



## GREAT LAKES FEIS – GRADE EXAMINATIONS

Great Lakes Feis

# Friday August 16, 2019

at Renaissance Toledo Downtown Hotel  
444 North Summit Street - Toledo, Ohio 43604

The Great Lakes Feis is offering grade exams on Friday August 16, 2019. 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. Dancers do not need to be regular feis competitors in order to participate in grade exams.

In all there are 12 grades plus a Preliminary Grade. This year we are offering Grade 0-10. Different dances are specified for each grade. Each grade must be passed before a dancer may attempt the next grade. 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."

All dancers must bring proof of each grade that was passed.  
All dancers must bring their own set dance music to the grade examination.

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.

Examiner: Martin Percival

Fees:	Grades 1- 3 fees	\$35 each grade per person
	Grades 4 - 6 fees	\$45 each grade per person
	Grades 7 - 10 fees	\$55 each grade per person

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

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Time: TBD – Friday August 16, 2019

## 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) ~~Scrúdú 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  
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GRADE	PRICE	REQUIRED DANCES
1	\$35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Reel and</li> <li>• Light Double Jig</li> </ul>
2	\$35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic Slip Jig and</li> <li>• Single Jig</li> </ul>
3	\$35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Reel and</li> <li>• Basic Heavy Jig</li> </ul>
4	\$45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Slip Jig and</li> <li>• St Patrick's Day</li> </ul>
5	\$45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Reel,</li> <li>• Basic Hornpipe and</li> <li>• the Walls of Limerick</li> </ul>
6	\$45	<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	\$55	Two modern set dances: <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 Cauled Cap</li> </ul>
10	\$55	Two modern set dances: <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>