



2021 SYLLABUS

Registered with AIDA Inc and the An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha 9206/21

Langwarrin Performing Arts Centre,
Elisabeth Murdoch College, 80 Warrandyte Road, Langwarrin
Saturday June 12th and Sunday June 13th, 2021

**IT'S GREAT
TO BE BACK!**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The McAleer Open Championship Committee, reserves the right to amend this syllabus to facilitate COVID 19 restrictions.

At the time of the syllabus being released, it is anticipated that there is a possibility of some sort of social distancing requirement still being in place during the course of the event. Attendees should keep this in mind when making travel arrangements.

- Although it is hoped that all competitions will run as per the syllabus, it should be noted that due to possible on-going social distancing requirements that may still be in effect at the time of the event, adjustments to the syllabus may be required. We may also need to implement the following:
- Restricted access to the theatre for non-competitors
- Restricted facilities available, including practise and warm up areas, vendors and food and beverage outlets
- Possible changes to Result and Presentation procedures

We will closely observe and follow advice from the Victorian State Government and relevant authorities.

All attendees will be required to follow all social distancing policies and directives that will be in place during the Championships.

The McAleer Open Championship has a NO REFUND policy on all entries paid, with the exception of governmental regulations prohibiting an individual from travelling to the event. Individuals would need to apply directly to the committee via the info@mcaleerchampionship.com.au with details of any situation of this kind that may arise.

It is with sincere thanks and gratitude, that we acknowledge your support of our championship. It's great to be back!

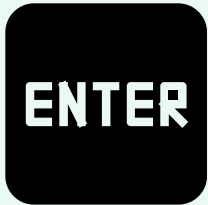
Your friends in dancing,

The McAleer Open Championship Committee



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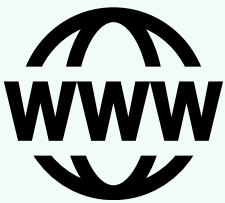
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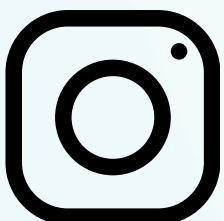
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COVIDSafe Plan

All attendees will be required to check in via the QR code provided.

Anyone who is unwell should not attend. Any person with cold or flu symptoms, fever, runny nose etc., may have their temperature checked and be refused entry.

Posters detailing correct hand hygiene, cough etiquette and social distancing requirements will be displayed throughout the venue (DHHS). Hand sanitiser will be supplied and should be used on entry to the venue.

Social distancing will be enforced in line with Government restrictions. Dancers are requested to arrive with hair and makeup done.

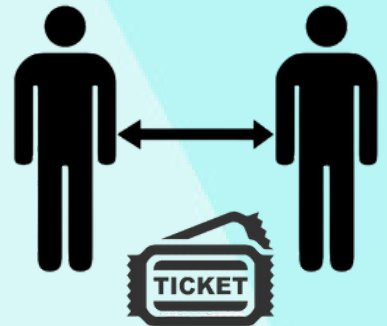
The number of attendees per session will be restricted in line with government restrictions. Two spectators per dancer will be provided with wrist bands and reserved seating for the relevant session. Each session will be danced and completed, and awards presented. Dancers and parents will then be asked to leave the venue, so that the next group can be admitted.

Use of separate entry & exit points will be strictly adhered to.

Flooring will be cleaned, and all high touch surfaces will be disinfected between sessions.

A Health and Safety (COVID-safe) Officer will be appointed to ensure all policies are implemented.

Should you have any concerns on the day, please advise the appointed COVID-safe Officer.





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Venue: Langwarrin Performing Arts Centre, Elisabeth Murdoch College, 80 Warrandyte Road, Langwarrin

Adjudicators: Suzanne Cox ADCRG, NSW; Sean Kelliher ADCRG, VIC; Anna Rabusin ADCRG, VIC

Musican: Stephen Carolan, TCRG QLD

Correspondence to: info@mcaleerchampionship.com

Ages: As of January 1st, 2021

Enter via: <http://www.trybooking.com/BQQJS>

Entry Closing Date: Friday May 14th at 10:00pm

Entry Fees: Championship \$80, Championship & Preliminary \$125, Premierships \$35

Family Fee: \$30 per family

This fee includes two reserved seats for each session the competitor/competitors are competing in, the digital program and the relevant Championship and/or Premiership marks.

- The wristbands for all sessions will be available for collection at the venue from 7:30am Saturday June 12th.
- The digital program will be emailed to the address supplied at the time of entry, on Thursday June 10th.
- The marks for the Championship & Premiership will be provided to the competitors at the end of the presentations.

Additional seats will be made available for sale, once entries close, and capacities are determined. The cost of all additional seats is \$10.00 per person.

Additional fees: .50c Trybooking Fee applies to every section entered and the family fee.



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Provisional Timetable: (order of events to be confirmed after entries close)

Saturday June 12th

- Under 6 Mixed Championship - born in 2015 or later
- Under 7 Mixed Championship - born in 2014
- Under 8 Girls Championship - born in 2013
- Under 9 Girls Championship - born in 2012
- Under 9 Boys Championship - born in 2013 & 2012
- Under 10 Girls Championship - born in 2011
- Under 11 Girls Championship - born in 2010
- Under 11 Boys Championship - born in 2011 & 2010
- Under 12 Girls Championship - born in 2009
- Under 13 Girls Championship - born in 2008
- Under 13 Boys Championship - born in 2009 & 2008
- Under 14 Girls Championship - born in 2007
- Under 15 Boys Championship - born in 2007 & 2006

Sunday June 13th

- All Beginner, Primary, Mean 1 and Adult Premiershship dancers.
- Under 15 Girls Championship - born in 2006
- Under 16 Girls Championship - born in 2005
- Under 17 Girls Championship - born in 2004
- Under 18 Ladies Championship - born in 2003
- Under 19 Ladies Championship - born in 2002
- Under 20 Ladies Championship - born in 2001
- 20 & Over Ladies Championship - born in 2000 or earlier
- 15 & Over Men Championship - born in 2005 or earlier



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CHAMPIONSHIP	BORN IN	SYLLABUS
Under 6 Mixed Championship	2015 or later	Choice Reel (Bun, Tus or Ard), Light Jig & Single Jig
Under 7 Mixed Championship	2014	Choice Reel (Bun, Tus or Ard), Light Jig & Single Jig
Under 8 Girls Championship	2013	Treble Jig (32 bars), Reel and Traditional Set Dance
Under 9 Girls Championship	2012	Treble Jig (32 bars), Reel and Traditional Set Dance
Under 9 Boys Championship	2013 & 2012	Treble Jig (32 bars), Reel and Traditional Set Dance
Under 10 Girls Championship	2011	Choice Heavy Dance, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 11 Girls Championship	2010	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
Under 11 Boys Championship	2011 & 2010	Choice Heavy Dance, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 12 Girls Championship	2009	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
Under 13 Girls Championship	2008	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
Under 13 Boys Championship	2009 & 2008	Choice Heavy Dance, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 14 Girls Championship	2007	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
Under 15 Girls Championship	2006	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
Under 15 Boys Championship	2007 & 2006	Choice Heavy Dance, Reel and Choice Set Dance
Under 16 Girls Championship	2005	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
Under 17 Girls Championship	2004	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
Under 18 Ladies Championship	2003	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance



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CHAMPIONSHIP CONT.	BORN IN	SYLLABUS
Under 19 Ladies Championship	2002	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
Under 20 Ladies Championship	2001	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
20 & Over Ladies Championship	2000 or earlier	Choice Heavy Dance, Choice Light Dance and Choice Set Dance
15 & Over Mens Championship	2005 or ealier	Choice Heavy Dance, Reel and Choice Set Dance

PREMIERSHIP

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Pre Bun (Pre Beginner) Premierships (3, 4 & 5 years only)	Any two Bun (beginner) grade light dances. 32 bars only. Same dance can be repeated.
Bun (Beginner) Premierships	Any two Bun (beginner) grade light dances.
Tus (Primary) Premierships	Any two Tus (primary) grade light dances.
Mean (intermediate Premierships)	Choice Reel or Slip Jig, Choice Traditional Setdance
Adult A	Any two Bun (beginner) grade light dances.
Adult B	Choice Reel or Slip Jig, Choice Traditional Setdance

- Pre Bun: For dancers aged 4 or 5 on January 1st 2021.
- Adult A: For dancers over the age of 18 years who did not take Irish dance classes as a juvenile
- Adult B: dancers over the age of 18 years who have taken more than 5 years off with no Irish dance competition.
- All speeds are as per AIDA Inc grading rules



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RULES OF THE 2021 MCALEER OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

This Championship is conducted under the Rules and Regulations of An Coimisiun le Rince Gaelacha and the Australian Irish Dancing Association Inc. (AIDA Inc.)

RULES

In order for entries to be accepted teachers must note that all Competitors:

- must be pupils of teachers who at the date of entry are registered with An Coimisiun for the year 2021 dancing year
- must not on the date(s) of their competition(s) be ineligible to compete due to any rule.
- must have been formally entered and have had their entry fees paid in full in due time in accordance with these rules and the General Rules of the Organising Committee.

LODGEMENT OF ENTRIES

- **ENTRIES CLOSE 10:00PM FRIDAY MAY 14TH 2021**
- All competitors must be entered online via <http://www.trybooking.com/BQQJS>
Entries received after the due date will be treated as late for 7 days only, and will be charged a late fee of double the total entry fee. Entries cannot be accepted after May 21st, 2021

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS - RULES AND DIRECTIVES

1. Preliminary Championships will be offered in the girls sections from 9 Years of age on January 1st 2021.
2. Preliminary Championship will be danced as part of the Open Championship.
3. Entry to the Preliminary Championships will be restricted to the following –
 - Dancers who have never won an Open Championship
 - Dancers who did not attain a top ten position at a National Championships for 2019.
4. Preliminary Championship result would be calculated on the first 2 rounds of the Open Championship only, awarding top five with a prize ratio of 1:2 thereafter – e.g. if there were 10 Prelim. entries in the Under 12s Girls, only 5 Places for Preliminary Championships would be awarded.
5. Dancers cannot enter the Preliminary Championship unless they have entered the Open Championships in the same age group.



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AGE LIMITS

The age of a competitor shall be taken as on 1st January 2021. Where a competitor's birth date falls on 1st January he/she shall, for the McAleer Championship be regarded as under the age attained on that day.

PRIZES

In all Championship sections, all dancers will be recalled and in sections with 11 or more dancers, 60% of those dancers will receive a placing, whilst the remaining 40% will receive a Championship award.

In all Premierships sections, 60% of dancers will be placed in every section. Dancers with 5 or less competitors will all be placed.

Premierships with 3 or less competitors will be combined with another age group. This does not apply to Pre Bun premierships.



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ORDER OF DANCING, CONDUCT, MISHAPS

Competitors must:

- Obey all instructions of the Organising Committee otherwise permission to dance will be withdrawn.
- Dance in numerical order as published in the official program.
- The organising committee has the right to commence a Championship not more than 30 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time.
- Except for the first section of the day, dancers must be in costume and ready to dance not less than 30 minutes prior to the time scheduled for their competition.
- Present to the marshalling area when called to do so by Stage Personnel. Sections will only be called for ONCE.
- Should a dancer lose a heel or a complete shoe or have an open lace, he/she may stand back, allowing the other dancer(s), where applicable, to continue dancing uninhibited. In such a case the dancer concerned will be permitted to re-dance as soon as it is deemed practicable by the stage personnel.
- No liability is accepted by the organising committee for any injury caused to any person, including but not limited to, competitors, however caused and whether or not caused by the negligence or default of the organising committee, its servants or agents. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision.
- Should a dancer fall, slip or bump into another dancer on stage, whether in solos or in teams, the adjudicator
- MUST ring the bell thereby stopping the performance of all dancers on stage. Dancers so affected will be permitted to redance and will be marked then at the discretion of each individual adjudicator.
- Should in the opinion of the Stage Personnel (in consultation if deemed necessary with medical personnel) a dancer be unfit to re-dance, and if such dancer insists on performing the dancer concerned will only be permitted to re-dance on completion of a formal declaration which removes the organising committee of any liability. Any repeat accident/ incident which results in that dancer being unable to complete the required number of bars in any round, will result in the dancer withdrawing without question from the championship.
- If a dancer falls during the last 8 bars of any performance, then he/she will only be required to dance the last 16 bars of that dance again at a time convenient to both the dancers and the stage stewards.



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ORDER OF DANCING, CONDUCT, MISHAPS cont.

Competitors must:

- A competitor must not walk off the stage during a performance unless instructed to do so by an adjudicator. A dancer who dismisses himself or herself from the stage without the permission of an adjudicator will not be marked for that particular dance.
- If at any stage during a performance on stage an adjudicator feels that, due to the health and safety of a performer on stage that the performance should be stopped, the adjudicator must ring the bell.
- Respect for fellow competitors on stage is a requirement always. Lack of respect or courtesy for fellow competitors by aggressive dancing on stage will be subject to penalty at the discretion of each individual adjudicator.
- The light rounds from 10 yrs. upwards will be danced 2 at a time and the heavy rounds will be danced 2 at a time from 10 yrs. upwards if time permits. All other age groups will dance 3 at a time.

McALEER CHAMPIONSHIP PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY

No cameras, tape recorders, video cameras, mobile phones cameras, pagers or mobile phones are to be used by members of the audience. Under Government copyright, privacy and safety laws all unauthorised recording of sound and image is strictly prohibited. Any offender will be requested to leave the audience and delete illegally copied sound/vision.



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