slip Jig & Heavy Jig or Hornpipe & (Recall Open Set) Note: U10 may perform a traditional set dance as a recall dance if required.

Championships with a panel of 3 adjudicators will be held from U6 upwards, with solo results being given for each round. A separate panel of 3 adjudicators for recall dancers from U10 upwards.

Number of bars required for all championships for the Reel/ Heavy Jig = 40 Bars, Slip Jig/ Hornpipe = 32 Bars.

**Approved by the NWRC Feis Secretary:**

Nicola King ADCRG





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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE – Final timetable to be announced 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020:

Time	Champ Hall	Dance Hall	Gym Floor A	Gym Floor B	Gym Floor C	
08:00	U8/ U9	U10 Prelim	U9 Novice	U10 Novice	U11 Novice	
08:15						
08:30						
08:45		U11 Prelim				
09:00	U10	U6 Champ	U9 Primary	U10 Primary	U11 Primary	
09:15						
09:30						
09:45						
10:00	U11	U7 Champ	U9 Intermediate	U10 Intermediate	U11 Intermediate	
10:15						
10:30						
10:45						
11:00	U12	U10 Set	U6 Novice	U7 Novice	U8 Novice	
11:15						
11:30						
11:45						
12:00	U12 Prelim	U11 Set	U6 Intermediate	U7 Intermediate	U8 Intermediate	
12:15						
12:30						
12:45		U12 Set				
13:00	BREAK					
13:15	U13	BREAK	BREAK			
13:30						
13:45						
14:00		Adult U25 & O25 Prelim				
14:15	U14	U13 Set	U6 Primary	U7 Primary	U8 Primary	
14:30						
14:45						
15:00						
15:15	U5 & Babies Competition	U13 Prelim	U6 Intermediate	U7 Intermediate	U8 Intermediate	
15:30						
15:45						
16:00						
16:15	U14 Prelim	O14 Prelim	U12 Primary	U13 Primary	U14 + Primary	
16:30						
16:45						
17:00						
17:15	U19 / Senior	U19/ Senior SETS	U12 Intermediate	U13 Intermediate	U14/ O14 Intermediate	
17:30						
17:45						
18:00						
18:15	U15	U15 Set	Ceili			
18:30						
18:45						
19:00						
19:15	U16	U16 Set				
19:30						
19:45						
20:00						
20:15	U17 Sets					

Competitions may start 30 minutes earlier than scheduled - ALL Competitors should be ready





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## CLRG & North West Rulings:

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Ages to be taken from 1st January 2020.
2. Entries will only be accepted from schools currently registered with An Coimisiun.
3. Lodgement of entries at a Feis implies that you accept the rules relating to the Feis in their entirety as laid down by the NWRC and An Coimisiun, and that you accept that the Results of the Feis will be published on the NWRC website.

### ADJUDICATORS & MUSICIANS

4. The Adjudicators decisions are final. The Adjudicators should not be approached by any persons other than the Feis Committee.
5. Pupils of an Adjudicator employed at a particular feis may not take part in the Feis even if the adjudicator is judging alternative age groups.
6. Any Adjudicator from outside the NW Region cannot judge an Open Feis in the North West Region within 6 months of their last adjudication in the region. Any Adjudicator from the North West Region cannot judge an Open Feis in the North West Region within 3 months of their last adjudication in the region.
7. An Adjudicator from outside the North West Region may not adjudicate a Class Feis in the North West Region in the 6 months leading up to adjudicating an Open Feis in the Region.
8. All musicians should be competent and abide by the prescribed An Coimisiun metronomic speeds below.

#### Novice

Reel 122-124    Light jig 116    Single jig 124    Slip Jig 124    Heavy Jig 96    Hornpipe 144

#### Primary

Reel 116-118    Light jig 116    Single jig 124    Slip Jig 120    Heavy Jig 82    Hornpipe 130

#### Intermediate/Open

Reel 113    Slip Jig 113    Heavy Jig 73    Hornpipe 113

#### Traditional Set Dance

Blackbird 144    St. Patrick's Day 94    Job of Journeywork 138    Garden of Daisies 138  
King of Fairies 130    Three Sea Captains 96    Jockey to the Fair 90

### NOVICE AND PRIMARY GRADE

9. There will be a minimum of 2 Novice Dances up to and including Under 11. Only the most basic Steps may be performed in this grade. Children entering the Novice cannot enter the Primary for the same dances.
10. All Novice, Primary, Intermediate, Preliminary and Open Competitions are open to all Regions.
11. If there are more than 20 competitors in any Novice competition then 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed dancers must move up to the next grade. If there are 20 or fewer competitors, then only the 1st placed dancer will be required to move up to the next grade.
12. Any competitions in Novice, Primary and Intermediate, in which there are 5 or fewer dancers shall not count for grading purposes. However a Dancer may only place in 3 such competitions and they then must move up to the next grade.
13. There will be no restriction on the step content performed in the Primary grade.
14. A Primary dancer is one who has never won a first in that particular dance, except in Novice Grade.
15. If there are more than 20 competitors in any Primary solo competition then 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed dancers must move up to the next grade. If there are 20 or fewer competitors, then only the 1st placed dancer will be required to move up to the next grade.





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16. Novice/Primary Trophy Competitions are confined to dancers who have never won a Novice/Primary Trophy. Any Light Dance can be performed for the Trophy but it must have been danced in the Novice/Primary section on the day of the Feis.
17. A winner of a Novice/Primary Trophy Competition must move up to the next grade for both the Dance they performed to win the Trophy and the Trophy competition itself.
18. Only skirts and tops or a simple current class costume may be worn in the Novice and Primary Grades.
19. In the event of there being no provision for a particular age group, a dancer may dance up an age group, however on attaining first place in any dance, that dancer must remain in the higher grade for that dance for the remainder of the year.
20. At any one Feis, a Novice or Primary dancer may only dance each Solo Dance, the Light Trophy and the Heavy Trophy in ONE GRADE only.

## INTERMEDIATE GRADE

21. An Intermediate Dancer is one who has never won a first place in that particular dance in their present age group.
22. Intermediate Trophy competitions are confined to dancers who have never won an Intermediate Trophy in their present age group. Any Light Dance can be performed for the Trophy but it must have been danced in the Intermediate section on the day of the Feis.
23. A winner of an Intermediate Trophy Competition must move up to the next grade for both the Dance they performed to win the Trophy and the Trophy competition itself.
24. At any one Feis, an Intermediate dancer may only dance each Solo Dance, the Light Trophy and the Heavy Trophy, in ONE GRADE only, with the exception of intermediate dancers wishing to enter the Preliminary or Open Trophy/Championship.
25. In the event of there being no provision for a particular age group, then a dancer may dance up an age group, however on attaining first place in any dance, that dancer must remain in the higher grade for that dance for the remainder of the year.
26. Any competition in which there are 5 or fewer dancers shall not count for grading purposes. However, a Dancer may only win 3 such competitions and they then must move up to the next grade.

## PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP/PREMIER

27. A preliminary dancer is one who has not been placed in the top 5 in a mixed open championship in any region in the current calendar year.
28. A preliminary dancer may only win 2 Preliminary Championships/ Premiers in any region in the current calendar year, after which they must move up to Open Championship.
29. An intermediate dancer may also compete in a Preliminary Championship/ Premier. Places in preliminary competitions will not count for grading purposes.
30. A dancer may enter a preliminary Championship/ Premier and an Open Championship if they are eligible.
31. Any Preliminary competition in which there are 5 or fewer dancers shall not count for grading purposes. However, a Dancer may only win 3 such competitions and they then must move up to the Open Championship.





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## OPEN GRADE

32. In all age groups any dancer who has previously won an Open Championship before a panel of at least three adjudicators does NOT have to dance Open if they are eligible for a lower grade.
33. In all age groups, (with the exception of under 6 and under 7), where solos and Championships are run separately, competitors must have performed 1 light dance and 2 heavy dances to be eligible for the Premier Trophy/Championship. This does not apply where solos are combined in with the Championship.
34. The wording 'Championship' will only be used where there is a panel of at least 3 adjudicators.

## ALL GRADES

35. No block, en pointe, stationary or moving, will be allowed to be performed by any dancers up to and including the Under 11 Age Group. The Under 12 age group is also governed by this rule up until 1st September each year after which they are permitted to perform the movement.
36. Dancers must dance in their own age group for solo competitions if that age group is provided for.
37. 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.

## FIGURE DANCING

38. Figure teams may contain up to 50% from a lower age group.

## GENERAL FEIS RULES

39. Make up (including false eyelashes and tanner on the face) will not be permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group, and any dancer in the first two grades (Novice and Primary) up to and including the Under 12 age group worldwide. This rule refers to the age group of the competition, not the actual age of the dancer. Leg tan is NOT part of this rule.
40. Any protest against breach of rules must be made in writing, within 1 hour of the conclusion of the relevant competition and accompanied by a fee of £10.00, which will be refunded should the objection be upheld.
41. Medals will be awarded in accordance with the minimum requirements as laid down by the NWRC:
  - 1 medal where there is 3 competitors
  - 2 medals where there are 5 competitors
  - 3 medals where there are 7 competitors
  - 4 medals where there are 10 competitors and
  - 1 medal for each additional 10 or part of 10 competitors.
42. The Feis Organiser reserves the right to cancel any competition should there be insufficient entries.
43. In the interest of Health, hairspray and any other aerosols must not be used in any of the dancing areas.
44. In accordance with the ruling laid down by An Coimisiun and in the interest of safety, dancers are asked to be suitably dressed at all times and should not undress in the competition halls.





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45. Mobile phones and electronic games must be switched off in all of the dancing areas.
46. Abusive language and offensive behaviour will not be tolerated. Any person acting in such a way will be asked to leave the Feis.
47. Feis Organisers will, as far as is practicable, provide a stage surface suitable for dancing. However, the Feis Organisers cannot accept liability for injuries sustained whilst on the dancing areas. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer.
48. 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.
49. 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
50. Where Family Fees are applicable. These fees shall only include 1 Light Trophy and 1 Heavy Trophy per Child. Any additional Trophy Competitions (including Prelim and Open Championships) are not eligible for the Family Fee and need to be paid for separately.

