

Emerald Isle Highland Dance Festival



July
2026

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th

Nendrum College, Darragh Road, Comber

SCHEDULE

TIMES MAY BE ADJUSTED TO SUIT THE ENTRY NUMBERS

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Saturday July 25th 2026

AGE GROUPS ACCORDING TO ENTRY

THE ARDS & NORTH DOWN HIGHLAND DANCING COMPETITION

Sports Hall

Entry 9.00am/Start 9.30am/Finish 10.00am

PRIMARY PAS DE BASQUE, PAS DE BASQUE & HIGHCUTS, FLING (4), SWORDS (2&1)

Entry 9.00am/Start 10.00am

BEGINNER FLING (4), SWORDS (2&1), SEANN TRIUBHAS (3&1),
REEL (1/2 TULLOCH), SPECIAL FLING (4), LILT (4), FLORA (4)

NOVICE FLING (4), SWORDS (2&1), SEANN TRIUBHAS (3&1),
REEL (1/2 TULLOCH), SPECIAL FLING (4), LILT (4), FLORA (4)

INTERMEDIATE FLING (4), SWORDS (2&1), SEANN TRIUBHAS (3&1), REEL (1/2 TULLOCH),
BARRACKS JOHNNY (4), LILT (4), FLORA (4), JIG (4)

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP FLING (4), SWORDS (2&1), SEANN TRIUBHAS (3&1), REEL (1/2 TULLOCH)

Start Approx 12.00pm (Following Highlands)

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP NATIONAL LILT (4), FLORA (4), BLUE BONNETS (4), JIG (4)

PREMIER NATIONAL LILT (4), FLORA (4), BLUE BONNETS (4), JIG (4)

TOP 3 PREMIER DANCERS IN EACH AGE GROUP FOR IRISH JIG WILL BE INVITED
TO PERFORM AGAIN FOR EMERALD ISLE SPECIAL EVENT JIG FINAL
ON SUNDAY FOLLOWING THE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

2PM RESULTS

Assembly Hall

Start 3.00pm/Finish 6.00pm

OPEN CHOREOGRAPHY SOLO COMPETITION



Sunday July 26th 2026

Assembly Hall

Entry 8.00am/Start 9.00am/Finish 11.00am

THE ALL IRELAND CONFINED HIGHLAND DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

CURRENT YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP STEPS

AGE GROUPS - 7YRS & UNDER 16YRS, 16YRS & OVER

Assembly Hall

Entry 10.00am/Start 11.00am/Finish 4.00pm

THE EMERALD ISLE OPEN HIGHLAND DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP

CURRENT YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP STEPS

**AGE GROUPS - 7YRS & UNDER 12YRS, 12YRS, 13YRS, 14YRS, 15YRS,
16YRS & UNDER 18YRS AND 18YRS & OVER**

SPECIAL EVENT
IRISH JIG FINAL

Start 4pm/Finish 5pm

**THE TOP 3 PREMIER DANCERS FROM SATURDAY'S IRISH JIG AGE GROUPS
ARE INVITED TO PERFORM A 5-STEP JIG.**

**AGE GROUPS - PREMIER 15YRS & UNDER, PREMIER 16YRS & OVER.
THIS WILL BE JUDGED BY 3 JUDGES.**

AGE GROUPS MAY BE AMALGAMATED IF INSUFFICIENT ENTRIES AND WITH RSOBHD APPROVAL FOLLOWING CLOSING DATE



Entry Details

- ENTRIES OPEN - FRIDAY 8TH MAY @ 8PM, CLOSING FRIDAY 26TH JUNE @ 8PM
- ENTRY RECEIPT - WILL BE EMAILED TO COMPETITORS AS SOON AS PROCESSED, ALLOW 5 WORKING DAYS.
- MAXIMUM CAPACITY - 500 PER SESSION - DANCERS MAY ATTEND WITH MORE THAN ONE SPECTATOR.
- ORGANISER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY.
- PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP CATEGORIES ARE FOR DANCERS WHO HAVE NEVER WON A PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP OR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Payment Details

- ENTRY FEES - VIA PYPAL ORGANISING.COMMITTEE@NIHDA.ORG
- PYPAL - USE DANCER'S NAME AS REFERENCE.
- PYPAL - KINDLY SELECTING "FRIENDS & FAMILY" AVOIDS ORGANISER PAYING FEES
NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED WITHOUT ENTRY FEE. NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED.

SATURDAY

PRIMARY £2.50 PER DANCE
BEGINNERS £2.50 PER DANCE
NOVICE £17.50
INTERMEDIATE £20.00
PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP £12.50
PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP NATIONAL £12.50
PREMIER NATIONALS £12.50
CHOREOGRAPHY £7.50

SUNDAY

CONFINED CHAMPIONSHIP £12.50
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP £12.50

Choreography Details

- AGE GROUPS ACCORDING TO ENTRY
- MUSIC SHOULD BE EMAILED TO ORGANISING.COMMITTEE@NIHDA.ORG BY CLOSING DATE
- MUSIC TO BE NO LONGER THAN 1MIN 30 FOR ALL AGE GROUPS
- THEME - MUSIC/COSTUME TO BE SCOTTISH, CELTIC OR NAUTICAL

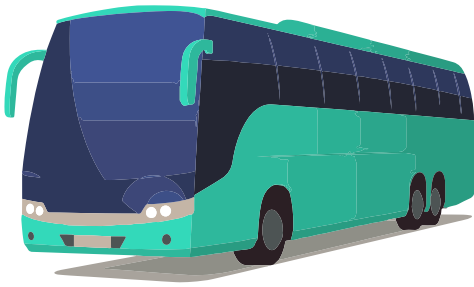
On the Day

- ALL DANCERS MUST PRODUCE RSOBHD REGISTRATION CARDS.
- DANCERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR COMPETITOR NUMBER AT REGISTRATION TABLE.
- ORGANISER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OF PROPERTY OR INJURY.
- THE JUDGES' DECISIONS ARE FINAL.
- CHANGING & CAFÉ FACILITIES PROVIDED.
- DANCERS COMPETING IN THE REEL ARE EXPECTED TO COURTEOUSLY VOLUNTEER IN ANOTHER SET IF REQUIRED.
- PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT ATTEND THE EVENT IF THEY ARE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS OF COVID 19.

Data Protection

- ENTRY DETAILS WILL BE STORED BY THE ORGANISER UNTIL COMPLETION OF EVENT.
- TROPHY WINNERS' DETAILS WILL BE STORED BY THE ORGANISER UNTIL TROPHIES ARE RETURNED.

[LINK TO ENTRY FORM](#)



Coaches

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

£5 PER SEAT PER JOURNEY AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE OVERALL COACH COSTS.

[LINK TO BOOK](#) WILL OPEN AND CLOSE AT SAME TIME AS PER DANCE ENTRIES

PLEASE GROUP TOGETHER AND ONLY COMPLETE ONE FORM PER TEAM/DANCE SCHOOL

HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AVAILABLE;

- LEAD PASSENGER NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS
- NAME OF DANCE SCHOOL AND NUMBER OF SEATS REQUIRED
- JOURNEYS REQUIRED

LEAD PASSENGER DETAILS MAY BE SHARED WITH OTHER COACH USERS TO COMMUNICATE SCHEDULE CHANGES AND UPDATES

Coach Schedule

Saturday 25th July

TO THE COMPETITION

COACH 1 - PICK UPS

1. BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT @ 8.00AM,
2. PREMIER INN TITANIC QUARTER @ 8.30AM
3. DROP OFF TO NENDRUM COLLEGE @ 9.00AM

COACH 2 - PICK UPS

1. BANGOR @ 9.00AM
2. NEWTOWNARDS @ 9.30AM

RETURN FROM THE COMPETITION

COACH 1 & 2- PICK-UP FROM NENDRUM COLLEGE @ 6.30PM

COACH 1 - DROP-OFF

1. PREMIER INN TITANIC QUARTER

COACH 2 - DROP-OFF

1. PREMIER INN BANGOR
2. STRANGFORD ARMS, NEWTOWNARDS

Sunday 26th July

TO THE COMPETITION

COACH 1 - PICK-UPS

1. PREMIER INN TITANIC QUARTER @ 9.00AM

COACH 2 - PICK-UPS

1. PREMIER INN, BANGOR @ 9.00AM
2. STRANGFORD ARMS, NEWTOWNARDS @ 9.30AM

RETURN FROM THE COMPETITION

COACH - PICK-UP FROM NENDRUM COLLEGE @ 5.30PM

DROP-OFF TO BELFAST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT @ 6.30PM