



Irish Dance Teachers Association of Mid-America

MID AMERICA

FALL ONLINE FEIS

SEPT 18-21 - 2021

Online Feis hosted by

VideoFeis



www.videofeis.com

Online registration and tabulation with



www.QUICKFEIS.com

Online registration ends on **SEPT 16**

For all inquiries regarding this feis

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**THIS IS A REGIONAL FEIS OPEN ONLY TO
DANCERS FROM THE
MID AMERICA IRISH DANCE REGION**

**ALL RESULTS COUNT TOWARDS
LEVEL AVANCEMENT!!**

HOW DOES THIS WORK

- Register and pay online at www.quickFeis.com for the feis up to end of day SEPT 16
- As soon as you pay for your registration you will be given your dancer number on your QuickFeis account – PRINT IT!
- NEW for this feis – FREE music (see page 2)
- Practice and record your video
 - Use your **smartphone** for the video
 - You must wear your **dancer number**
 - Must be in **landscape** mode
 - Dancer must be **alone** in video
 - **Music** must be clear
 - Create a separate video for each dance
 - No editing allowed
 - See additional video guidelines on Page 7.
- Starting SEPT 18 go to **VideoFeis**, log in with your QuickFeis account - and upload all your videos
 - You may begin to upload your video no sooner than SEPT 18
 - **ALL videos must be uploaded by 8:00 pm SEPT 21**
- All videos will be securely viewed by adjudicator(s) who will score and give comments.
- QuickFeis will tabulate all scores
- All competitors will receive specific comments and critique from adjudicators in every dance as well as their full results!
- All results will be tabulated and posted on QuickFeis website on Sept 28 or earlier

ADJUDICATORS

International panel of judges!

TBD

IMPORTANT DATES

REGISTRATIONS OPEN TO SEPT 16 2021
VIDEO SUBMISSIONS OPEN SEPT 18 to SEPT 21 2021
RESULTS ANNOUNCED VIA QUICKFEIS.COM

ENTRY FEES:

- Full payment is due at time of registration. *Your registration is not complete until your payment is received.*
- All unpaid registrations will be dropped at the end of online registration period.
- US Funds ONLY will be accepted
 - Online registration will accept credit card payment only.
 - Sorry - no checks will be accepted at any time
- Fees for non-champ are PER dancer PER dance
- Champ fees are PER dancer only
- Online registration will close on SEPT 16 Afterwards no additional registrations or changes will be accepted.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS!**

FEIS FEES:

Grades PC Set Dance	\$ 7.50 <i>per competition & per competitor</i>
Preliminary Championship (2 rounds)	\$ 25.00 <i>per dancer</i>
Open Championship (3 rounds)	\$ 35.00 <i>per dancer</i>
Event Fee	\$ 15.00 <i>per family</i>

MUSIC INSTRUCTIONS

- IDTAMA is proud to provide all dancers with music by Katie Grennan and Cormac O'Se.
- All dancers are required to use this music for their video free of charge.
- A link to all the music tracks will be available after your payment is completed.
- Open Champ Dancers must submit set dance and speed by Sept 16 via the SET MUSIC link provided after registration is paid on the dancer's QuickFeis account.

FEIS SPECIFIC RULES:

- A PARENT/GUARDIAN or teacher must be present during filming of the submitted video(s) if the dancer is under 18, and safety must be a priority.
- Ensure the dance space is safe, uncluttered, and not slippery
- Dancers MUST have permission from their teachers to compete in the Online Feis
- This Online Feis reserves the right to refuse any video for any technical reason or rules violations
- All videos to be downloaded, stored, and securely shown to the adjudicators via VIDEOFEIS
- Videos will be permanently deleted 7 days after the competition results have been announced
- All videos are by default marked as PRIVATE unless consent is given per above
- It is the dancers' responsibility to ensure that the correct videos are uploaded for each competition. We will not be able to move or switch incorrectly submitted videos during adjudication (i.e. reel video instead of hornpipe, soft shoe instead of the hard shoe round). We will not accept additional video uploads after 8:00 pm on Sept 21
- Please be careful to upload your videos in the proper competition.
- The Feis organizer reserves the right to combine and/or split any competitions.

COSTUMES

- All rules as per CLRG Costume policies
- Dancer may wear Solo or Team Costumes, or;
- White or black short sleeve t-shirt, with black bottoms (trousers, shorts or skirts of an appropriate fit and length)
- Per CLRG rules tights must be worn with a "blackout" skirt or dress for females aged 14 years and above
- No logos or school names on blackout outfits please, no team apparel (sportswear or warmup outfits)
- Correct Soft and Hard Shoes and proper socks or tights must be worn at all times. No carriage aids allowed
- Natural hair or wigs are allowed, hair must be off dancer's face
- Makeup optional for dancers U11 age group and above
- You must wear your dancer number at all times during your video – failing to wear your number may disqualify your video!



BEGINNER 2 (ADVANCED BEGINNER)

A Beginner 2 dancer is anyone who has been dancing for more than one year and who has not won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place as Beginner 2 dancer. A dancer who has won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in a Beginner 2 dance must move into Novice in that dance no later than January 1st 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).
ALL HARD SHOE DANCES AT TRADITIONAL SPEEDS

	GIRLS									BOYS								
	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	O13	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	O13
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
HORNSPIPE	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

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

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

	GIRLS										BOYS									
	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15
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
*HORNSPIPE	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)

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

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

	GIRLS										BOYS									
	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15
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
*HORNSPIPE	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

ADULT COMPETITIONS

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.

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

	Beginner 1 and 2	Novice / Prizewinner
REEL	399RL	599RL
LIGHT JIG	399LJ	599LJ
SLIP JIG	399SJ	599SJ
TREBLE JIG	399TJ	599TJ
HORNSPIPE	399HP	599HP
TRADITIONAL SET	399TS	599TS

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).

	<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>O17</u>
Preliminary Championship	609PC	610PC	611PC	612PC	613PC	614PC	615PC	616PC	617PC	618PC
PC Set Dance	609SD	610SD	611SD	612SD	613SD	614SD	615SD	616SD	617SD	618SD

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>O19</u>
<u>GIRLS / LADIES</u>	710OC	711OC	712OC	713OC	714OC	715OC	716OC	717OC	718OC	719OC	720OC
<u>BOYS / MEN</u>	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

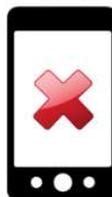


VIDEO RULES

- Dancer will only be allowed to submit videos for competitions they entered and paid for.
 - Grades will submit one video per dance competition
 - Prelim champs will submit two videos (one soft shoe + one hard shoe)
 - Open champ will submit three videos (soft shoe + hard shoe + set dance)
- Upon payment, all dancers are assigned a dancer number that they can either print or copy on a piece of paper. **This DANCER CARD must be worn by the dancer during the entirety of each of their videos for the feis.** Any dancer not wearing their assigned DANCER CARD will automatically be disqualified from the feis.
- Dancers are expected to create an original new "FEIS VIDEO" of their dance(s) – a video that has been recorded AFTER they registered for the competition and is specifically for this feis and no other event or social media.
- Feis videos are not allowed on social media or shared with anyone before or during the feis. Any dancer found to have shared their video during the feis will be disqualified from the feis.
- The dancer registered for a competition must be the dancer dancing on the video (no substitutions allowed)
- **ONLY THE DANCER IS ALLOWED IN THE VIDEO – Teachers/parents/others may NOT be visible**
- It is HIGHLY recommended that all dance videos be only recorded using a standard smart phone.
 - Use the standard camera app for your device when recording.
 - Use the standard settings for recording the video. Please avoid any embellishment.
 - The quality (resolution) and size of the video is limited to what is produced by a smartphone.
- Videography should be from a single static point (pretend you are the centre judge sitting at a table)
 - Camera should be about 4 feet (125 cm) from the ground
 - Camera should be in front centre of the dance floor (avoid being on the side)
 - Videographer can pan side to side to keep the dancer full body within the video frame

- If you elect to not use your smart phone to record your video, you must follow these guidelines:
 - Video should be recorded at 720p or 1080p, 30fps or 60fps. Higher resolution video may not be submitted
 - The submitted video must be one of the standard video formats that can be played in a web browser. This includes, but is not limited to: MPEG-4 (H264), MPEG-5 (H265), MOV
 - webm video format will not be accepted
 - Special lenses (like a fish-eye lens, or wide angle lens) are not permitted to be used when recording submitted videos.
- **Video must be in LANDSCAPE mode** (not portrait mode – see image below)

Portrait



Landscape



- Video for each dance must be one continuous front **FULL BODY SHOT – head AND feet must be visible at all times** throughout the video.
- The video must be cropped with dancing to start no later than 2 seconds after the beginning of the video, and no more than one second after dancing has ended.
- No editing of the dancing portion of the video is allowed
 - Any spliced videos will automatically be disqualified
 - Videos are not to include any embellishment or photoshop type of touch ups
- It is the dancers' responsibility to ensure that the correct videos are uploaded for each competition. Incorrect videos (i.e. a reel video instead of a hornpipe, or a soft shoe round video instead of the hard shoe round, ...) will not be corrected after the upload period is closed.
- The feis nor anyone working with the feis will not be held responsible for any personal injury, or property damage in the making and/or submission of the video.
- The feis reserves the right to refuse any video for any technical or rules reason.

COMPETITION RULES

- Results from this feis will count towards level advancement per regional rules
- All the rules for the feis are listed in the feis syllabus. If a rule is not specifically listed, the feis rule falls back to the regional syllabus rules where the feis (feis organizer) is located.
- With the feis organizer's input, VideoFeis will organize all the submitted videos into competitions.
- The feis organizer reserves the right to cancel, combine and/or split any competition at will.
- Dancers must submit their video within the timeframe listed on this syllabus.
- No late videos will be accepted after the deadline has passed

DANCING RULES

- **DANCER CARD must be worn by the dancer during the entirety of each of their videos for the feis**
- **ONLY THE DANCER IS ALLOWED IN THE VIDEO – Teachers/parents/others may NOT be visible**
- Must dance the same number of bars as at a traditional feis.
- Music and dance must match the competition registered for. (For example, a HORNPIPE competition must have HORNPIPE music and dance HORNPIPE steps)
- At the end of the dance, the dancer should simply bow and the video should end. Please refrain from walking before bowing.
- No coaching is allowed on the video
 - Any visible or audible coaching will disqualify the video
 - The only exceptions will be for beginner dancers who may need to be counted in
 - Beginners are allowed to have 8 bars counted before the start of the dance
 - When the dancer starts their steps, no more counting is allowed.
 - Only counting is allowed – no other form of coaching is allowed

DANCE AREA

- Encouraged to dance on a proper safe dance floor (not concrete or carpet)
- Dancers are encouraged to dance on whatever space is available to them.
- Area should be well lit so that the dancer is clearly visible throughout the video.
- Background should be neutral and as light (white) as possible to create contrast with the dancer – this is a recommendation and NOT a requirement.
- No school logo, signage, and or symbol may be visible in the video. The video cannot have anything that can identify the dancer's school or affiliation.

MUSIC / SOUND

- Music cannot be dubbed over the video – the music must be played out loud to the dancer and video must capture both the dancer and music at the same time.
- All music is provided for free by the IDTAMA. A music link will be given to all paid entrants on the QuickFeis website
- **Music must be loud enough to hear on the video**
- Music speed must be according to the official syllabus and standard feis speeds
 - No speed variations is allowed
 - Music cannot speed up nor slow down
- No other sound except the music and dancer's shoes should be heard on the video
No talking No singing along No coaching

RESULTS

- VideoFeis will submit the comments and scores to QuickFeis for tabulation
- QuickFeis will tabulate and post all results on the QuickFeis website
- Results from this feis will count towards level advancement per regional rules
- Dancers will see their raw scores, rank, and comments
- Any awards will be at the discretion of the feis organizers



ADJUDICATION

- The feis organizers will hire the adjudicators if they wish
- Only accredited CLRG associates will be asked to Adjudicate the videos
- The feis organizer will decide how many Adjudicators will judge each competition.
- Adjudicators will be randomly selected to judge each competition
- All adjudicators will be encouraged to give copious comments along with their scores
- Judging will take place over several days, because adjudicators can only view one video at a time. Timing is dependent on the number of entries.
- Each adjudicator will be asked to judge all the dancers within a competition or a round, for those scores to be valid and tabulated for final results
- Adjudicators will be asked to monitor the tempo of the music – any tempo that is not appropriate will disqualify the video
- **Adjudicators will be permitted to disqualify any video that they deem is "cheating" or is not following the video rules, or is not in the spirit of this competition**
- In matters pertaining to judging, the decision of the adjudicators is final

PRIVACY

- All submitted videos automatically become the property of VideoFeis
- All submitted videos are by default marked as PRIVATE unless additional permissions are given upon uploading
- All submitted videos can be watched by:
 - Feis Adjudicator(s)
 - Feis Organizer(s)
 - School dance teacher(s) (of that dancer)
 - VideoFeis staff
- QuickFeis and VideoFeis will share all data with each other and the feis organizer.
- QuickFeis and VideoFeis will not share nor sell any data or videos with any third/outside party.

PERMISSIONS

Before uploading any videos on the VideoFeis site, participants will be requested to carefully read and grant the following permissions:

- **BASIC Permission** is REQUIRED before uploading any video.
 - This permission grants VideoFeis permission to show all videos to VideoFeis staff, feis organizers, dancer's dance school teacher(s) and feis adjudicators only.
 - Videos with only BASIC permission are considered PRIVATE and will be deleted directly after the completion of the feis.
 - By registering and agreeing to the basic permissions required, participants agree that their registration, competition information and data will be shared between QuickFeis and VideoFeis and the Feis organizer.
- **ADDITIONAL Permission** (optional) will be requested and *may be denied* for VideoFeis to use the videos for:
 - Winner's or showcase video compilation to be posted online
 - Testing for VideoFeis development and improvements
 - Videos with additional permission granted will be deleted within two months after the completion of the feis.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

By registering and paying for this feis, parents and dancers agree to release IDTANA, its teachers, any workers associated with the school, QuickFeis, and VideoFeis of any liability for any injury to complete any requirements for this competition.

The feis nor anyone working with the feis will not be held responsible for any personal injury, or property damage in the making and/or submission of the video.

INDEMNIFICATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY: By registering and paying for this feis, you indemnify and hold harmless IDTAMA, CLRG, QuickFeis and VideoFeis and its staff or assigns from liability or injury related to their participation in this competition. Registrants must be in good physical health and not under medical advice that would prevent them from participating in physical activity. Parents, teachers or supervisors are responsible for ensuring the safety and wellbeing of dancers at all times before, during and after filming their submissions. Parents (or dancers over 18) must indicate that they understand, accept and agree to these conditions at the time of registration.

