



# THE IRISH SHIELD DUBLIN

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## SYLLABUS

Church of Scientology &  
Community Centre

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Ireland

### Adjudicators

**James Smith UK**  
**Louise Connolly USA**  
**Sharon McCaul Ulster**  
**Tracey Dunphy Leinster**  
**Daniel Flannagan Munster**  
**Janey McGardle Ulster**  
**Susannah Ruehlen USA**  
**Phoebe O Donoghue Leinster**  
**Clare McDermott Ulster**

### Musicians

**Dean Crouch**  
**Sean Mortalo**

Syllabus approved by: Audrey Birmingham-Leone & Denise Elbert  
Feis Registrar Comhairle Laighean

# THE IRISH SHIELD 2025

We warmly welcome you to join us once again in Dublin for The Irish Shield on January 25th 2025.

Our venue, the Scientology Centre Dublin, is a pristine 1300 seated theatre that will offer an incredible platform to all competitors as they start the New Year on the road to the All-Ireland and World Championships 2025.

Each championship from U8 upwards will be judged by a rotating panel of 3 adjudicators for each round..

We will try to accommodate as many dancers in the recall as possible depending on time when entries close.

A Separate prelim result will be determined on the first 2 rounds of the championship.

As in previous years, we will have a cap on entry numbers so we encourage you to enter early to avoid disappointment.

Stay tuned to our social media platforms for more updates!



# AGE GROUPS

Age	Dances	Age	Dances
U6 Mixed	Reel & Light Jig	Boys U10	Reel & Jig/HP & Trad/Open Set
U7 Mixed	Reel & Light / Heavy Jig & Single Jig	Boys 10-12	Reel & Jig/HP & Open Set
U8 Mixed	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Trad Set	Boys 12-14	Reel & Jig/HP & Open Set
U9 Mixed	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Trad Set	Boys 14-16	Reel & Jig/HP & Open Set
Girls U10	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Trad/Open Set	Gents 16-18	Reel & Jig/HP & Open Set
Girls U11	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set	Gents 18-20	Reel & Jig/HP & Open Set
Girls U12	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set	Gents U21	Reel & Jig/HP & Open Set
Girls U13	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set	Gent O21	Reel & Jig/HP & Open Set
Girls U14	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set	4 Hand	U15
Girls U15	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set	4 Hand	O15
Girls U16	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set	8 Hand	U15
Girls U17	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set	8 Hand	O15
Ladies U18	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set	Adult	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Trad Set
Ladies U19	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set		
Ladies U20	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set		
Ladies U21	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set		
Ladies O21	Reel/SJ & Jig/HP & Open Set		

# ENTRIES

Championship U6/U7 €40

Championship €50

Championship & Prelim €55

Prelim Only €45

Door Entry €5 (pre-paid online with entry)

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# RULES

## An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha Leinster Feis Rules 2021

1. Age as on 1st January in each year of feis.
2. Entries only accepted from teachers registered with an Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
3. Make up and false tan is not permitted in Bun Grád and Tús Grád competitions up to and including under 12 age group. Makeup including false eyelashes is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group.
4. Children competing in all age groups, in Bun and Tús Grád competitions may only wear class costumes, skirt and blouse, or appropriate civilian clothing. No low cut or off the shoulder tops or short tight skirts permitted.
5. The use of artificial carriage aids is strictly forbidden. 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.
6. In order to comply with health and safety measures, all dancers lining up side stage prior to any round at any competition will be required to perform the simple exercise of raising their arms to shoulder level unhindered. If unable to do this by the time of their rotation due to costume stitching or arm attachments, these competitors will not be permitted to perform.
7. Bun Grád competitions confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in any age group or grade. Basic steps only.
8. In Bun and Tús Grád competitions one dancer moves up to the next grade if there are less than 20 competitors, between 21 and 40 competitors two dancers move up and if in excess of 40 competitors three dancers move up to the next grade.
9. Tús Grád competitions confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in any age group in Lár, Méan or Árd.
10. Lár grad competitions confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in any age group in Lár, Méan or Árd.
11. Méan grad competitions confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize for that particular dance in that age group or a higher age group in either Méan or Árd Grád.
12. Traditional set dance must be chosen from the following list:- a. St. Patrick's day b. Garden of Daisies c. Job of Journeywork d. The Blackbird e. King of the Fairies f. Jockey to the Fair g. Three Sea Captains.
13. With regard to toe movements no block, en pointe, stationary or moving, is allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including under 12 years. However, according to the an Coimisiun rule, dancers who will compete under 13 from 1st January may perform en pointe from September of the previous year.
14. Any form of unauthorised photography, which has the capability to capture a dancers' image, whilst in motion, using electronic/manual means, e.g., mobile phones, iPad, video, still camera, commercial film with/without a flash enhancement or any other means of recording is strictly forbidden.
15. Parents are responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their children at all times whilst attending the Feis within and around the hall.
16. Feis committee, as far as practicable, will provide a surface floor suitable for dancing. However, the committee cannot accept any liability whatsoever for injuries sustained whilst on stage or within the practice area. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer and by her/his parent or guardian. (or teacher)
17. An Coimisiún rules will apply if disputes arise that are not covered by the above rules.



# RULES

18. Objections must be lodged within one hour of the announcement of the results of a competition and must be accompanied by a fee of €20.

19. Changing of costumes, dressing and undressing, is not permitted in the halls or public areas.

20. Social Media Rule– Feis Organisers must continually make all persons aware that the taking of photographs of any children without parental permission is not permitted. Those who do not wish to be photographed should make themselves known to the Feis Organiser.

21. Comhairle Laighean Child Safety officer is Orla Nic Conuladh@dlpLeinster@gmail.com Please contact her if you have any concerns in regard to any child safety at the event.

## EFFECTIVE FROM 1st JANUARY 2022

A Preliminary Championship must be adjudicated by 3 or more Adjudicators and must consist of 2 Rounds, 1 Light Round – Reel/Slip Jig, and 1 Heavy Round – Heavy Jig/Hornpipe. Preliminary Championships may run as a “stand alone” competition or may be incorporated into the Open Championship. Dancers may compete in an Open or a Preliminary Championship or both.

## **RULES AND ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to compete in a Preliminary Championship:

- Dancers must not have placed in the top 3 in an Open Championship judged by 3 or more adjudicators.
- Dancers must not have won a Preliminary Championship more than 2 times in the current year, HOWEVER, if there are 5 or less in a Preliminary competition the dancer is still eligible to compete in Preliminary Championship.
- Dancers must not have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in the current year ( ) or previous year ( ).
- Dancers must not have recalled in the actual Championship at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann in the current year ( ) or previous year ( ).
- Dancers having won 2 Preliminary Championships may not compete in any Mean grad competition for the remainder of the year HOWEVER, if a dancer has won only one Preliminary Championship they may continue to compete in Mean grad (with the exception of the dances that they won the Preliminary Championship with).

## **EXCEPTIONS PERTAINING TO OIREACHTAS IN INDIVIDUAL REGIONS**

- Dancers who qualify for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne where there are five dancers or less in the competition at their Regional Oireachtas are exempt from this ruling. They may remain in the Preliminary Championships if they so wish.
- Boys who have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne, but were not placed in the top 3 at their Regional Oireachtas and who otherwise fulfil the Prelim Criteria, may continue to compete in Preliminary Championships.

## **Please Note:**

\*Recall will run if 15 or more dancers dance in a competition. If we can accommodate additional sets within time constraints, we will try our best to do so.

\*Adjudicators decision is final.

\*The running order of events may be subject to change on the day to accommodate time constraints.