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KEY DETAILS

Dates: Saturday June 8th and Sunday June 9th, 2024

Venue: Langwarrin Performing Arts Centre, Elisabeth Murdoch College, 80 Warrandyte Road, Langwarrin

Adjudicators: Alison Bennett ADCGR NSW, Cathy O'Neill ADCRG NZ, Anna Rabusin ADCRG QLD, Fourth Adjudicator for solo rounds rotating from the floor

Musician: Stephen Carolan ADCRG QLD

Correspondence to: mcaleerchampionship@gmail.com

Ages: As of January 1st, 2024

Enter via: <https://www.trybooking.com/CQNTA>

Entries Open: 9:00am, Wednesday April 3rd

Entry Closing Date: 11:59pm, Friday May 3

Entry Fees: Open Championship \$80. Open Championship & Preliminary \$120.
Graded Warm Up Dance \$10, Graded Premiership \$40

Family Fee: \$40 per family

This fee includes admission to all sessions, the digital program and the relevant Championship and/or Premiership marks.

- The digital program will be emailed to the address supplied at the time of entry, on Thursday June 6th
- The marks for the Championship & Premiership will be provided to the competitors at the end of the presentations.
- Printed programs are available to purchase at the time of entry for \$10.00

Additional fees: .50c Trybooking Fee applies to every section entered and the family fee.

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THE DAILY SCHEDULE

Provisional Timetable: (order of events to be confirmed after entries close)

Saturday June 8th - Theatre

- Under 6 Mixed Championship - born in 2018 or later
- Under 7 Mixed Championship - born in 2017
- Under 8 Girls Championship - born in 2016
- Under 9 Girls Championship - born in 2015
- Under 9 Boys Championship - born in 2016 & 2015
- Under 10 Girls Championship - born in 2014
- Under 11 Girls Championship - born in 2013
- Under 11 Boys Championship - born in 2014 & 2013
- Under 12 Girls Championship - born in 2012
- Under 13 Girls Championship - born in 2011
- Under 13 Boys Championship - born in 2012 & 2011
- Under 14 Girls Championship - born in 2010
- Under 15 Girls Championship - born in 2009
- Under 15 Boys Championship - born in 2010 & 2009

Sunday June 9th - Theatre & Stadium

- All Pre Bun, Beginner, Primary (Stadium AM)
- Black Out and Adult Premiership dancers (Stadium PM)
- Under 16 Girls Championship - born in 2008
- Under 17 Girls Championship - born in 2007
- Under 18 Ladies Championship - born in 2006
- Under 19 Ladies Championship - born in 2005
- Under 20 Ladies Championship - born in 2004
- 20 & Over Ladies Championship - born in 2003 or earlier
- 15 & Over Men Championship - born in 2008 or earlier

Dancers aged 15 & Over on January 1st 2024, please note that the Championship and Premiership will run simultaneously. We recommend dancers select the Championship or Premiership.

The order of sections on each day will be determined after entries have closed.

Dance to the Music will be offered on Sunday June 9th.

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CHAMPIONSHIP SYLLABUS

CHAMPIONSHIP	BORN IN	SYLLABUS
Under 6 Mixed Championship	2018 or later	Choice Reel (Bun, Tus or Ard) & Light Jig or Single Jig
Under 7 Mixed Championship	2017	Choice Reel (Bun, Tus or Ard), Light Jig & Single Jig
Under 8 Girls Championship	2016	Treble Jig (32 bars), Reel and Traditional Set Dance
Under 9 Girls Championship	2015	Treble Jig (32 bars), Reel and Traditional Set Dance
Under 9 Boys Championship	2016 & 2015	Treble Jig (32 bars), Reel and Traditional Set Dance
Under 10 Girls Championship	2014	Hornpipe, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 11 Girls Championship	2013	Treble Jig, Slip Jig and Choice Set Dance
Under 11 Boys Championship	2014 & 2013	Choice Heavy Dance, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 12 Girls Championship	2012	Hornpipe, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 13 Girls Championship	2011	Treble Jig, Slip Jig and Choice Set Dance
Under 13 Boys Championship	2012 & 2011	Choice Heavy Dance, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 14 Girls Championship	2010	Hornpipe, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 15 Girls Championship	2009	Treble Jig, Slip Jig and Choice Set Dance
Under 15 Boys Championship	2010 & 2009	Choice Heavy Dance, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 16 Girls Championship	2008	Hornpipe, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 17 Girls Championship	2007	Treble Jig, Slip Jig and Choice Set Dance
Under 18 Ladies Championship	2006	Hornpipe, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 19 Ladies Championship	2005	Treble Jig, Slip Jig and Choice Set Dance
Under 20 Ladies Championship	2004	Hornpipe, Reel and Choice Set Dance
20 & Over Ladies Championship	2003 or earlier	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
15 & Over Mens Championship	2008 or earlier	Choice Heavy Dance, Reel and Choice Set Dance

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PREMIERSHIP SYLLABUS

GRADED WARM UP DANCE

Pre Bun 3, 4 & 5 years

Bun

Tus

Mean & Ard

Adult A

Adult B

SYLLABUS

Reel OR Single jig OR Light Jig (32 bars)

Reel OR Single Jig OR Light Jig OR Slip Jig

Reel OR Single Jig OR Light Jig OR Slip Jig

Choice Traditional Set Dance

Reel OR Single Jig OR Light Jig OR Slip Jig

Choice Traditional Set Dance

GRADED PREMIERSHIP

**Pre Bun (Pre Beginner) Premiership
(3, 4 & 5 years only)**

SYLLABUS

Any two Bun (beginner) grade light dances. 32 bars only.
Same dance can be repeated.

Bun (Beginner) Premierhips

Any two Bun (beginner) grade light dances. Same dance
can be repeated.

Tus (Primary) Premierhips

Any two Tus (primary) dances.

**Black Out Premiership
(Mean and Ard grade)**

Choice Reel or Slip Jig, Choice Jig or Hornpipe (32 bars)

Adult Premiership A

Any two Bun (beginner) grade light dances.

Adult Premiership B

Choice Reel or Slip Jig, Choice Jig or Hornpipe (32 bars)

- Pre Bun: For dancers aged 3, 4 or 5 on January 1st 2024
- Black Out: Dancers must wear black apparel. See rules for costume clarification.
- Adult A: For dancers over the age of 18 years who did not take Irish dance classes as a juvenile
- Adult B: For adult dancers over the age of 18 years
- All speeds are as per AIDA Inc grading rules.
- Competitors will be required to confirm which dances they will competing within the premierships at the time of entry.
- Dancers can enter one warm up dance section, and a maximum of two Premierhips.

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ADDITIONAL SECTIONS

LEAP FOR LUCY

6 & Under Open Championship

7 & Over Open Championship

Leap for Lucy will take place at the conclusion of the final rounds of each Championship/Session in the Theatre.

SYLLABUS

Choice Bun, Tus or Open Reel Step

Choice Open Reel (113) or Slip Jig Step (113)

Bun (Beginner) & Tus (Primary)

Mean (Intermediate) and Ard (Open)

Adult

Choice Bun or Tus Reel Step

Choice Open Reel (113) or Slip Jig Step (113)

Choice Bun, Tus or Open Reel Step

Leap for Lucy for Bun, Tus, Black Out Mean and Ard and Adult sections, will take place at the conclusion of the final round of each session in the Stadium on the Sunday.

Dancers want to participate in Leap for Lucy on each day, are required to enter twice.



[ENTER LEAP FOR LUCY HERE](#)

JUMP TO THE MUSIC

32 Bars for our dancers that have never competed officially before.

Dance to the Music will take place at approximately midday on the Sunday in the Stadium.



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RULES

This Championship is conducted under the Rules and Regulations of An Coimisiun le Rince Gaelacha and the Australian Irish Dancing Association Inc. (AIDA Inc.)

LODGEMENT OF ENTRIES

- ENTRIES CLOSE 11:59PM FRIDAY MAY 3rd 2024
- All competitors must be entered online via <https://www.trybooking.com/CQNTA>
- Entries received after the due date will be treated as late for 7 days only, and will be charged a late fee of double the total entry fee. Entries cannot be accepted after 11:59pm May 1th.

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS - RULES AND DIRECTIVES

1. Preliminary Championships will be offered in the girls sections from 9 Years of age on January 1st 2024
2. Preliminary Championship will be danced as part of the Open Championship.
3. Entry to the Preliminary Championships will be restricted to the following –
 - Dancers who have never won an Open Championship
 - Dancers who did not attain a top ten position at a National Championships for 2023
4. Preliminary Championship result would be calculated on the first 2 rounds of the Open Championship only, awarding top five with a prize ratio of 1:2 thereafter – e.g. if there were 10 Prelim. entries in the Under 12s Girls, only 5 Places for Preliminary Championships would be awarded.
5. Dancers cannot enter the Preliminary Championship unless they have entered the Open Championships in the same age group.

AGE LIMITS

- The age of a competitor shall be taken as on 1st January 2024. Where a competitor's birth date falls on 1st January he/she shall, for the McAleer Championship be regarded as under the age attained on that day.

PRIZES

- In all Championship sections, all dancers will be recalled and in sections with 11 or more dancers, 60% of those dancers will receive a placing, whilst the remaining 40% will receive a Championship award.
- In all Premierships sections, 60% of dancers will be placed in every section. Dancers with 5 or less competitors will all be placed.
- Premierships with 3 or less competitors may be combined with another age group. This does not apply to Pre Bun premierships.

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RULES

COSTUME and MAKEUP RULES SUMMARY – Updated February 2023

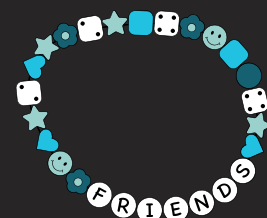
GRADE	AGE	COSTUME	MAKE UP & LEG TAN	WIG
NOVICE, PRE-BUN and BUN (BEGINNER)	11 years & under	Traditional class costumes or appropriate attire* NO Solo costume may be worn	No	No
	12 years & over	Solo Costume allowed	Yes	Yes
TUS (PRIMARY)	11 years & under	Traditional class costumes or appropriate attire* NO Solo costume may be worn	No	No
	12 years & over	Solo Costume allowed	Yes	Yes
MEAN1 (ELEMENTARY) MEAN (INTERMEDIATE) ARD (OPEN)	9 years & under	Solo Costume allowed	No facial make-up, but leg tanner allowed	Yes
	10 years & over	Solo Costume allowed	Yes	Yes

** refers to long/short-sleeved blouses/shirts & skirts/trousers, polo tops & skirts/trousers, body suits & skirts or tunics that conform to the regular to the regular costume length rule. Low cut tops and short tight skirts are not permitted*

BLACK OUT PREMIERSHIPS

- The Black Out Premierhips will take place on Sunday June 9th.
- Competitors are only permitted to wear black out dance attire: Black dresses, black skirt and separate body suit, black t-shirt, black pants, black shirts.
- Please note the following: When wearing body suits with skirts (commonly known as black-out attire) black tights (of a denier (not) less than 70) must be worn from the age of 14 and above.
Effective date: 1st February, 2020.

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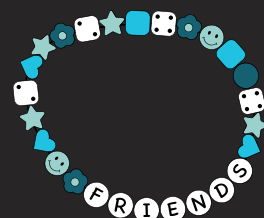
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- Parents are responsible for their children's behaviour both within and outside the venue.
- No food or drink is to be consumed in the main area of the theatre, UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED
- Smoking is not permitted within any part of the premises.
- No hairspray or aerosol sprays are to be used in the main area of the hall or foyer.
- Competitors must be pupils of registered teachers with An Comisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha. Dancers who are
- Residents in Australia are required to be registered with AIDA Inc. for the current year.
- Entries should be submitted using the TryBooking link on the syllabus.
- Entry fees will be refunded if insufficient numbers are received.
- All competitors must be ready to commence their section at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. The Feis organizing committee reserves the right to commence sections up to 30 minutes prior to the advertised start time.
- It is the competitors' responsibility to be in the marshalling area when called, otherwise, they may miss their section.
- The McAleer Championship Committee reserves the right to amend the order of dancers at any time.
- If a dancer loses a heel or complete shoe, he/she may stand back allowing the other dancer to continue dancing uninhibited. Such a dancer will then be allowed to re-dance.
- If a dancer falls the adjudicator must ring the bell. The dancer will be permitted to re-dance at the adjudicator's discretion.
- Should a dancer bump or slip, they may be allowed to re-dance at the adjudicator's discretion.

STEPS

- Reel - The lead around may be danced on the right foot twice or on the right and left foot. The two steps following the lead must be performed on the right and left foot.
- Slip Jig - The lead around may be danced on the right foot twice or on the right and left foot. The first step must be performed on the right and left foot. The last step will be performed on the right foot only.
- Treble Jig – The lead around and the following two steps must be performed on the right and left foot. Hornpipe - The lead around and the first step must be performed on the right and left foot. The last step will be performed on the right foot only. NOTE: Where a dancer is required to perform a step on the right and left foot, ALL movements in the first 8 bars must be replicated on the opposite foot in the second 8 bars.
- In graded sections, competitors are required to perform the correct standard of work as set out in the AIDA Inc. Competition Rules and Regulations. Competitors will be disqualified by adjudicators if an incorrect standard of work is performed.
- No block, over toe, en point movement, stationary or moving is allowed to be performed in any age group up to and including the 11 years.

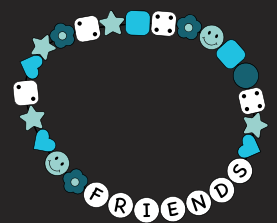
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RULES

- Make-Up and Fake Tanning will not be permitted for any dancers in Novice, Pre-Bun, Bun or Tus for 11 years and under.
- Facial make-up is not permitted for any dancer, in any grade, under the age of 10 years.
- Competitors in Pre-Bun, Bun or Tus Grad, up to and including 11 years, may only wear traditional class costumes or long/short-sleeved blouses/shirts & skirts/trousers, polo tops & skirts/trousers, body suits & skirts or tunics that conform to the regular costume length rule. Low-cut tops and short tight skirts are not permitted.
- The length of costumes must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps. Adjudicators who determine a costume to be too short or to lack modesty may ask a competitor to change into black tights (of a denier not less than 70 percent) in order for the dancer to continue in the competition.
- Necklines must be at collarbone level or above. This does not preclude the use of alternative fabrics, e.g., lace, as an inset. Costumes must consist of full front, side, and back sections. Cut-away styles, without a full skirt backing, are not acceptable.
- In order to protect dancers from hazardous objects on stage while competing, costumes may not be decorated with feathers.
- Appropriate underwear must be worn. Where tights are worn, they must be of a denier not less than 70.
- The use of artificial arm/carriage aids is not permitted. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids, and 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.
- To receive prizes or awards, competitors must be in full dancing costume including shoes.
- Dancers are reminded to wear appropriate dress at all times whilst at the Feis (especially in the Hall/Auditorium area).
- Tracksuit pants/shorts & tops must be worn whilst practicing, warming up, or not in costume. The wearing of only leotards/bloomers when not in costume is not considered suitable attire.
- All dancers must change in the dressing rooms.
- Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means e.g., mobile phones, standard cameras, video camcorder, commercial film with or without flash enhancements is expressly forbidden (unless prior permission has been given by the Feis organizers). Photography of presentations is permitted.
- For dancers in the Novice, Pre-Bun and Bun sections, refer to the PHOTOGRAPHY CONDITIONS, as listed below.
- Competitors enter at their own risk regarding injury. The McAleer Open Championship. will not accept any liability for injuries sustained. Lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer.
- Lodgement of an entry shall be taken to signify that the Teacher, Parents and Pupils concerned accept these rules in full and agree to strictly abide by them.

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RULES

*PHOTOGRAPHY CONDITIONS FOR PRE BUN AND BUN DANCERS

Following recent changes made to the photography rules set down by An Comisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha, Ireland, families will now be given the opportunity to film their children dancing in PRE BUN AND BUN SECTIONS ONLY under the guidelines set out below.

- Who Only persons known to the Dancer may be photographers. There may only be one photographer per dancer per dance. Photography of any other Dancer is NOT Permitted
- What Video and still Photo images only. NO FLASH Photography permitted. If the same Dancer who competes in Novice/Bun also competes in a higher Grade, photography is not allowed in the higher Grade event under any circumstances
- Where Photographers will only be permitted to take photographic images from a designated area/s assigned by the Feis Organizers. Prize presentation photography is permitted and is not limited to the designated photography area
- When Only during the time of the actual performance of the particular Dancer on stage. Any other photography at the Feis, e.g. outside the Feis venue or during warm up, is by the express permission of the Dancers and /or their guardians only

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