



2023 Australian Irish Dancing Championships
Quaycentre, Olympic Boulevard
Sydney Olympic Park NSW 2127
Tuesday 26 September to Saturday 30 September 2023

**Information for Teachers,
Dancers & Families**

Welcome to the 2023 Australian Irish Dancing Championships

This year we welcome everyone back to the Quaycentre in Sydney's Olympic Park. The following information has been compiled for your convenience. Please carefully read through the information. If you have any questions, please ask your State Delegate.

ADJUDICATORS - MOLTÓIRÍ

Gerard Carroll ADCRG

Cuige Uladh, Éire

Ulster, Ireland

Karl Drake ADCRG

Stáit Aontaithe

USA

Angela Hogan ADCRG

Ceanada

Canada

Vicki Paulin ADCRG

Astráil

Australia

Kieran Rogers ADCRG

Sasana

England

Noreen Smith ADCRG

Stáit Aontaithe

USA

Justine Ward-Mallinson ADCRG

Sasana

England

Adrian Walker ADCRG

Astráil

Australia

Two additional adjudicators drawn from the floor.

MUSICIANS - CEOLTÓIRÍ

Stephen Carolan ADCRG

Astráil

Queensland, Australia

Brendan Dougan-Kittel

Astráil

South Australia, Australia

Jack Meimaris

Astráil

Queensland, Australia

Sean O'Brien

Ceanada

Canada

VENUE

Quaycentre, Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, NSW, 2127 - <https://www.quaycentre.com.au/>

PARKING

Parking can be accessed at 'P3' in the Quaycentre.

TIMETABLE & SYLLABUS

<https://www.irishdancing.org.au/nationals>

VENUE ACCESS – MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2023

Access to the AIDA Inc. Box Office & Dancer Registration Desk and Official Vendors and Merchandisers will be **strictly between 2:00pm to 4:30pm only**. Where possible, it would be appreciated if dancers would collect their wristband and, certificate prior to the day they are competing

TICKETS AND PROGRAMS - ON-LINE SALES via [EVENTBRITE](#)

- General Admission, Multi Day Packages, Child, Seniors and Non competing dancer tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite or at the Box Office during the Championships
- A limited number of programs will be available to purchase on a first come first serve basis
- Digital programs can be purchased during the event
- Ceili Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite
- Results can be pre-purchased through Eventbrite or are available at the Box Office after results are given

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2023-australian-irish-dancing-championships-tickets-710211550867?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

PRICES:

Admission tickets:

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| ○ Adult 5 day pass | \$180 |
| ○ Concession* 5 day pass | \$90 |
| ○ Adult 3 day pass | \$120 |
| ○ Concession* 3 day pass | \$60 |
| ○ Adult 1 day pass | \$45 |
| ○ Concession 1 day pass | \$22.50 |
| ○ Registered dancer** day pass | \$10 per day |
| ○ Child (7 - 17 Years) day pass | \$10 per day |
| ○ Ceili Sat 1 October Adults | Adult: \$20,
Under 18 Registered dancer: \$10
Under 7 Child = Free |

Note:

* Concession includes Student Cards, Centrelink cards, Seniors, Pensioners and children aged 7-18. Children under 7 will be granted entry for free.

** Only for Registered AIDA Inc Dancers that aren't competing at Nationals. Competing dancers enter free all week excluding the Ceili

AIDA INC. BOX OFFICE AND DANCER REGISTRATION DESK

Box Office and Dancer Registration - Quaycentre Front Entrance

Teacher Registration Desk - located at the Box Office

Opening Hours

- Monday 25 September only - 2:00pm to 4:30pm
- Tuesday 26th September - Saturday 30th September: Registration and Box office will open each morning at 1 hour prior to the commencement of the first competition and close on commencement of the last age group Championship of the day.

Box Office Services

- Pre-purchased ticket collections and sales
- Pre-purchased printed program collections
- Pre-purchased and sale of marks/results (\$5 each)
- Pre-purchased event passes and sales
- Collection of guest and sponsor passes
- Teacher's wristband and pre ordered program collection
- Teacher's Partner Pass collection

Dancer Registration Services

- Dancer/competitor wristband and certificate collection - dancer must be present to collect wristband. Where possible, it would be appreciated if dancers would collect their items prior to the day they are competing.
- Dancer numbers are to be collected from one hour prior to the commencement of each competition. **PLEASE NOTE: ALL dancer numbers are to be collected before each competition begins. If a dancer has not collected their number before the commencement of the competition they will not be permitted to dance.**

VENUE ACCESS

- Venue staff are under strict AIDA Inc. instruction that anyone wishing to gain entry to either Hall for Open Championships must be wearing their applicable wristband (teacher / competitor / spectator).
- Inappropriate conduct towards venue staff or AIDA Inc. officials by any patron (teacher / competitor / spectator) will not be tolerated.
- Doors will open each morning at 1 hour prior to the commencement of the first competition.
- No outside food or drink is to be consumed in the venue.
- **Please note that the saving of seats and/or storage or large items on seats is not permitted.**

DANCER INFORMATION

- Collect wristband and certificate at the Registration desk.
- Dancer numbers are to be collected from one hour prior to the commencement of each competition.
- **PLEASE NOTE: ALL dancer numbers are to be collected before each competition begins. If a dancer has not collected their number before the commencement of the competition they will not be permitted to dance.**
- Be ready to dance 30 minutes prior to the scheduled commencement time. All times and allocated dance rooms will be listed in the program.
- **Please note that a dancer's official competitor number may not be altered from its original form in any way.**
- Any withdrawals need to be made known in a timely manner to Stage Manager at the side of stage of the relevant competition.
- Please be respectful to your fellow dancers when in the Practice Room and priority must be given to dancers performing on that day.
- Dancers taking part in the Soft Shoe Step Down the Line sections for competitors who are not in the recall need to register at the time and in the hall as specified in the program. Results for these sections will take place immediately at the conclusion of the competition.
- **Please also note that AIDA Inc. takes no responsibility for hotel or venue property damaged by fake tan. Costs of replacing hotel or venue property including towels, sheets and floors etc will be passed on.**
- Dancers and teachers are advised that AIDA Inc. is pleased to provide "Tak-Mat" heavy duty cotton imbued with tacky resin, which traps dust and debris from underfoot when walking over, as used by CLRG at the World Championships. These mats will be located at the base of the access stairs to each stage.
- **For all presentations dancers will need to be in full costume with light shoes.**

WARM UP/PRACTICE ROOM

The Warm-up areas are accessed in the Acacia Room. Dancers are asked to be courteous and give way to those competing before them. The Warm-up room will be restricted to dancers competing on each particular day. Other dancers not competing on the day may use the Warm-up room after the final Recall Set Dance rounds for that day have begun.

FIRST AID

First aid officers will be stationed at side stage of both Halls throughout the duration of the event.

ADJUDICATION

- Adjudicator Draw will take place each morning in Hall A (Saturday in Hall B) no less than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the first round of the competition.

- Each Open Championship will be judged by a panel of 5 adjudicators for the first two rounds and a different panel of 5 adjudicators will judge the recall round with the exception of the 6, 7 Years and 8 Years Championships which will be judged by the same panel of 5 adjudicators for all 3 rounds.
- Each panel consists of five adjudicators drawn the morning of the competition that includes one 'from the floor' adjudicator drawn the night before.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- The AIDA/CLRG Photography Policy is available for download from <https://www.irishdancing.org.au/> and is listed in the program.
- The Official Photographer is Milton Baar.
- Note: **No unauthorised photography or videoing of performances will be permitted in any competition at the Australian Irish Dancing Championships.**
- Should any dancer or dancer's parent or guardian wish to be excluded from any of these photographs, please contact your State Delegate or secretary@aidainc.com.

LIVE STREAMING VIA FEISTV

[FeisTV](#) will be streaming all dancing and prize giving events from 26 - 30 September, and is available for purchase for \$49.99.

DANCE OF CHAMPIONS

Winners of each championship section will be invited to take part in a step about at the conclusion of results on the final day of the championships. These will be live streamed via FeisTV

CELEBRATION CÉILÍ

Join us in celebrating a great week at the Australian Irish Dancing Championships at the End of Championships Celebration Céilí, on Saturday 30th September at Quaycentre Hall A from 7:30pm to 11:30pm. Tickets are on sale via [Eventbrite](#).

OFFICIAL VENDORS

AIDA Inc. would like to thank its official vendors attending the event, and ask for patrons to support the businesses who support us.

Our vendors include:

- Celtic Harp
- Claddagh International
- Feis Ready
- Liz's Hair Stop
- Prodigy Performance
- Reel Movement Osteopathy
- Bling It On Limited

Note that only an official vendor is permitted to trade during the event. Any items (including dresses or boy's vests) found hanging in the foyer or other areas of the Venue will be removed. People wishing to sell second-hand costumes may only do so through one of the official vendors.

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

The 2023 AIDA Inc. Australian Irish Dancing Championships would not be possible without the support of its many generous partners.

AIDA Inc. would like to wholeheartedly thank its many generous sponsors, advertisers, donors and vendors for their support of the 2023 National Championships. For the full list of sponsors visit <https://www.irishdancing.org.au/nationals>

If you would like more information about how you can help support Irish Dancing in Australia, please email secretary@aidainc.com

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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