

# Marlynes Irish Dancers

## Present



**Mechelen - Belgium**  
**13 & 14 february 2027**



# MARLYNES FEIS 2027

## VALENTINE'S EDITION

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### Venue

Sporthal De Plaon  
Eksterstraat 100  
Mechelen - Belgium

### Adjudicator

Katrina O'Hehir  
ADCRG  
England

### Musician

Kristián Fišl  
TCRG  
Czech Republic

### Organiser

Marlynnes Irish Dancers  
Lita De Wachter TCRG



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[www.marlynnes.be/feis](http://www.marlynnes.be/feis)





Dear Friends,

On behalf of Marlynes Irish Dancers, we are delighted to welcome you to the first Marlynes Feis in Mechelen, Belgium. Organised by Marlynes Irish Dancers, with more than 25 years of experience in Irish dancing, this event marks an exciting new chapter for our team.

As the feis takes place during Valentine's weekend, dancers can enjoy a number of special themed competitions alongside our regular events, including:

- ♥ Little Hearts
- ♥ Heart to Heart Céilí
- ♥ Valentine's Treble Reel

The feis will take place at Sporthal De Plaon (Eksterstraat 100, 2800 Mechelen, Belgium) in a main hall with one dance floor. Changing facilities will be available for dancers, and food and refreshments can be purchased in the cafeteria.

Mechelen is one of Belgium's most historic and charming cities. Conveniently located just 20 minutes from Brussels Airport, the city is easily accessible by both car and public transport, with direct train connections to the airport, Brussels, and Antwerp. A wide range of hotels and accommodation options are available in the city centre and close to the venue.

Please follow our social media channels for updates and further event information.

We look forward to welcoming dancers, teachers, families, and friends for a memorable weekend of Irish dancing in Belgium.

Best wishes,

Marlynes Irish Dancers





# FEIS DETAILS

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**Registrations** <https://www.feisme.net>  
*Registrations only by teachers registered by CLRG*

**Closing date for entries** January 29<sup>th</sup> 2027  
*Additions to entries can be made on the day*

## FEIS FEES

Fees	
Solo competitions per dance	€ 5,5
Treble reel, Heavy/Light trophy and traditional set dance per dance	€ 7
2/3/4/6/8 Hand Team Competitions per dancer	€ 5
Premier and adult championship	€ 28
Special competitions per dance	€ 8
RCCEA Feis registration fee per dancer	€ 1

Admission fees	
Dancers and children under 4 years	Free
Admittance fee for spectators for one day	€ 12
Admittance fee for spectators for two days	€ 20

## PAYMENTS

Payments to be made (in EUR) by each school cash or bank account

### Dans en Expressie VZW

IBAN: BE57 7310 0659 2335

BIC: KREDBEBB

Reference: school's name + Marlynes feis 2027



## TIMETABLE – DAY’S ONLY

Saturday 13 February	Sunday 14 February
<p>All U15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♥ Grades: beg/prim/intrm</li><li>♥ Premier Championship</li><li>♥ Ceili</li><li>♥ Special Valentine’s competitions</li></ul>	<p>All O15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♥ Grades: beg/prim/intrm</li><li>♥ Premier Championship</li><li>♥ Adult Championship</li><li>♥ Ceili</li><li>♥ Special Valentine’s competitions</li></ul>

*Final timetable to be published when entries close (provisional before that).*

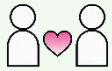


# MARLYNES FEIS RULES

## SPECIAL VALENTINE'S COMPETITIONS



Dancers competing in the **Valentine's Treble Reel** will dance 16 bars down the line Free Style. Therefore use of hands and Valentine's-themed outfits are permitted and encouraged.



In the **Heart to heart Céilí**, dancers may share the floor with their loved ones – a partner, parent, sibling, family member, or friend. A fun, inclusive event celebrating Irish dancing together. Valentine's-themed outfits are encouraged.



The **Little hearts** competition is for young dancers taking their very first steps and not competing in the regular feis. Participants may dance together with an older dancer or teacher. Valentine's-themed outfits are encouraged.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. **Irish heavy shoes** may not be worn or danced with on the sports hall floor and are only permitted on the designated practice floor and competition stages.
2. **Food and drinks** may only be consumed in the designated cafeteria area. Please help us keep the sports hall clean and tidy at all times.
3. If a dancer, parent, or guardian does not wish **photographs or video recordings** to be taken of themselves or their child, this must be communicated explicitly to the feis organisers in advance, including the dancer's name and competition number.

## RCCEA - CLRG FEIS Rules

The Feis will run in accordance with the Rules of An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha.

## GRADE COMPETITION

1. **Beginners Grade** competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize (please refer to the grid) in any competition for that particular dance.
2. In **Beginners Grade competitions** only basic steps may be performed.
3. **Primary Grade** competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize (please refer to the grid) for that particular dance other than in Beginners Grade.



4. **Intermediate Grade** competitions are open to all dancers who have not previously won 1st or 2nd prize (please refer to the grid) for that particular dance in Intermediate under the same or higher age limits. If a dancer in Continental Europe and Asia wins in Intermediate, they advance to the next level for the rest of the calendar year. Teachers can move dancers back at their own discretion at the start of the next calendar year.

Grade	Number of Entries	Number of Dancers to progress
Beginners	5 or less	0
Beginners	6 to 10	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Beginners	+ 11	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Primary	5 or less	0
Primary	6 to 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Primary	11 to 20	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Primary	+ 20	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Intermediate	5 or less	0
Intermediate	6 to 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Intermediate	+ 11	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

5. For all Beginner, Primary and Intermediate competitions (excluding trophy competitions) the 32 bar method will be applied. Two and three hands are danced to 40 bars of music. Ceili and figure dances are subject to the rules applied at Oireachtasi. All Open Championship dancers will be required to dance to 48 bars of music in the reel and jig and 40 bars in the slip-jig and hornpipe.

## MUSIC SPEEDS

Dance	Beginners	Primary	Intermediate/Open
Reel	121/123	116/118	113
Light Jig	116	116	116
Single Jig	124	124	124
Slip Jig	121	118	113
Heavy Jig	89	79	73
Hornpipe	142	130	113



## TROPHY & PREMIER CHAMPIONSHIP

6. **Beginner, Primary and Intermediate Trophy Competitions** will be a choice light and heavy dance. Dancers will dance 16 bars down the line in their chosen dance(s).
7. **Traditional Set Dance competitions**, dancers will have a choice out of 7 traditional dance: St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, King of Fairies, Jockey to the Fair & Three sea Captains. If a dancer wins first place in any traditional set dance competition, that dancer moves on to the next level in all 7 traditional set dances.
8. **Premier Championships** will be judged by one adjudicator. The competition is for Intermediate/ Open dancers, they will be required to dance 48 bars of music for the Reel or Heavy Jig, 40 bars of music for the Slip Jig or Hornpipe, and a MODERN SET.
9. **Adult Championships** are open to dancers of Intermediate and above level who have never won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in an Open Championship and are not participating in a full Open Championship at the same feis. Dancers are required to dance to 32 bars of music and will dance a choice of soft shoe (Reel or Slip Jig for ladies and Reel for gentlemen), heavy shoe (Heavy Jig or Hornpipe) and a Traditional Set or Modern Set. Please note these Championships have been created for dancers who started Irish Dancing as ADULTS.
10. Where there are 5 or less dancers in any Championship placement will not affect grading.

## OFFICIAL CLRG RULES

11. The lodgment of an entry will be taken to mean that teachers and pupils understand these rules and undertake to abide by them.
12. Objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of the announcement of the result of a competition accompanied by a fee of 40 Euro, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
13. The Adjudicators' decisions are final.
14. Only Feis officials may approach the adjudicators during competition sessions.
15. The age of a competitor shall be taken as on 1st January 2027. Where a competitor's birthday falls on 1st January, he/she shall, for the purposes of the feiseanna, be regarded as under the age attained on that day (whatever age you turn this year 2027 you dance under that age e.g. Date of birth is 29 May 2010, in the year 2012, you dance under 13 all year long). Evidence of age may be requested, therefore dancers should have a valid ID with them in the event of a query as to their age.
16. Competitors must be in costume and ready to dance 30 minutes before their competitions are scheduled.
17. The dress code in accordance with An Coimisiún rules will be strictly observed. 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.
18. All Beginners and Primary dancers of all age groups may only wear a class costume, simple dancewear or appropriate attire (skirt and top/blouse, simple dress for girls and ladies, trousers and t-shirt/shirt for boys and gent). Make-up is not permitted for any dancer in the first two grades up to and including the Under 12 age group worldwide.



19. The Costume Rules of An Coimisiún, as amended, also apply in Continental Europe and Asia; it can be found in the “Rules” section on [www.clrg.ie](http://www.clrg.ie) for reference. Female adult dancers participating in competitions entitled 'adult competition' and/or 'adult grade competition' (both solo and team) are required to wear tights of a denier not less than 70.
20. Team dances (four hands and upward) must be performed as per the Coimisiún handbook “Ar Rinci Ceili”.
21. By entering in competitions, dancers (or their legal representatives, in case of minors) consent to their names being stated in the feis results and in the public Internet archives or any other feis entry/results system as may replace it.
22. Provided that dancers are not disturbed by flashlights or the like, photography and video recording by persons other than official feis photographers is allowed during Beginners and Primary competitions and during all award ceremonies. During Intermediate, Preliminary and Open competitions, ONLY the official feis photographer is permitted to take photos. Those who do not wish to be photographed should make themselves known to the Feis Organisers.
23. An Coimisiun has ruled that from 1st January each year, no block, en pointe, stationary or moving, be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group worldwide. The Under 12 Age Group will be allowed to toe walk from September 1st.
24. Within the limits specified in the Rules of An Coimisiún, the Organisers may at their discretion cancel or combine competitions with insufficient entries.
25. Order and quiet must be kept in the hall, particularly while competitors are dancing.
26. The Feis organisers cannot accept any liability for injury or loss or damage to property while on the premises.
27. No refunds will be made.