

Katie Jeffrey T.C.R.G.  
invites you to

The West of Scotland Irish Dancing Championships



Almada Suite Conference Centre  
West Wing  
Almada Street  
Hamilton  
ML3 0AA

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Fellow Teachers

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your dancers to the  
third annual

***West of Scotland Championships***

I hope you can join us in celebrating this year's event and hopefully add to  
the amazing and overwhelming success of the last two year.

I am delighted to announce that I have managed to secure the same  
magnificent venue. These excellent facilities provide a comfortable and  
spacious environment for both dancers and spectators. We also have a  
fabulous canteen with a variety of hot and cold food served throughout the  
day and merchandise stalls with several Irish dancing products and treats on  
sale.

This year's event will hold a  
**Champion of Champions** competition.

This will see the winners of each open championship compete for the  
Champion of Champions Title and a beautiful Crystal Trophy award. This  
competition will be split into 2 age groups, Under 6 to Under 12 and Under  
13 to Senior.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Katie Jeffrey T.C.R.G

## **Entry Fees**

Solo Grades	£3.50 per dance
Trophy Grades	£4.50 per dance
Premiership	£10.00
Championship	£20.00
Dancer Maximum	£35.00
Family Maximum	£55.00

## **Feis Secretary**

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Cheques should be made payable to  
'The West of Scotland Championships'

*All entries should be returned to the Feis Secretary by  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August*

## **Adjudicators**

1. Carole Leavey-Joyce	Co. Louth
2. Ronan McCormack	Dublin
3. Ciara Lennon	Dundalk
3. Gráinne Feely	Co. Kildare

## **Musicians**

1. Seamus O'Sullivan	Glasgow
2. Gerry Conlon	Glasgow
3. Martin Daly	Glasgow

**Solo Grades**

(B – Beginner, P – Primary, I – Intermediate)

	<b>Reel</b>	<b>Single Jig</b>	<b>Light Jig</b>	<b>Slip Jig</b>	<b>Trophy Reel</b>	<b>Heavy Jig</b>	<b>Hornpipe</b>	<b>Heavy Trophy</b>
U6	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	I	I	I
U7	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U8	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U9	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U10	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U11	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U12	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
U13	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
O13	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I	B,P,I
O15	I			I	I	I	I	I

**Premiership**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Round</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>	<b>Recall</b>
U9	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe
U11	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe
U13	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe
U15	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe
O15	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe

**Championship**

(Solo results will be given for round 1 and 2)

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Round</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>	<b>Recall</b>
U6	Reel	Single Jig	Light Jig
U7	Reel	Single Jig	Light or Heavy Jig
U8	Reel	Heavy Jig	Hornpipe
U9	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Traditional Set Dance
U10	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set Dance
U11	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set Dance
U12	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set Dance
U13	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set Dance
U14	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set Dance
U15	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set Dance
U16	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set Dance
U18	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set Dance
Senior	Reel or Slip Jig	Heavy Jig or Hornpipe	Open Set Dance

## Rules

1. Entries will only be accepted from teachers registered with AN COIMISIUN.
2. All entries must be made on the enclosed official entry forms, which must be fully completed and signed by the teacher. Entries will only be accepted from teacher's en-bloc and not on an individual basis. The dancer's FULL FIRST and SURNAME must be entered in BLOCK CAPITALS.
3. The Feis Committee may notify or cancel any arrangements detailed in this syllabus as is deemed necessary, subject to the approval of An Coimisiun.
4. The Adjudicator's decisions are final.
5. Complaints must be submitted in writing with a £10 fee to the Feis Secretary within an hour of the incident. The fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.
6. Competitors must be present when their competition is called and fully obey all directions from the Feis Stewards and Hall Keeper, or they may lose their right to dance. Everyone in attendance must follow the Code of Conduct published in the Programme.
7. Competitors must dance in strict numerical order and be in costume ready to dance no less than 20 minutes before the times scheduled for their competitions.
8. Competitors must use the designated areas to practice and must not practice in the competition halls, corridors, side stage etc. This rule will be strictly enforced. Any dancer found causing damage to floor surfaces out with the areas designated as official practice areas will be held personally liable for any necessary repairs.
9. All championship trophies are perpetual challenge trophies and must be returned at the request of the Feis Committee.
10. Tempos for Intermediate and open competitions and Open Championships will be the same as those stipulated for the World Championships.
11. Reel-113, Slip Jig – 113, Heavy Jig – 73, Hornpipe – 113  
Beginner and Primary competitions and confined to dancers resident in Scotland. Speeds will be in accordance with those stipulated by the Scottish Regional Council.
12. Beginners are only permitted to dance steps equivalent to the basic reel, single jig, light jig, slip jig, heavy jig and hornpipe. Any competitors performing steps of a harder degree of difficulty in the beginner's grade may be disqualified from that particular competition.
13. First Aiders will be present should anyone need their assistance at the Feis.
14. Beginner – A dancer winning 1<sup>st</sup> in beginner grade, when there are 6 or more competitors, must dance that particular dance in primary grade (or above).
15. Primary – A dancer winning 1<sup>st</sup> in primary grade, when there are 6 or more competitors, must dance that particular dance in intermediate grade (or above) for a period of at least 12 months.
16. Intermediate – A dancer winning 1<sup>st</sup> in intermediate grade, when there are 6 or more competitors, must dance that particular dance in open grade for a period of at least 12 months.
17. Open – A dancer winning 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in open grade must dance that particular dance in open grade for a period of at least 12 months.
18. Open Championship – A dancer placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in an open championship must remain open for the dances performed in that championship for a period of at least 12 months.
19. All dancers must be in full costume and appropriate footwear when receiving awards, otherwise such awards may be forfeited.
20. Dancers in Beginner and Primary competitions up to and including the Under 13 age group (born after 31<sup>st</sup> December 1995) may only wear class costume, skirt and blouse or appropriate civilian clothing. Low cut tops or short tight skirts are not permitted. Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification from the competition.
21. The use of make-up is prohibited for those dancers up to and including the Under 12 age group (born after 31<sup>st</sup> December 1996) when competing in Beginner and Primary competitions.
22. Toe blocks or any other footwork danced 'en Pointe', whether stationary or moving is not permitted for those dancers up to and including the Under 12 age group (born after 31<sup>st</sup> December 1996).
23. Changing facilities will be provided and must be used. No changing in the halls will be allowed. The use of hairspray will only be permitted in designated changing areas. No hairspray to be used in competition halls.
24. The dress code in accordance with An Coimisiun rules 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.
25. Any form of unauthorised photography which has the capacity to capture a dancer's image in motion, using electrical or manual means, e.g. mobile-phone, standard camera, video camera, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is strictly forbidden in competition.
26. The Committee are not responsible for property lost during the Feis and every one is advised not to leave bags or clothing etc. unattended.
27. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the venue.

## **Directions**

The Almada Suite is situated across from The Clydesdale Bank, next to Bell College and the County Building on Almada Street, Hamilton.

### **By Road**

#### ***From M74 North and South***

- Leave M74 at Junction 6 signposted Hamilton & Motherwell
- Follow slip road towards Hamilton
- At roundabout, take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit towards East Kilbride
- At round about, take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit towards East Kilbride
- At round about take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit towards East Kilbride
- At mini round about, take 1<sup>st</sup> exit towards East Kilbride
- Almada Suite about 100yards on left

#### ***For Parking***

- Turn Right onto Beckford Street (*just before Almada Suite*) and follow signs round the one way system to designated council property parking

### **By Rail**

#### ***Nearest Station – Hamilton West***

Trains available to this station on Glasgow, Motherwell, Larkhall and Lanark lines

Exit station turn left then follow road round to the right.  
Arrive at The Almada Suite on your left hand side.

### **Accommodation**

Travel Lodge situated at Hamilton Services on M74  
Contact – **0870 197 7124**

