

## GRADE EXAMINATIONS

The Rose and Shamrock Festival Feis is proud to offer all 12 Grade Examinations this year.

Grade exams are one way to show your dance proficiency outside of a competitive environment. They aim to ensure that dancers at all levels learn the basics of each dance and that each dancer is given guidance on ways to improve his/her dancing. The exams are different from competitions, as the focus is more on the individual. Feedback is given to each dancer, highlighting their good points as well as the things they need to improve. Credits from the grade exams can be applied toward the solo dance portion of the TCRG and ADCRG examination. Dancers do not need to be regular feis competitors in order to participate in grade exams.



We are offering Grade 1-12. Different dances are specified for each grade.

- Each grade must be passed **before** a dancer may attempt the next grade
  - QuickFeis registration will require you to document past passed exams
  - You must also **bring original certificates and other documents to the exam** as proof of passing past exams – you will not be allowed to take advanced exams without these!
- Only up to **three** grade examinations may be taken at one time.
- A certificate is awarded for each grade passed.
- A dancer who passes all twelve grades receives ***"The Diploma of the Irish Dancing Commission."***

**APPLICATIONS FOR GRADES 11 & 12 MUST BE SUBMITTED BY December 1 IN ORDER TO BE APPROVED**  
**ALL Registration and payment must be done at [www.quickfeis.com](http://www.quickfeis.com)**

Talk to your TCRG/ADCRG if you have questions about the grade examinations. Further information can also be found on the An Coimisiun site here: <https://www.clrg.ie/index.php/en/feiseanna-exams/graded-exam.html>

Please register and pay with QuickFeis. Space is limited to first 100 examination entries.

Grade Examiner for Grades 1-6: Bill Maple  
Grade Examiner for Grades 7-12: Margaret Cleary

Fees:	Grades 1- 3 fees	\$25 each grade per person
	Grades 4 - 6 fees	\$40 each grade per person
	Grades 7 - 8 fees	\$55 each grade per person
	Grades 9 – 10 fees	\$65 each grade per person
	Grades 11 - 12 fees	\$90 each grade per person

Fees payable to: Online with QuickFeis (credit cards only) – **NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON!**

Location: Celtic Center of Lancaster. 1285 Manheim Pike Lancaster PA 17601

Date & Time: Sunday, February 16 – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

# Rose & Shamrock Festival & Feis

## GENERAL EXAMINATION RULES:

- a) Only Basic Steps may be danced in the Preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2 & 3.
- b) The number of bars of music to be danced to for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes is 40.
- c) St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Garden of Daisies, Job of Journeywork, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains, and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional style and manner.
- d) The same set dance must not be performed in more than one of the Grades from 9 to 12 inclusive.
- e) A dancer must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 - the Preliminary grade is optional. However, a candidate may only attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one sitting.
- f) Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per "Ár Rincí Céilí" as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12 inclusive.
- g) Dance costumes should not be worn.
- h) All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Reports must be presented at examinations.
- i) Grade 11 may only be attempted by candidates at least 16 years of age.
- j) Grade 12 may only be attempted by candidates at least 17 years of age.
- k) A special application form and certificate/diploma will apply for Grades 11 and 12.
- l) All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st 2018.
- ~~m) Scrúduitú Béil (Oral Irish Exam) for grades 1-4 in Ireland.~~
- n) Dancers taking the exams must be associated with a currently registered CLRG teacher.
- o) Full payment must be made at time of registration
- p) NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON!

## GRADE PRICE REQUIRED DANCES

Grade	Price	Required Dances
Prelim	\$20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy Reel and</li> <li>• Light Double Jig</li> </ul>
1	\$25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Reel and</li> <li>• Light Double Jig</li> </ul>
2	\$25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Slip Jig and</li> <li>• Single Jig</li> </ul>
3	\$25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Reel and</li> <li>• Basic Heavy Jig</li> </ul>
4	\$40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Slip Jig and</li> <li>• St Patrick's Day</li> </ul>
5	\$40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Reel,</li> <li>• Basic Hornpipe and</li> <li>• the Walls of Limerick</li> </ul>
6	\$40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Slip Jig,</li> <li>• The Blackbird and</li> <li>• the Siege of Ennis</li> </ul>
7	\$55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Heavy Jig,</li> <li>• Garden of Daisies and</li> <li>• the Four Hand Reel</li> </ul>
8	\$55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Hornpipe,</li> <li>• Job of Journeywork and</li> <li>• the Humours of Bandon</li> </ul>
9	\$65	<p>Two modern set dances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one in 6/8 time and</li> <li>• the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time and</li> <li>• the High Cauleed Cap</li> </ul>
10	\$65	<p>Two modern set dances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one in 6/8 time and</li> <li>• the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (different from those in Grade 9) and</li> <li>• the Eight Hand Jig</li> </ul>
11	\$90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Reel</li> <li>• Advanced Slip Jig</li> <li>• Advanced Heavy Jig</li> <li>• King of the Fairies</li> <li>• PLUS, TWO modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of 5 submitted by the candidate (must be different from those in grades 9 and 10)</li> <li>• Eight Hand Reel</li> <li>• Harvest Time Jig</li> </ul>
12	\$90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Light Double Jig</li> <li>• Single Jig</li> <li>• Advanced Hornpipe</li> <li>• Three Sea Captains</li> <li>• Jockey to the Fair</li> <li>• PLUS TWO modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of five submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9, 10 and 11)</li> <li>• The Morris Reel</li> <li>• The Sixteen Hand Reel</li> </ul>