

NEWRY MUSICAL FEIS

BALLET & THEATRE DANCE SECTION

IMPORTANT RULES

This must be read in conjunction with the
GENERAL COMPETITION BYELAWS [2016 revision] of Newry Musical Feis

IMPORTANT RULES:

1. ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED ONLINE. Visit www.newrymusicalfeis.com

2. **AGE LIMITS** - In every class the age of the competitor must be calculated as on 1st January 2020. Please ensure competitors are entered in their correct class. The age and date of birth of all competitors must be provided.

3. **NOVICE SECTION** – Competitors in this section who gain 83 marks and above will subsequently move to the Open Classes for future festivals. A novice who gains 83 marks in one section will not be restricted from entering other sections in a novice festival.

4. SONGS FROM THE SHOWS, VOCAL AND DANCE ENTRIES

All performances using music from any show are subject to copyright law. Copyright permission is required and the festival committee accepts these entries on the basis that the appropriate copyright permission has been sought. Performers or teachers with queries on how to obtain copyright permission for performance items should contact Festivals House.

The Newry Musical Feis does not accept liability for the infringements of copyright, recording or performing rights arising out of an entrant's accompaniment or performance. It contributes to a group licence to cover payment of fees for the use of recorded music at its events. Teachers and choreographers using music created from commercial recordings are advised that they are themselves responsible for seeking permission to re-record from the Recording Companies concerned.

5. **TIME LIMITS** - Solo Dances up to and including 8 years must not exceed 1.5 minutes, except Character dances, in which case 2 minutes are allowed.

Solo Dances 9 years and upwards must not exceed 2 minutes.

Duets and Trios must not exceed 3 minutes.

Groups must not exceed 5 minutes.

Song and Dance Classes are allowed extra time – see section in syllabus for details.

Up to 10 seconds extra will be permitted only for a musical phrase to finish. **Dances will be timed from the first movement to the last movement.** Performances over the time limit will be penalised by deducting 1 mark for every 5 seconds over. Checks will be in operation throughout the festival.

Hip-Hop, Crews must not exceed 3 minutes.

In all Duet and Trio Sections, competitors may not dance more than **two** times.

6. AWARDS - Awards, Festival Cups, Medals and Certificates are awarded at the discretion of the Adjudicator. Teachers and student teachers are not eligible for overall awards. Recipients of cups and trophies will be liable for any damage.

7. PROPS / SPECIAL LIGHTING - Stage props, **kept to a minimum** are permitted. Please avoid items such as glitter, hats or other objects being thrown across the stage or into the audience in acknowledgement of health and safety regulations. Special lighting and special effects are not permitted. The setting up and striking time for props or scenery for a solo should not exceed 20 seconds or 2 minutes for a group. In order to comply with Theatre Fire Regulations, props which must be fire retardant should be brought on the day they are to be used and removed from the building immediately after the class for which they were required.

8. RUNNING ORDER -Unless a valid reason is given, a competitor or group not ready to dance in the order of the programme may be disqualified.

9. BACKSTAGE - Due to fire and safety regulations only competitors in the relevant class and their teachers will be permitted backstage except in the classes for **6 years and under**.

10. A decision has been made in conjunction with other Federated Festival Secretaries to **ban aeriels** being performed in dance routines. (See Syllabus)

NEWRY MUSICAL FEIS

Affiliated to The British and International Federation of Festivals for Music, Dance and Speech

Syllabus

2020

ENTRY FEES - Fees must accompany your entries please. Entry fees are non-returnable.

Entry Fees - **PER PERSON**

Solos	£3.00
Duets	£3.00
Trios	£3.00
Groups	£2.00

DATES: SATURDAY 18th APRIL – SATURDAY 25th APRIL

CHEQUES: must be made payable to "NEWRY MUSICAL FEIS" can be posted to:

Dance Secretary MRS DYMPNA RAFFERTY
14 BALMORAL PARK
NEWRY
BT34 1JP

**Final Date for Entries as follows:
Online Entries - Friday 15th FEBRUARY 2020**

******Late entries will not be accepted******

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PLEASE NOTE: For the purpose of arranging changing facilities please indicate how many males, if any, will be participating in your entry.

“HEALTH AND SAFETY NOTICE – A decision has been reached by N.I.F.F. (Northern Ireland Festivals Forums) that “aerials” will no longer be allowed to be performed at any of the Festivals under their umbrella. Such moves are perilous and if not performed correctly the consequences for the performer are likely to be severe and long reaching. As such this decision has been made with the performers' safety in mind. One handed cartwheels are a safer and acceptable substitution.”

Please note the following rule from the British Federation of Festivals: In the case of two or more identical marks in an Overall Award, the winner should be decided by the Adjudicator based on technical and artistic merit.

SOLO – BALLETT, TAP, CHARACTER

Classes 1- 8 are Solo Classes (B) Ballet, (T) Tap (C) Character

CLASS 1 Under 5 years of age
CLASS 2 5-6 years of age
CLASS 3 7-8 years of age
CLASS 4 9-10 years of age
CLASS 5 11-12 years of age
CLASS 6 13-14 years of age
CLASS 7 15-16 years of age
CLASS 8 17 years and over

DUET (3 MINUTES MAX) –BALLETT, CHARACTER

Classes 9-12 are Duet Classes divided into sections as follows:

(B) Ballet (C) Character

CLASS 9 6 years and under
CLASS 10 7-10 years of age
CLASS 11 11-14 years of age
CLASS 12 15 years and over

TRIO (3 MINUTES MAX) – BALLET, CHARACTER

Classes 13 – 15 are trio classes, divided into classes as follows:

(B) Ballet (C) Character

CLASS 13 10yrs and under

CLASS 14 11-14 years of age

CLASS 15 15 years and over

GROUP (5 MINUTES MAX) – BALLET, CHARACTER

Classes 16 –18 are divided into sections as follows: (B) Ballet, (C) Character

PLEASE STATE NUMBERS IN EACH GROUP

CLASS 16 10 years and under

CLASS 17 14 years and under

CLASS 18 15 years and over

TAP SECTION

SOLO – AS BEFORE

DUET (3 MINUTES MAX)

CLASS 19 6- years and under

CLASS 20 7-10 years of age

CLASS 21 11-14 years of age

CLASS 22 15 years and over

TRIO (3 MINUTES MAX)

CLASS 23 10 years and under

CLASS 24 11-14 years

CLASS 25 15 years and over

GROUP (5 MINUTES MAX)

(PLEASE STATE NUMBERS IN GROUPS)

CLASS 26 10 years and under

CLASS 27 14 years and under

CLASS 28 15 years and over

MODERN SECTION

SOLO

- CLASS 29 Under 5 years of age
- CLASS 30 5-6 years of age NOTE – PLEASE INDICATE AGE BESIDE ENTRIES
- CLASS 31 7-8 years of age NOTE – PLEASE INDICATE AGE BESIDE ENTRIES
- CLASS 32 9-10 years of age
- CLASS 33 11-12 years of age
- CLASS 34 13-14 years of age
- CLASS 35 15-16 years of age
- CLASS 36 17 years and over

DUET (3 MINUTES MAX)

- CLASS 37 6 years and under
- CLASS 38 7-10 years of age
- CLASS 39 11-14 years of age
- CLASS 40 15- years and over

TRIO (3 MINUTES MAX)

- CLASS 41 10 years and under
- CLASS 42 11-14 years of age
- CLASS 43 15- years and over

GROUP (5 MINUTES MAX) **(PLEASE STATE NUMBERS IN GROUPS)**

- CLASS 44 10 years and under
- CLASS 45 14 years and under
- CLASS 46 15 years and over

LYRICAL SECTION

SOLO

- CLASS 47 Under 5 years of age
- CLASS 48 5-6 years of age
- CLASS 49 7-8 years of age
- CLASS 50 9-10 years of age
- CLASS 51 11-12 years of age
- CLASS 52 13-14 years of age
- CLASS 53 15-16 years of age
- CLASS 54 17 years and over

DUET (3 MINUTES MAX)

- CLASS 55 6 years and under
- CLASS 56 7-10 years of age
- CLASS 57 11-14 years of age
- CLASS 58 15- years and over

TRIO (3 MINUTES MAX)

- CLASS 59 10 years and under
- CLASS 60 11-14 years of age
- CLASS 61 15- years and over

GROUP (5 MINUTES MAX)

(PLEASE STATE NUMBERS IN GROUPS)

- CLASS 62 10 years and under
- CLASS 63 14 years and under
- CLASS 64 15 years and over

CONTEMPORARY SECTION

SOLO

CLASS 65 11-12 years of age
CLASS 66 13-14 years of age
CLASS 67 15-16 years of age
CLASS 68 17 years and over

DUET (3 MINUTES MAX)

CLASS 69 11-14 years of age
CLASS 70 15 years and over

TRIO (3 MINUTES MAX)

CLASS 71 11-14 years of age
CLASS 72 15 years and over

GROUP (5 MINUTES MAX)

(PLEASE STATE NUMBERS IN GROUPS)

CLASS 73 14 years and under
CLASS 74 15 years and over

SONG & DANCE SECTION

For this section an extra half minute is allowed. Entertainment value and suitability will be taken into consideration.

Music for this section must be purely instrumental with no additional backing vocals.

PLEASE NOTE - Singing is ONLY allowed in classes 79 – 93

SOLO

CLASS 75 6 years and under

CLASS 76 7-8 years of age

CLASS 77 9-10 years of age

CLASS 78 11-12 years of age

CLASS 79 13-14 years of age

CLASS 80 15-16 years of age

CLASS 81 17 years and over

DUET (3.5 MINUTES MAX)

CLASS 82 10 years and under

CLASS 83 11-14 years of age

CLASS 84 15 years and over

TRIO (3.5 MINUTES MAX)

CLASS 85 10 years and under

CLASS 86 11-14 years of age

CLASS 87 15 years and over

GROUP (8 MINUTES MAX)

(PLEASE STATE NUMBERS IN GROUPS)

CLASS 88 12 years and under

CLASS 89 Over 12 years of age

CHOREOGRAPHY SECTION

Pupils own choreography. Teachers may not under any circumstances assist pupils with choice of music, choreography, steps or costume. This section is to encourage pupils to demonstrate individuality. No dance **at date of entry** which has previously been performed in any festival may be displayed in this section.

SOLO (2 MINUTES MAX)

CLASS 90 10 years and under

CLASS 91 11-14 years of age

CLASS 92 15 years and over

DUET (3 MINUTES MAX)

CLASS 93 10 years and under

CLASS 94 11-14 years of age

CLASS 95 15 years and over

GROUP (5 MINUTES MAX)

(PLEASE STATE NUMBERS IN GROUPS)

CLASS 96 12 years and under

CLASS 97 Over 12 years of age

NOVICE SECTION

Competitors in this section who gain 83 marks and above will subsequently move to the Open Classes for future festivals. A novice who gains 83 marks in one section will not be restricted from entering other sections in a novice festival. **This section is for 7-12 years only.** Timing guidelines remain the same as other sections.

NOVICE BALLET SOLO

CLASS 102B 7-8 years

CLASS 103B 9-10 years

CLASS 104B 11-12 years

NOVICE TAP SOLO

CLASS 102T 7-8 years

CLASS 103T 9-10 years

CLASS 104T 11-12 years

NOVICE MODERN SOLO

CLASS 102M 7-8 years

CLASS 103M 9-10 years

CLASS 104M 11-12years

NOVICE LYRICAL SOLO

CLASS 102L 7-8 years

CLASS 103L 9-10 years

CLASS 104L 11-12 years

HIP-HOP SECTION

CREWS (3 MINUTES MAX)

(PLEASE STATE NUMBERS IN CREWS)

CLASS 137 10 years and under

CLASS 138 11 to 14 years

CLASS 139 15 years and over