






# Sweeney McAvinchey

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## Feis Le Chéile 2023 Prague



Registered with An Coimisiún le Rince Gaelacha

<b>Venue</b>	Sokol movement Lomnického 1071/1, Praha 4 Czech Republic
<b>Date</b>	<b>Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th June 2023</b>
<b>Adjudicators</b>	Bernadine Cresham--Ball      Connacht, Ireland Fiona Diggins-Murpy      London, England Linda Ball-Hoban      Munster, Ireland
<b>Musician</b>	Kristian Fisl      Czech Republic
<b>Competitions</b>	 Beginner, Primary & Intermediate Grades  Prelim,/Open and Adult Championships  Tiny Tots
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<b>Registration</b>	<a href="https://feisme.net/">https://feisme.net/</a> Closing date for entries is <b>Monday June 12th</b>
<b>Information</b>	<a href="http://www.irishdancegermany.com">www.irishdancegermany.com</a>  Munich Feis / Sweeney McAvinchey Irish Dance School Germany  @Sweeney McAvinchey

Registered by

*Lucy Johnstone 4th May 2023*

## Cead Mile Fáilte

Dear Friends, A Chairde,

A very warm welcome is extended to you from the Sweeney McAvinchey school who are hosting their Open Feis this year in the beautiful city of Prague. This marks our 18th year of running our feis, and although the location is different, we plan to run it the same as before. A big THANK YOU to Jan, Tereza M and Tereza B and all our friends in Prague for all your help in making this happen for dancers in Continental Europe. The venue is situated south east of the city and is easy accessible by public transport.

We will be running three stages, with trophies for all 1st place winners, top 3 dancers in all Trophy dances and combined Prelim/Open Championships.

Our awards stage will be in a separate room with a practice area.

We will once again have our Tir na nOg TinyTots Under 6 and 6 - 9 first timer competitions for our future dancing stars from Europe.

There will be a competition for the top Junior and Senior Parade of Champions Champion.

For teachers we hope to offer a full Hospitality room operating throughout the day, where you are welcome to come along and relax, chat and have a bite to eat.

There are hotels nearby and we are recommending a Holiday Inn ,9 minutes by foot. Its easily accessible to the feis venue, no car is needed. They also have free parking at the weekends. There is also a shopping centre nearby.

Sweeney McAvinchey dance school would like to thank you for your support in previous years and we look forward to welcoming you all to Feis Le Chéile.

Updates will be on our Munich Feis Facebook/Instagram page and website in the weeks running up to the event.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Prague for Feis Le Chéile ( competition together)  
Safe travels,

Mary Sweeney ADCRG, Shane McAvinchey TCRG  
Eileen Tuite TCRG, Lucy Johnstone TCRG, Ana Garcia Moheno TCRG

**All Championship winners from 2022 should please ensure their trophies are returned on time and engraved with winners name for the relevant competition.**

## **FEIS DETAILS**

### **Fees**

Solo Competitions 5.50 Euro

Traditional, Treble Reel, Soft / Light Trophy 6.50 Euro

Team Competitions 5.00 Euro per dancer

Open Championship 38.00 Euro including paperless results

Adult Championships 38.00 Euro including paperless results

RCCEA Fee 1.00 Euro / dancer

Trophies for all first places

Admittance fee for spectators 12.00 Euro for the whole day, with 8.00 Euro charged for an additional day (attendee must still have previous day's wristband on)

Dancers and children Under 16 free.

### **ONLINE REGISTRATION BY TEACHERS**

Registration can be done by teachers using the Feisme system on <https://feisme.net/>

**Entries to be received no later than **Monday June 12th 2023**. Entries will open shortly.**

**Changes and additions to entries can be made on the day.**

Payment to be made on the day of the feis in cash at the entry table by one representative from each dance school.

# Feis Le Chéile 2023 Syllabus

## Provisional Timetable

Saturday June 17th Feis Le Chéile 2023				Sunday June 18th Feis Le Chéile 2023			
8:30 AM	Floor 1	Stage	Floor 2	9:00 AM	Floor 1	Stage	Floor 2
Beginners	Under 7	7 - 9	9 - 11	Beginners	16 - 19	19 - 30	Over 30
10:00 AM				10:15 AM			
Primary	Under 9/ 13 -16	9 - 11	11 - 13	Primary	16 - 19	19 - 30	Over 30
11:15 AM	Tiny Tots Special *	Under 6	6 - 9	11:45 AM			
Beg/Primary	Ceili - 2H- any ceili	Under 9	9 - 13	All levels	Ceili - 2H- any ceili	16 - 30	Over 30
12:30 PM	Results and lunch	Larrys Lotto		12:15 PM	Results in side room	Larrys Lotto	
1:00 PM	Floor 1	Stage	Floor 2	12:15 PM	Championships	Prelim and Open	
Beginners	13 - 16	11 - 13			16 - 18 ,18 -21,over 21		
2:30 PM					Adult Championships		
Intermediate	Under 9	9 - 13	13 - 16		Under 30,Over 30		
4:00 PM	2 hs, 4hs - any ceili	under 12	12 -16	3:00 PM			
	Team results asap			Intermediate	16 - 19	19 - 30	Over 30
	Championships	Prelim/Open		4:30 PM	Treble Reel		
5:00 PM	U8,U10,12,14,16			All Levels	16 - 19	19 - 30	Over 30
All Levels	Treble Reel						
	U12	12 - 14	14 -16				
7.30pm	U16 Parade of Championships	Results and Larrys Lotto		5.30pm	O16 Parade of Championships	Results and Larrys Lotto	

## Dances offered

### Beginner - Primary - Intermediate

Reel, Light Jig, Slip Jig, Single Jig  
 Heavy Jig, Hornpipe, Traditional Set Dances  
 Light & Heavy Trophy

### Ceilis - All Levels

2-Hand, 3-Hand, 4 Hand, 6 Hand and 8 Hand Reels or Jigs

### Prelim/Open Mixed Championships

Judged by 3 judges over 3 rounds.

If more than 15 dancers Championship will go to recall.

Separate Prelim result and Top Boy / Girl recognized.

### Tiny Tots Under 6, 6-9 first timers ungraded

### Treble Reels

**Final timetable published when entries close on  
 Monday 12th June**

## Hotels:

The following hotels are within a couple of minutes drive from the feis venue:

Holiday Inn Prague - Na Pankráci 1684/ 15, 140 00 Praha 4-Nusle, Czech Republic

Hotel Oya - Na Pankráci 1337/109, Prague, 14000, Czech Republic

Hotel Otár - Sevrěná 1302/2, Prague, 14000, Czech Republic

Please check [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) for some great deals.

## Venue information:

Sokol movement

Lomnického 1071/1, Praha 4 / Czech Republic

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/YjiCFvAMj7kNndpU6>

Metrostation: "Pražského povstání"

## Helpful websites:

Hotel: [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com)

Flight: [www.skyscanner.com](http://www.skyscanner.com)

Tourism: <https://www.prague.eu/en>

Transport : <https://www.pragueexperience.com/travel/public-transport.asp#:~:text=The%20Metro%20is%20a%20safe,%2D10%20minutes%20off%2Dpeak.>

## Feis Le Chéile 2023 rules

- **Tiny Tots** Under 6s can dance their 3's or 7's, one at a time. 6 - 9 new beginners are for dancers not taking part in the full graded competitions. They can dance 3's or 7's. Top Placing dancer will receive a sash and all dancers will receive a medal. Dancers will not move up a level as it is ungraded.
- **Prelim Championship** running alongside Open Championships. Prelim dancers will be required to tick the prelim box so tabulation can work out the prelim result. They will appear in the overall result mixed in with the opens in both solos and championship. The Top Placer will receive an award and sash.
- **Parade of Champions** - the top 3 from each Prelim/Open championship, along with the Prelim winner, from each Championship age group will be invited back to dance a step down the line in soft shoe either Reel or Slip Jig. Judges will choose one winner. Saturday's Under 16 Championship is sponsored by the Sweeney Family and Sunday's Over 16 Championship is sponsored by the McAvinchey Family.
- **Under 8 Championship** will dance 3 rounds: reel, single jig and traditional. **Under 9 Championship** will be required to dance a reel, Heavy jig and traditional set as their third round and **Under 10 Championship** can choose to do a non traditional set if they wish.
- **Adult Championships:** 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.

# Rules and Guidelines

1. The Feis will run in accordance with the Rules of An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha.
2. Entries will only be accepted from persons currently registered with An Coimisiún .
3. The lodgement of an entry will be taken to mean that teachers and pupils understand these rules and undertake to abide by them.
4. 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.
5. Age will be taken as on 1st January 2023 (whatever age you turn this year in 2023, you dance under that age e.g. Date of birth is 29 May 2010, you dance under 13 all year long). Evidence of age may be requested.
6. The Adjudicator's decision is final.
7. **Beginners Grade** competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st or 2nd prize (also 3rd prize, please refer to rule 9) in any competition for that particular dance. In Beginners Grade competitions. Only basic steps may be performed.
8. **Primary Grade** competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize (please refer to the grid below) for that particular dance other than in Beginners Grade.
9. If a Beginner competition has six or more dancers, the first two places advance to the next grade, regardless of ties. If a Beginner competition has eleven dancers or more, then the first three places advance to the next grade regardless of ties. (RTME ruling Sept. 2007)
10. If a Primary competition has six or more dancers, the first place advances to the next grade. If a Primary competition has eleven competitors or more, the first two places advance to the next grade regardless of ties. If a Primary competition has twenty competitors or more, the first three places advance to the next grade regardless of ties.
11. Beginners and Primary competitions are OPEN to dancers from ALL REGIONS.
12. **Intermediate Grade** competitions are open to all dancers who have not previously won 1st or 2nd prize (please refer to grid) for that particular dance in Intermediate or Open Grades under the same or higher age limits. If a dancer in Continental Europe and Asia wins in Intermediate, they must advance into Prelim/Open for the rest of the calendar year. If they do not win in Prelim/ Open, they may return to Intermediate at the start of the next calendar year. (RTME ruling Sept. 2007).
13. For all Beginner, Primary and Intermediate competitions (excluding trophy competitions) the 32 bar method that has been used at previous Feiseanna in Continental Europe will be applied.
14. **Trophy Competitions:** Dancers will dance 16 bars down the line in their chosen dance. Light Shoe Trophy Competition are a choice of reel, light jig, slip jig and single jig. Heavy Shoe Trophy Competitions will be a choice of heavy dances, heavy jig or hornpipe.
15. Where there are five dancers or less for Beginners, Primary and Intermediate competitions the results will not affect their grading.
16. **Traditional set** dances can only be performed in the Traditional Set competitions.

## GRADINGS in Continental Europe and Asia

Grade	Number of Entries	Number of Dancers to progress
Beginner	5 or less	0
Beginner	6 to 10	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Beginner	+ 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

17. Music will be played at the recognized An Coimisiún speeds for Continental Europe. and Asia..

Dance	Beginner	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

18. Dancers over 14 wearing all black must wear black tights.

19. If there are 40 or more in any competition, the organiser may split the competition into two different competitions according to age .

20. Special Trophies (Traditional Sets, Treble Reels, Beginner, Primary and Euro Trophies) may be retained by the winners but the perpetuals must be returned.

21. A panel of three adjudicators will judge all Championships.

22. 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. Traditional Set Dance competitions are a choice out of six traditional; St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, King of the Fairies , Three Sea Captains and Jockey to the Fair.

27. Competitors must be in costume and ready to dance **30 minutes** before their competitions are scheduled.

28. The Feis organisers cannot accept any liability for injury or loss or damage to property while on the premises.

29. The dress code in accordance with An Coimisiún 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.

30. Only Feis officials may approach the adjudicators during competition sessions.

31. Make-up will not be permitted for any dancer under the age of 10 worldwide.

32. An Coimisiun has ruled that from 1st January each year, that 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.

3. Provided that dancers are not disturbed by flashlights or the like, photography or video recording by persons other than official feis photographers is allowed during Beginners and Primary competitions and during all award ceremonies. During Intermediate, Prelims and Open competitions, this is reserved to any official feis photographer on site only.

34. No refunds will be made .

35. Female adult dancers participating in competitions entitled 'adult competition' and/or 'adult grade competition' (both solo and team) are required to wear opaque black tights of a denier not less than 70. Over 18s are considered Adult dancers at this grades feis.