

Clan Beglan proudly presents the

# BLACK AND WHITE Dairyland Feis

Sunday Jan 19, 2020

Washington County Expo Center 3000 Hwy PV (Pleasant Valley Rd.) West Bend, WI 53095



#### **QUESTIONS?**

Contact: dairylandfeis@gmail.com Or see feis website: www.dairylandfeis.com

## dairyland feis information

Online registration open to Jan 8 at:

### www.QuickFeis.com

650 Beginners-Open/Prizewinner 250 Preliminary/Open Champions

NO LIMIT ON FIRST FEIS AND NON-DANCE COMPETITIONS

### No costumes & no wigs

All dancers must wear black appropriate bottoms (boys may wear long pants)
White or black leotard or t-shirt,
White socks & regulation dance shoes

Hotel information can be found on the feis website: <a href="www.dairylandfeis.com">www.dairylandfeis.com</a>

### nafc championships

2020 NAFC Belt Championships
Will be at the 2020 Lavin-Cassidy Feis

Grand Geneva Resort and Spa 7036 Grand Geneva Way Lake Geneva, WI, USA 53147

Feis....... Fri & Sat – Feb 28-29,2020 Ceili...... Saturday February 29, 2020 Belt...... Sun March 1, 2020

Edward Callaghan Music Scholarship Championship Under 15 - will be held at the Golden Horseshoe Feis on June 15, 2019

James Brennan Music Scholarship Championship Under 21 - will be held at the Peach State Feis on May 4, 2019

### nafc commission

Member of the North American Feis Commission President: Jim Graven president@northamericanfeiscommission.org Member of An Coimisiun, Dublin, Ireland

### dairyland feis commiccee

Kris O'Connor

Chair & Entry Secretary





### RESULAR ENCRY FEES

US Funds ONLY – Payment due at time of registration Online registration will accept credit card payment only

Sorry - no checks will be accepted at any time.

	Regular Competition Fees
Grades (FF-PW) Music / Vocal	\$ 10.00 per competition
Figures / Ceili	See team fees below
Preliminary Championship	\$ 45.00 per competitor
Open Championship	\$ 50.00 per competitor
Event Fee	\$ 25.00 per family
Family Max	\$ 150 per family – does not include specials, team fees, event fee, or late fees

# ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS OF ANY KIND AT ANY TIME

### Late fees

After Jan 8, all changes and new registrations must be done **AT THE FEIS** and the following fees will be due in **IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR FEES ABOVE.** 

Credit card or cash only

Sorry - no checks will be accepted at any time

#### \*\* NO FAMILY MAX AFTER JAN 8 \*\*

	QUICKFEIS To Dec 31	<u>QUICKFEIS</u> Jan 1 – Jan 8	IN PERSON At the Feis
CHANGE Fee per competitor	NONE	NONE	\$ 25.00
NEW Registration per competitor	NONE	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00

### feis rules

- 1. Payment must be made at the time of registration.
- 2. Entries are not valid until full payment is received.
- 3. No personal checks will be accepted at any time.
- 4. Up to Jan 8 all registration must be done with **QUICKFEIS** at www.quickfeis.com.
- 5. No mailed entries will be accepted.
- 6. After Jan 8, all unpaid entries will be dropped
- 7. **NEW REGISTRATIONS** after Jan 8, provided the feis has not capped, can only be made AT THE FEIS and will incur a \$50 late fee in addition to all the regular fees.
- 8. Registration CHANGES can only be made:
  - a. Up to Jan 8 ONLINE with **QUICKFEIS** return to your account and up to Jan 8 you can make all changes for FREE.
  - b. After Jan 8, all changes must be made AT THE FEIS and will incur a change fee of \$25 (this does not include adding any new competitions which will be charged the regular fees in addition to the change fee).
- 9. Registrations may not be "switched" to another competitor nor another feis.

# important information

- Competitor list and information will be posted on the QuickFeis website and at www.dairylandfeis.com as soon as they are available (a day or two after online registration closes on Jan 8)
- The list of adjudicators and musicians will be posted on <u>www.dairylandfeis.com</u> when contracts are confirmed.
- ALL championship competitions will run youngest to oldest and soft shoe first.
- Doors will open at 7:15 am on Sunday
- There will be a lunch break of approximately 30 minutes on each stage at the judge's discretion wherever that may fall on the schedule.
- All competitions will dance two at a time at all levels and in all age groups.
- All results are FREE both at the feis and online on your QuickFeis account.





# numbering system

The following numbering system complies with the NAFC Mid America Standardized Syllabus for 2011

1 <sup>st</sup> Digit	Level Category: FIRST FEIS Dances all begin with "1", BEGINNER 1 with "2", and so forth								
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Digits	Age Group, Girls begin at 01 and Boys begin at 51.								
	"05" means girls under 5, while 61 means boys under 11.								
4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Digits (Letters)	Competition Type:								
	RL = REEL LJ = LIGHT JIG SJ = SLIP JIG TJ = TREBLE JIG HP = HORNPIPE								
	PD = ST PATRICK DAY TS = TRADTIONAL SET								

AGE GROUP: your age group is determined by the YEAR the competitor was born. This changes from year to year!

For 2020	<u>U5</u>	<u>U6</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>U16</u>	<u>U17</u>	<u>U18</u>
Born in:	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002

PLEASE NOTE: Age groupings beginning with "O" mean THAT age AND over (example O11 means 11 and older)

### first feis

The First Feis level has been established for dancers who are competing in their very first Feis.

Once a dancer competes in the First Feis category, the dancer must move into Beginner 1 or Beginner 2.

AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed)

				GIF	<u>RLS</u>							<u>BO</u>	<u>YS</u>			
	<u>U5</u>	<u>U6</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>011</u>	<u>U5</u>	<u>U6</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>011</u>
REEL	105RL	106RL	107RL	108RL	109RL	110RL	111RL	112RL	155RL	156RL	157RL	158RL	159RL	160RL	161RL	162RL
LIGHT JIG	105LJ	106LJ	107LJ	108LJ	109LJ	110LJ	111LJ	112LJ	155LJ	156LJ	157LJ	158LJ	159LJ	160LJ	161LJ	162LJ
SLIP JIG	105SJ	106SJ	107SJ	108SJ	109SJ	110SJ	111SJ	112SJ								

### BESINNER 1 (BEGINNER)

#### **ALL HARD SHOE DANCES AT TRADITIONAL SPEEDS**

Beginner 1 dancer is anyone who has been dancing for less than one year. A Beginner 1 must move to Beginner 2 no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the dancer's second year of instruction, or may move to Beginner 2 earlier with teacher's permission and provided that the Feis has not closed to changes. Note: a Beginner 1 dancer who starts in September, may continue as a Beginner 1 until December of the following year (16 months) before moving into Beginner 2. AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed).

					<u>GIRLS</u>									<u>BOYS</u>				
	<u>U5</u>	<u>U6</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>012</u>	<u>U5</u>	<u>U6</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>012</u>
REEL	205RL	206RL	207RL	208RL	209RL	210RL	211RL	212RL	213RL	255RL	256RL	257RL	258RL	259RL	260RL	261RL	262RL	263RL
LIGHT JIG	205LJ	206LJ	207LJ	208LJ	209LJ	210LJ	211LJ	212LJ	213LJ	255LJ	256LJ	257LJ	258LJ	259LJ	260LJ	261LJ	262LJ	263LJ
SLIP JIG	205SJ	206SJ	207SJ	208SJ	209SJ	210SJ	211SJ	212SJ	213SJ									





#### BESINNER 2 (ADVANCED BEGINNER)

#### ALL HARD SHOE DANCES AT TRADITIONAL SPEEDS

A Beginner 2 dancer is anyone who has been dancing for more than one year and who has not won a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place as Beginner 2 dancer. A dancer who has won a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a Beginner 2 dance must move into Novice in that dance no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next calendar year or with teacher's permission as soon as the next Feis (if said Feis has not closed to changes).

AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed).

		GIRLS								BOYS								
	<u>U6</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>013</u>	<u>U6</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>013</u>
REEL	306RL	307RL	308RL	309RL	310RL	311RL	312RL	313RL	314RL	356RL	357RL	358RL	359RL	360RL	361RL	362RL	363RL	364RL
LIGHT JIG	306LJ	307LJ	308LJ	309LJ	310LJ	311LJ	312LJ	313LJ	314LJ	356LJ	357LJ	358LJ	359LJ	360LJ	361LJ	362LJ	363LJ	364LJ
SLIP JIG	306SJ	307SJ	308SJ	309SJ	310SJ	311SJ	312SJ	313SJ	314SJ									
TREBLE JIG	306TJ	307TJ	308TJ	309TJ	310TJ	311TJ	312TJ	313TJ	314TJ	356TJ	357TJ	358TJ	359TJ	360TJ	361TJ	362TJ	363TJ	364TJ
HORNPIPE	306HP	307HP	308HP	309HP	310HP	311HP	312HP	313HP	314HP	356HP	357HP	358HP	359HP	360HP	361HP	362HP	363HP	364HP
ST. PATRICK'S DAY	306SP	307SP	308SP	309SP	310SP	311SP	312SP	313SP	314SP	356SP	357SP	358SP	359SP	360SP	361SP	362SP	363SP	364SP

### NOVICE

#### \*ALL HARD SHOES DANCES CAN BE DONE AT EITHER TRADITIONAL SPEED OR SLOW SPEED

A dancer moves into Novice as a result of placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in that dance as indicated in Beginner 2. A dancer who wins 1<sup>st</sup> in a Novice dance must move into Prizewinner level in that dance no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> of the next calendar year or with teacher's permission as soon as the next Feis (if said Feis has not closed to changes).

					<u>GII</u>	<u>RLS</u>					BOYS									
	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>015</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>015</u>
REEL	407RL	408RL	409RL	410RL	411RL	412RL	413RL	414RL	415RL	416RL	457RL	458RL	459RL	460RL	461RL	462RL	463RL	464RL	465RL	466RL
LIGHT JIG	407LJ	408LJ	409LJ	410LJ	411LJ	412LJ	413LJ	414LJ	415LJ	416LJ	457LJ	458LJ	459LJ	460LJ	461LJ	462LJ	463LJ	464LJ	465LJ	466LJ
SLIP JIG	407SJ	408SJ	409SJ	410SJ	411SJ	412SJ	413SJ	414SJ	415SJ	416SJ										
*TREBLE JIG	407TJ	408TJ	409TJ	410TJ	411TJ	412TJ	413TJ	414TJ	415TJ	416TJ	457TJ	458TJ	459TJ	460TJ	461TJ	462TJ	463TJ	464TJ	465TJ	466TJ
*HORNPIPE	407HP	408HP	409HP	410HP	411HP	412HP	413HP	414HP	415HP	416HP	457HP	458HP	459HP	460HP	461HP	462HP	463HP	464HP	465HP	466HP
TRADITIONAL SET	407TS	408TS	409TS	410TS	411TS	412TS	413TS	414TS	415TS	416TS	457TS	458TS	459TS	460TS	461TS	462TS	463TS	464TS	465TS	466TS

#### PRIZE WINNER (OPEN) \*ALL HARD SHOES DANCES CAN BE DONE AT EITHER TRADITIONAL SPEED OR SLOW SPEED

A dancer moves into Prizewinner as a result of placing 1<sup>st</sup> place as indicated in Novice.

					<u>GII</u>	RLS					BOYS									
	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>015</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>015</u>
REEL	507RL	508RL	509RL	510RL	511RL	512RL	513RL	514RL	515RL	516RL	557RL	558RL	559RL	560RL	561RL	562RL	563RL	564RL	565RL	566RL
SLIP JIG	507SJ	508SJ	509SJ	510SJ	511SJ	512SJ	513SJ	514SJ	515SJ	516SJ										
*TREBLE JIG	507TJ	508TJ	509TJ	510TJ	511TJ	512TJ	513TJ	514TJ	515TJ	516TJ	557TJ	558TJ	559TJ	560TJ	561TJ	562TJ	563TJ	564TJ	565TJ	566TJ
*HORNPIPE	507HP	508HP	509HP	510HP	511HP	512HP	513HP	514HP	515HP	516HP	557HP	558HP	559HP	560HP	561HP	562HP	563HP	564HP	565HP	566HP
TRADITIONAL SET	507TS	508TS	509TS	510TS	511TS	512TS	513TS	514TS	515TS	516TS	557TS	558TS	559TS	560TS	561TS	562TS	563TS	564TS	565TS	566TS





### PC and OC competitions will be combined if less than 5 dancers registered

### preliminary championship - 2 ROUNDS

A dancer who wins 1st place in each of the Open dances (reel, slip-jig, treble jig, and hornpipe) can move into Preliminary Championships with teacher's permission (IDTAMA). Boys and Girls will compete against each other, however if there are at least 5 boys entered, the boys will be moved into a separate competition. In cases where a Feis elects to split a competition due to a large entry, the split must be done by birth date age in the same manner as the North American Championships.

Dancers will perform 48 bars of the reel or 40 bars of the slip-jig and 40 bars of the hornpipe or 48 bars of the treble jig. Preliminary Championships will be judged and scored by all 3 judges. In addition, awards will also be posted for each solo round (light and heavy round) based on the scores of one judge (different judges scores for light and heavy).

#### **BOYS/MEN & GIRLS/LADIES\***

	<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>U16</u>	<u>U17</u>	<u>017</u>
Preliminary Championship	609PC	610PC	611PC	612PC	613PC	614PC	615PC	616PC	617PC	618PC

## open championship - 3 ROUNDS

A dancer who wins two First Place awards in one calendar year will move on to Open Championship the following year, or as soon as the second win is achieved, in any age category, in the following years. Only in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna (successive days), in which case the first win in the first Feis will not change the dancer's status for the second Feis. Placing in a Regional or National Oireachtas does not change the status of a competitor.

Dancers will perform: 48 bars of reel or 40 bars of slip-jig, 40 bars of the hornpipe or 48 bars of the treble jig, and a Set Dance. A Feis may elect to have a recall of 50% of the competitors for the set-dance round if there are over 20 dancers in the competition.

Open Championships will be judged and scored by all 3 judges. In addition, awards will also be posted for each solo round (light, heavy, and set) based on the scores of one judge (different for each round).

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>U16</u>	<u>U17</u>	<u>U18</u>	<u>U19</u>	<u>019</u>
GIRLS / LADIES	710OC	7110C	712OC	713OC	714OC	715OC	716OC	717OC	718OC	719OC	720OC
BOYS / MEN	760OC	761OC	762OC	763OC	764OC	765OC	766OC	767OC	768OC	769OC	770OC

Competitions will be combined as best as possible, including combining boys with girls and/or two adjacent age groups to make groups of 5 or more. Competitions will NOT be split.

NOTE: A dancer who has not received a legitimate placing (sufficient competitors within the normal placing scale) along with a dancer who has not placed in Open Championships for two consecutive years, may return to their previous competition level. For example, an Open Championship dancer that does not place in two consecutive years may return to Preliminary Championships, the same as a Preliminary dancer who does not place can return to Prizewinner.





## ADULT COMPECICIONS ALL HARD SHOES DANCES CAN BE DONE AT EITHER TRADITIONAL SPEED OR SLOW SPEED

A dancer over the age of 18 who has not danced in the above described competitions for a period of five years. Dancers in the Adult categories cannot enter any competition other than Adult specified competitions. A dancer who wishes to return to any category other than Adult must remain out of Adult competitions until they retire from dancing for five consecutive years.

	Beginner 1 and 2	Novice / Prizewinner					
REEL	835RL	855RL					
LIGHT JIG	835LJ	855LJ					
SLIP JIG	835SJ	855SJ					
TREBLE JIG	835TJ	855TJ					
HORNPIPE	835HP	855HP					
TRADITIONAL SET	835TS	855TS					

### FISURES and CEILI

- There are no restrictions on figure age groups. (Effective December 2014).
- Figure age groups will be determined by the oldest dancer. (Effective December 2014).
- Ceili teams (8 hands) are allowed to repeat dancers at all Mid-West feisanna in accordance with the world and regional Oireachtas rules
- **NEW REGISTRATION PROCESS:** Only ONE team member needs to register and will be charged the TEAM fee for the entire team. The team MUST wear the dancer number that was used to register the team. It is not necessary to notify the Feis nor QuickFeis who the other team members will be.

FIGURE DANCING	2 HAND Reel	3 HAND Reel	4 HAND Reel/Jig
Regular Team Fee	\$ 10	\$ 15	\$ 20
Under 7	9207FD	9307FD	9407FD
Under 9	9209FD	9309FD	9409FD
Under 11	9211FD	9311FD	9411FD
Under 13	9213FD	9313FD	9413FD
Under 15	9215FD	9315FD	9415FD
Over 15	9216FD	9316FD	9416FD
Adult	9299FD	9399FD	9499FD
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CEILI DANCING	<u>8 Hand</u> <u>Ceili</u>	
Regular Team Fee	\$ 40	
Under 9	9809FD	
Under 11	9811FD	
Under 13	9813FD	
Under 16	9816FD	
Over 16	9817FD	
Adult	9899FD	





### music & vocal

- Only traditional music will be accepted.
- Music classifications are reels, jigs (double, slip, and single), hornpipe, airs, marches, and polkas-set dance.
- Electronic or amplified instruments will not be permitted.
- A tin whistle must have a metal body, a plastic tip, and only 6 holes.
- A beginner is anyone who started playing after Jan 1, 2017.
- Beginners will play one piece from the above classifications.
- Advanced competitors will play two pieces of contrasting tempo.
- Entrants may compete in only one category for each instrument.
- Miscellaneous instruments may include any other acoustic instrument

	BEGINNER LEVEL		ADVANCED LEVEL			
	<u>U14</u>	<u>U18</u>	<u>018</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U18</u>	<u>018</u>
Any Instrument (Music)	914BM	918BM	919BM	914AM	918AM	919AM
Traditional Song (Vocal)	914BV	918BV	919BV	914AV	918AV	919AV

## special thank you!

Clan Beglan would like to thank . . .

- The sponsors and volunteers of Dairyland Feis for their extreme generosity and dedication!
- The dancers and families for participating in the event! We hope you enjoy your day!
- Our fabulous adjudicators and musicians for sharing their time and talents!
- Cashel School of Irish Dance for their collaboration and partnership!



#### LIMITED CAMPING WILL BE ALLOWED IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY!

To make the feis safe and enjoyable for all, please follow posted camping restrictions.

Those violating camping rules will be asked to move.

ABSOLUTELY NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEOTAPING ALLOWED.





# mid-america regional dancing compectation rules

- In the case of all solo and team competitions in all grades, the age
  of a competitor on 1st January of the year in which the competition
  is held will determine the right of entry. For the purposes of this Rule a
  competitor whose birthday occurs on 1st January shall be deemed
  to be under the age attained on that date.
- Competitions are open to all but those holding a TMRF, TCRG, or ADCRG designation. A feis can only accept entries from pupils of teachers registered with An Coimisiun, regardless of their domicile, and where applicable, registered with both the IDTANA and the North American region in which they reside.
- 3. A competitor may be disqualified for any of the following reasons:
  - a) Conduct unbecoming a lady or gentleman.
  - b) Failure to report on time to compete. (Penalty: disqualification from said event)
  - Falsification of age or other important facts i.e., teaching, award winning, competing under another competitor's name or number, etc.
  - Penalty for (a) or (c): Competitor will be disqualified from the Feis at which the occurrence happened and from all NAFC registered Feiseanna for a period of one year beginning at the date of the occurrence.
- 4. Competitions may be closed if there are no competitors at the assigned stage ready to compete when the competition is scheduled or announced. This does not pertain to a situation where competitors are involved in stage conflicts, and such conflicts will be handled by the stage monitor.
- 5. Steel taps or "bubble" heels on dancing shoes, display of awards, wearing of shorts or other unconventional dress is prohibited. Authentic Gaelic dress is desired. First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner, aka Beginner I and II, must wear a class costume, or a skirt and blouse. All other categories are excluded from this rule. Modest attire is encouraged when a competitor is not dancing.
- Competitor's number must be worn and visible to adjudicators when
  performing in all competitions, except in Championships. Use of
  reflective plastic number covers is discouraged.
- Awards will be determined in proportion to the number of entries in each competition and to the degree of proficiency shown.
- 8. Complaints must be in writing stating names and other factual information and signed by the complainant. A \$25.00 fee must be enclosed and presented to the Feis Chairman within one hour of the occurrence. The fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.
- The Feis Committee and any organization affiliated with same, will
  not be held responsible for personal injury, property loss or damage.
  Destruction of Feis property or rental property will be punishable by
  law
- 10. The Feis reserves the right to reject any entry for cause, to cancel all or part of the Feis and to limit competitor's performing time. The decision of the Feis Committee is final in all matters connected with the Feis.
- 11. All Feiseanna must have a process to allow parents to request that their child or children's name(s) not be listed on the posted competitor list prior to the day of the Feis.
- 12. Competitors must answer all questions as required by the Feis Entry committee, including teacher's name, and enclose the entry fee when mailing. Failure to do so may result in a rejected entry. Entries must be postmarked on or before the closing date or they will be subject to a late fee as determined by the Feis.
- 13. The status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in a competition.
- 14. With the exception of First Feis, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 (or their equivalent), photography of any kind which has the capability of capturing a dancer's image while in motion is strictly forbidden. A Feis may elect to allow in motion photography for publicity purposes,

but the pictures are considered the sole property of the Feis and solely for Feis use only; these are not to be used for personal gain through commercial use or sale, and under no circumstances can they be published on any website or other areas, without the express written permission of the persons involved. Additionally, a professional photographer may be formally contracted by a Feis to capture non-motion photographs, such as portrait photography, awards ceremonies, etc. and/or in motion photography provided it is taken at a vendor station or suitable location: (a) away from the dancing stages and, (b) requested by a consenting parent, guardian, or dancer (over the age of 18).

- 15. No block, en Pointe, toe walking movements, stationary or moving is allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group. However, after September 1 of each year an exception is made for those dancers who are 11 dancing in the under 12 age group.
- 16. No substance that can become airborne should be used on any dance floor in an attempt to improve traction.

### srade Level rules

- 17. Solo competitors in First Feis (if offered), Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice or Open (Prizewinner) competitions:
  - (a) Must compete in their own age group.
  - (b) Must be prepared to perform two steps in each event.
  - (c) Cannot change competition on the day of the Feis.
  - With the exception of First Feis and Beginner 1, a dancer's level is determined in each dance (Reel, Light Jig, Single Jig, Slip-Jig, Hornpipe, Treble Jig, and Traditional Set). Traditional Set Dances are limited to those dances determined by An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelacha as traditional set dances.
- 18. Combining male and female dancers in any age category is left to the discretion of each region of the IDTANA. Competitions may be combined with the next higher age group if there are less than 5 competitors entered. Competitions can only be combined up (or down) one age group.
- Boys and girls CANNOT be combined EXCEPT according to the following:
  - (a) All boys' competitions below Preliminary Championships shall be initially entered in single year age groups;
  - (b) If there are less than 5 entries in any one age group, combination of the competitions shall be done according to the following rules, in order of preferential application:
    - 1) Into double age groups, all boy or all girl; and
    - 2) If a double age group does not create 5 or more entries, the boys shall instead be combined into the corresponding single year girls' age group; and
    - Any competitions so combined shall be run as a single competition.

The Mid-America syllabus is to contain all grade categories. A Feis Committee may combine two or three consecutive age categories in the highest of the age categories within that grade when less than five (5) competitors are entered. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)





- 20. Each region may determine the system for moving dancers from one grade to another, as they see appropriate for their region. The syllabus is to contain all grade categories. A Feis Committee may combine two consecutive age categories into the higher of the two categories within that grade when less than five (5) competitors are entered (see Rule 2, above). Competitors have the option to remain in the same category for the remainder of the Feis year. A dancer, at the discretion of the teacher, may move into the next Grade (not Open Championships) without satisfying the requirements. However, once a dancer competes in the higher level, they can never move back to a lower category, (except as outlined in Rule 1, above).
- 21. Grade Levels
  - <u>Beginner I (Beginner) Grade</u>: A beginner is a competitor who has not yet taken a full year of Irish Dance lessons, thereby giving beginners a full year with such status. A Beginner must move into the Beginner 2/Advanced Beginner category the next year.
  - <u>Beginner 2</u> (Advanced Beginner) Grade: An advanced beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance. Competition dances are reel, light jig, slip jig, traditional treble jig and traditional hornpipe, as a minimum requirement.
  - <u>Novice Grade</u>: A novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance.
  - <u>Prizewinner (Open) Grade</u>: A competitor who does not qualify as a beginner, advanced beginner or as a novice.
  - <u>Adult Beginner</u>: An adult beginner is a competitor who never took Irish dancing lessons as a juvenile and is over 18 years of age.
- 22. First Feis (if offered), Beginner I, and Beginner 2 are required to dance at traditional speeds. Novice and Open/Prizewinner dancers may choose between traditional and Oireachtas speeds.
- All regions in North America will follow this common set of speeds for all grade competitions at feiseanna in North America (IDTANA, 1/1/17).

	First Feis	Beg 1	Beg 2	Novice	Prizewinner
Reel	122	122	122	113	113
Light Jig	115	115	115	115	115
Slip Jig	122	122	122	113	113
Single Jig	124	124	124	124	124
Treble Jig			92	73/92	73/92
Hornpipe			138	113/138	113/138

Traditional Sets	Traditional Speed
St. Patrick's Day	94
Blackbird	144
Job of the Journeywork	138
Three Sea Captains	96
Garden of Daisies	138
Jockey to the Fair	90
King of the Fairles	130

- 24. First Feis, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 perform only basic steps to coincide with the Grade Exam Syllabus.(IDTAMA, 1/1/17)
- Dancers competing in the First Feis category are limited to participating in the First Feis Category only. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)

## championship Level Rules

- 26. First place winners in the Open Championship category cannot return to a Preliminary or Open (Prizewinner) competition. Placing in a Regional or National Oireachtas does not change the status of a competitor. A dancer who moves into open championship must stay a minimum of 2 years. If after 2 years they have not placed they are allowed to return to preliminary. An open championship dancer who places is not allowed to return to preliminary until 2 years after their last placement. The regional syllabus where the Feis is being held may have different qualifications for entry.
- 27. Entrants in any Championship event may not enter in any other (Grade) events, but may enter in Figure Dances. Entrants in Championships should specify, on the entry form, their choice of soft shoe, hard shoe, and set dance. Entrants cannot change competition or category on the day of the competition.
  - (a) Dancers must qualify for open championship via the method now in place for preliminary championship, i.e. two 1st place wins.
  - (b) Dancers must compete in the preliminary championship competition in order to qualify for open championship
  - (c) The regional syllabus where the Feis is being held may have different qualifications for entry.
- 28. Preliminary Championships are open to those who, at any NAFC recognized Feis:
  - (a) A dancer who wins 1st place in each of the Open Prizewinner dances (reel, slip-jig, treble jig, and hornpipe) can move into Preliminary Championships with teacher's permission (IDTAMA).
  - (b) Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open Championship. A dancer who wins two first place awards will move on to Open Championship at the next Feis they enter, or as soon as the second win is achieved, in any age category, in the following years. Only in the case of back-to-back feiseanna (successive days), in which case the first win in the first Feis will not change the dancer's status for the second Feis. A dancer is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel or slip jig for ladies and reel only for men), and a hard shoe dance. A Feis can opt to offer either a) a set dance or b) a jig/hornpipe.
  - (c) The regional syllabus where the Feis is being held may have different qualifications for entry.
- 29. A Mid-America region feis may choose to combine boys and girls in Open Championship competitions when there are less than 5 dancers registered in a particular age category. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)
- 30. One of the following statements MUST be in the feis syllabus:
  - a) When there are less than five dancers registered in a particular Open Championship age category, the boys and girls will NOT be combined.
     or
  - b) When there are less than five dancers registered in a particular Open Championship age category, the boys and girls WILL be combined.
- 31. The boys' open championship age categories will match the girls' open championship age categories. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)
- 32. Any competitor in Preliminary or Open Championship must have a minimum of 8 rotations or 10 minutes between their rounds. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)





### FISURE/CEILI TEAM RULES

- Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced.
  - a. There are no restrictions on figure age groups. (Effective 12/2014)
  - b. Figure age groups will be determined by the oldest dancer.(Effective 12/2014).
  - c. 8 hand teams are allowed to repeat dancers at all Mid-America feiseanna in accordance with the world and regional Oireachtas rules.
  - d. The length of 2 hand and 3 hand dances in competition are to be 48 bars of music plus an 8 bar introduction.

#### adludicators & musicians

- 34. Musicians and adjudicators cannot be approached during a competition by anyone except the Feis Committee. No one can approach them while a competitor is performing.
- 35. Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.
- In matters pertaining to adjudication, the decision of the adjudicators is final.
- 37. Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.
- 38. Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
- 39. Each Feis is required to list their adjudicators on their syllabus and/or website at least three weeks before the close on entries, one-third of which are to be from outside the region where the Feis is being held.

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- 40. Make up is prohibited on a dancer in the first three grades (First Feis (if offered), Beginner I and Beginner 2 or their equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group.
- 41. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove same, will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed aids (proof of which may be required) will be exempt from this rule.
- 42. Competitors in girl's competitions at the First Feis (if offered), Beginner I and Beginner 2 Grade will wear only the competitor's dancing school costume or a skirt and blouse.

### modescy Rule - From an coimisiun

Changing costumes, dressing and undressing of dancers will not be acceptable in the halls or public areas. For the sake of modesty and in the interests of safety of young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the feis scantily dressed

The Feis WILL NOT give any refunds for any reason including consequences for violations of these rules