

Sweeney Irish Dance

welcomes you to



October 18th 2025

Registered with An Coimisúin le Rince Gaelacha
Open Status allowing non CLRG schools

Venue

Congress Centre Ramstein
Am Neuen Markt 4,
66877 Ramstein-
Miesenbach

Adjudicators

Owen Joe McAuley ADCRG,
Dublin, Ireland

*Mona Roddy SDCRG
Dundalk, Ireland*

Musician

Orfhlaith Ní Bhriain,
Limerick, Ireland

www.irishdancegermany.com

Registered by RCCEA

Rosalie Wagenaar 17 August 2025



Ramstein Feis



Ramstein Feis



Cead Mile Fáilte

A very warm welcome is extended to you from Sweeney Irish Dance School to this years Ramstein Feis 2025!!

The town of Ramstein is ideally situated in West Germany near the French border, close to France, Luxembourg, Belgium and The Netherlands. Our nearest airports include Frankfurt Main and Frankfurt Hahn.

Our feis is run together with families from the US Military community stationed on Ramstein Airbase and Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre, which are located just outside the village. This is where a lot of Sweeney Irish dancers first found their love of Irish dance.

The date being in mid October gives dance schools in the West Mainland European region a chance to get back into full swing to be ready for their first grade feis in this region after the summer, while also acting as practice run for the European and Asian Championships, hosted in Prague in early December later this year. Trophies for all first places and top 3 in trophy competitions, cups and sashes for championships.

Our venue is a local hall, located across from Ramstein train station, with a beautiful stage that has hosted many Irish dance shows.

We will be running a two stage - one day feis, offering as many dances as possible.

Looking forward to welcoming you to our home town of Ramstein,
Mary Sweeney ADCRG/BG
Tir na nOg Verein and all at Sweeney Irish Dance

Enquires

Mary Sweeney ADCRG /BG [_mursweeney@gmail.com](mailto:mursweeney@gmail.com)

Registrations

<https://feisme.net/>

Closing date for entries

Friday, October 10th 2025



FEIS DETAILS

Fees

Solo Competitions - 5.50 Euro

Traditional, Treble Reel, Trophy competitions - 7.00 Euro

Team Competitions - 5.00 Euro per dancer

Open Premier Championship - 30.00 Euro including paperless results and solo results

Adult Premier Championships - 30.00 Euro including paperless results and solo results

RCCEA Fee - 1.00 Euro per dancer

Additions to entries can be made on the day.

Trophies for all first places,

Trophies and sashes for top 3 in championships

Admission Fees

Admittance fee for spectators 12.00 Euro for the whole day,

Dancers and children Under 12 free.

ONLINE REGISTRATION BY TEACHERS!

Registration can be done by using the Feisme online platform on <https://www.feisme.net>

Entries to be received no later than **Friday, October 10th 2025**

Please note that even though registrations can be done by both, teachers and parents, fees should be transferred by each dance school as one single payment.

Payment can be made by bank or cash on the day. Please let us know beforehand.

If payment is by bank, it should be made by one single bank transfer per school.

Please label as Ramstein Feis entry and Dance School's name.

Changes and additions to entries can be paid in cash on the day.

Contact us for bank details.



Larrys Raffle



"In honor of my father, Larry Murray, a dedicated volunteer for his local GAA club and a man who never shied away from hard work. He understood the importance of fundraising and organizing events for the community. Larry instilled in me the same strong work ethic and the belief that perseverance pays off, values that I now impart to all the dancers at every level. However, Larry also had a playful side and brought a unique charm with his mischievousness".

This raffle is also unique because participants can purchase tickets for the exact prize that they want, it's called a silent raffle. You put your name and phone number on the raffle tickets that go into the jars in front of the prizes. Larry's silent raffle will run all day and be called out at the final result at the end of the day.

Mary Sweeney

Travel to Ramstein

By car ; Maps <https://share.google/s5IyWs6jSnpCLsPOZ>

By train ; https://int.bahn.de/en?dbkanal_007=sprachauswahl-en

By plane ; nearest airports are Frankfurt Hahn (Wizzair, Ryanair) Frankfurt Main (Aerlingus, BA, Lufthansa, Luxembourg (Ryanair, Luxair)

Parking : best to park in the Rathaus parking lot. There are a few park spots out the front of the building . Click here for parking areas <https://congress-center-ramstein.de/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/congress-center-ramstein-anfahrtsplan-juni-20.pdf>

Accommodation

Hotels : Upon booking, tell the hotel you are participating in the Irish dance competition at the CCR to get the special event rates.

Hotel Europa

Auf d. Pirsch 4, 66877 Ramstein-Miesenbach

tel:+496371-96550

<https://www.hotel-europa-ramstein.eu>

Single room 85 Eur a night

double room 95 Eur a night

triple room 100 Eur a night

Breakfast 7 Eur extra per person

Hotel Pirsch

Auf der Pirsch 12

66877 Ramstein-Miesenbach

www.hotel-pirsch.de

info@hotel-pirsch.de

Telefon +49 (0)6371 5930

Not guaranteed rates (estimated for the time period...may go up if demand increases as the dates get closer)

single room per night 89,-€

double room per night 119,-€

3- person room 139,-€ per night

4- person room 159,-€ per night

All prices are included breakfast!

Hotel Circle Inn

"No special rates for short reservations but if someone contacts us directly and refer to the event, we will then provide them with lowest of our dynamic rates."

info@hotelcircleinn.de

+49 6371 616 0

Hotel Circle Inn GmbH

Kindsbacher Strasse 58

D-66877 Ramstein

We also recommend hotels in Landstuhl too, with **Hotel Christine** near the train station. Trains are every hour at 53 mins to the hour and take 5 minutes.

Edeka Supermarket and Rossmann (Drugstore) nearby.

Takeaway Asia Wok and Liarni Sushi. MAP of the AREA

[;https://maps.app.goo.gl/9SzbKFwKDgDPWhUG8](https://maps.app.goo.gl/9SzbKFwKDgDPWhUG8)

Irish Pubs open in the evening time

Oscars Irish Pub, Landstuhl serving food

Blarney Stone Irish Pub, Landstuhl serving food, Karaoke on Saturdays

Restaurants in Ramstein

Italian Ramstein, I Trulli. <http://www.trulli-ramstein.de/>

Restaurant Die Buhne , www.restaurant-diebuehne.de (at the venue)

Local Taxi numbers 06371 2700

RAMSTEIN FEIS 2025 RULES

Tir na nOg Under 6s can dance their 3's or 7's one at a time, accompanied by teacher or older dancer. No placements will be announced, but all dancers will receive a gift and a medal. .

Tir na nOg 6 - 9 first feis is for dancers not taking part in the full graded competitions. They can dance 3's or 7's.

In the under 10 Premier championship ;

Under 8s can dance reel, light jig/heavy Jig, Single jig/Traditional

Under 9s can dance a Reel, Heavy jig and Traditional set.

Under 10 reel/slip, heavy Jig /Hornpipe, Trad set /non trad

Under 11 and up, reel/slip, heavy Jig /Hornpipe, choice of set dance

Adult Premier Championships: Dancers are required to dance 32 bars of music and will dance a choice of soft shoe (Reel or Slip Jig for ladies and Reel for gentlemen), heavy shoe (Heavy Jig or Hornpipe) and a Traditional Set.

Treble Reels, for each age group, are 16 bars.

Proposed Timetable

8.30am Beg/Primary up to under 18

12 noon Tiny Tots/beginner Ceili

Lunch

1.30pm Adults Beg/Primary

3.30pm Intermediate all ages, advanced ceili

Trads/Trebles reels inter/open

6pm Premier Championships all ages

8.30pm approx finish



Rules and Guidelines

1. The Feis will run in accordance with the Rules of An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha.
2. Entries will only be accepted from persons currently registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.
3. The lodgement of an entry will be taken to mean that teachers and pupils understand these rules and undertake to abide by them.
4. Objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of the announcement of the result of a competition accompanied by a fee of 40 Euro, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
5. Age will be taken as on 1st January 2025 (whatever age you turn this year in 2025, you dance under that age e.g. Date of birth is 29 May 2010, you dance under 15 all year long including January 1st). Evidence of age may be requested. Where a competitor's birthday falls on 1st January, he/she shall, for the purposes of the feiseanna, be regarded as under the age attained on that day.
6. The Adjudicator's decision is final.
7. Beginners Grade competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st or 2nd prize (also 3rd prize, please refer to rule 9) in any competition for that particular dance. In Beginners Grade competitions. Only basic steps may be performed.
8. Primary Grade competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize (please refer to the grid below) for that particular dance other than in Beginners Grade.
9. If a Beginner competition has six or more dancers, the first two places advance to the next grade, regardless of ties. If a Beginner competition has eleven dancers or more, then the first three places advance to the next grade regardless of ties. (RTME ruling Sept. 2007)
10. If a Primary competition has six or more dancers, the first place advances to the next grade. If a Primary competition has eleven competitors or more, the first two places advance to the next grade regardless of ties. If a Primary competition has twenty competitors or more, the first three places advance to the next grade regardless of ties.
11. Beginners and Primary competitions are OPEN to dancers from ALL REGIONS.
12. Intermediate Grade competitions are open to all dancers who have not previously won 1st or 2nd prize (please refer to grid) for that particular dance in Intermediate or Open under the same or higher age limits. If a dancer in Continental Europe and Asia wins in Intermediate, they must advance into Prelim/Open for the rest of the calendar year. If they do not win in Prelim/ Open, they may return to Intermediate at the start of the next calendar year. (RTME ruling Sept. 2007).
13. For all Beginner, Primary and Intermediate competitions (excluding trophy competitions) the 32 bar method that has been used at previous Feiseanna in Continental Europe will be applied.
14. Trophy Competitions: Dancers will dance 16 bars down the line in their chosen dance. Light Shoe Trophy Competition are a choice of reel, light jig, slip jig and single jig. Heavy Shoe Trophy Competitions will be a choice of heavy dances, heavy jig or hornpipe.
15. Where there are five dancers or less for Beginners, Primary and Intermediate competitions the results will not affect their grading.
16. Traditional set dances can only be performed in the Traditional Set competitions.
17. Music will be played at the recognized An Coimisiún speeds for Continental Europe. and Asia.

Dance	Beginner	Primary	Intermediate/Open
Reel	121/123	116/118	113
Light Jig	116	116	116
Single Jig	124	124	124
Slip Jig	121	118	113
Heavy Jig	89	79	73
Hornpipe	142	130	113

GRADINGS in Continental Europe and Asia

Grade	Number of Entries	Number of Dancers to progress
Beginner	5 or less	0
Beginner	6 to 10	1 st & 2 nd Place
Beginner	+ 11	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place
Primary	5 or less	0
Primary	6 to 10	1 st Place
Primary	11 to 20	1 st & 2 nd Place
Primary	+ 20	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place
Intermediate	5 or less	0
Intermediate	6 to 10	1 st Place
Intermediate	+ 11	1 st & 2 nd Place

18. Dancers over 14 wearing all black must wear black tights.
19. If there are 40 or more in any competition, the organiser may split the competition into two different competitions according to age .
20. Special Trophies (Traditional Sets, Treble Reels, Beginner, Primary and Euro Trophies) may be retained by the winners but the perpetuals must be returned.
21. Within the limits specified in the Rules of An Coimisiún, the Organisers may at their discretion cancel or combine competitions with insufficient entries.
22. Order and quiet must be kept in the hall, particularly while competitors are dancing.
23. Traditional Set Dance competitions are a choice out of six traditional; St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, King of the Fairies , Three Sea Captains and Jockey to the Fair.
24. Competitors must be in costume and ready to dance 30 minutes before their competitions are scheduled.
25. The Feis organisers cannot accept any liability for injury or loss or damage to property while on the premises.
26. The dress code in accordance with An Coimisiún rules will be strictly observed i.e., for the sake of modesty and in the interest of safety to young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the Feis scantily dressed.
30. Only Feis officials may approach the adjudicators during competition sessions.
31. Make-up will not be permitted for any dancer under the age of 10 worldwide.
32. An Coimisiun has ruled that from 1st January each year, that no block, en pointe, stationary or moving, be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under-12 age group worldwide. The under-12 Age Group will be allowed to toe walk from September 1st.
33. Provided that dancers are not disturbed by flashlights or the like, photography or video recording by persons other than official feis photographers is allowed during Beginners and Primary competitions and during all award ceremonies. During Intermediate, Prelims and Open competitions, this is reserved to any official feis photographer on site only.
34. No refunds will be made .
35. Female adult dancers participating in competitions entitled 'adult competition' and/or 'adult grade competition' (both solo and team) are required to wear opaque black tights of a denier not less than 70. Over 18s are considered Adult dancers at this grades feis