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### General Rules

Age category is determined by the age the dancer is on the day of the Feis

Dancers may compete in more than 1 Award or Championship as long as they are not of the same grade

Dancers may only compete in a maximum of 3 awards

Boys/Men may only take part in 1 Championship.

To compete in the Open Championship under 3 adjudicators dancers must not be eligible for the B Award

From September 2014: Modern set dances may be danced from the age of 9 upwards.

### 1 Adjudicator Championships

To compete in 1 adjudicator championship dancers must take part in a minimum of 2 solo competitions first.

If a dancer is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in 1 adjudicator championship, they are open for both of the solo dances.

Winning the 1 adjudicator championship eliminates you from the Intermediate Award

### Awards

A, B & Intermediate Solo Awards will be performed in front of 1 Adjudicator.

The A Award is for any dancer who has 3 or more solo dances in the A grades.

The B Award is for any dancer who has 2 or more solo dances in the B grades.

The Intermediate Award is for any dancer that has not attained 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Intermediate award, Preliminary, premiership or Open Championships.

To compete in Awards dancers must take part in a minimum of 2 solo competitions first. **(Exception is if the dancer has no solo grades available at the event)**

If a dancer is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the A, B or Intermediate Award they are not permitted to compete in that Award again and must move up to the next grade for the Award and also the solo version of the dance.

If a dancer is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the A, B or Intermediate award where there are fewer than 6 competitors the dancer will be allowed to compete in the Award at the next Championship Feis provided they still meet the eligibility criteria.

## **Preliminary Championships**

The Preliminary Championship will be performed in front of 3 Adjudicators.

Preliminary Championships are for dancers aged 7 or above.

Preliminary Championship are for dancers that have not won an Open Championship performed in front of a minimum of 3 adjudicators.

Preliminary championship are run on the pick-up system.

Dancers will compete 2 at a time for 32 bars of music with 8 bars of music between each set of dancers.

The dances for the age 7 & 8 preliminary championship will be Reel & Light or Slip Jig.

The dancers from age 9 upwards in the preliminary championship will be Reel & Treble Jig.

The heavy round is danced first.

If a dancer is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Preliminary Championship, they will move to the open grade for the 2 dances that they performed in the preliminary championship.

Regardless of the number of dancers entered, a dancer may obtain 1<sup>st</sup> place in the preliminary championship 3 times before being deemed ineligible to participate in it again.

Winning the Preliminary Championship eliminates you from the Intermediate Award.

## **Premiership Championships**

The Premiership Championship will be performed in front of 3 Adjudicators.

Preliminary Championships are for dancers aged 9 or above.

Preliminary Championship are for dancers that have not won an Open Championship performing a modern set dance performed in front of a minimum of 3 adjudicators.

Preliminary championship is run on the pick-up system. Dancers will perform 2 at a time with 8 bars of music between each set of dancers.

Dancers will compete 2 at a time for 32 bars of music with 8 bars of music between each set of dancers.

The dances for the premiership championship will be Slip Jig & Traditional Set Dance

Male dancers will perform a reel

The heavy round is danced first.

If a dancer is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Premiership Championship, they will move to the open grade for the 2 dances that they performed in the premiership championship.

Regardless of the number of dancers entered, a dancer may obtain 1<sup>st</sup> place in the premiership championship 3 times before being deemed ineligible to participate in it again.

If a dancer was still eligible to compete in the Preliminary championship a win in the Premiership championship will count towards that total.

Winning the premiership championship eliminates you from the intermediate Award

## **Open Championship Age 5 & 6**

Open Cups under 5 & 6 are performed in front of 3 adjudicators

The dances they perform will be Reel & Light Jig.

They will perform 32 bars for each dance.

If a dancer is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in an Open Cup they will be open for the 2 dances, they performed

They are eligible to compete in the Preliminary Championship once they reach the age 7 group

## **Open Championship Age 7 & 8**

Open Awards under 7 & 8 will be performed in front of 3 adjudicators.

The dances they perform will be Reel, Treble Jig & St Patrick's Day

They will perform 32 bars in the Reel & 32 bars in the Jig.

If the dancer is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in an Open Award they are not permitted to take part in any preliminary championship as they do not meet the eligibility criteria.

If a dancer is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in an Open Award they will be open for the 2 dances, they performed.

They are eligible to compete in the Premiership Championship once they reach the age 9 group

### **Open Championship Age 9 Upwards**

Open Championships are for dancers aged 9 and upwards and will be performed in front of 3 or more adjudicators.

They will consist of a minimum of 2 rounds of which one must be modern set dance.

In all cases the heavy round will be performed first. Where there are 3 rounds the Modern (Traditional) Set dance will be the final round to be performed.

They will perform 40 bars in the Reel, 32 bars in Slip Jig, 40 bars in Jig & 32 bars in Hornpipe.

If a dancer is awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in an Open Championship (regardless of the number in the competition) they will be open for all of their dances.

The winner of the Open Championship is no longer eligible to take part in the Intermediate Award, Preliminary or Premiership Championship.