



Blackout Feis

Sponsored by The Gray Foundation and the Gray School of Irish Dance

Sunday September 18, 2022

Mystic Marriott • 625 North Rd • Groton, CT 06340

**The Feis is registered and sanctioned by the rules of
An Coimisiun le Rincí Gaelacha,
IDTANA and the New England Region - IDTANA**

**Feis Chairpersons: Iris Gray Sharnick, ADCRG and Maura Gray, ADCRG
Final Stage Schedule and the number entered in each competition will be posted on the
website www.grayschool.com on or before September 14, 2022
Adjudicators are listed at the end of the syllabus and on our website.**

All safety rules will be followed as per the State of Connecticut.

At this time Masks are not mandatory inside the venue.

At this time there is no restrictions on the number spectators per dancer.

**This may change so please watch for updates posted on our website and school and feis
FaceBook pages as well as instagram - @grayschoolct and on twitter site - @ctdancechamp.**

**No food or beverages may be brought into the hotel; however an assortment of
refreshments will be on sale all day.**

**Entry and tabulation by Feisweb.
Stages will be provided by Tom Sheehan
Entry Cap is 700**

All dancers in preliminary and Open Championship competitions will dance 2 at a time.

Rotations will be computer-generated by Feisweb.

A dancer who misses his/her rotation will not be permitted to dance.

Hard shoe round will be danced first in both Preliminary and Open Championships

Schedule will not run in age order.

PLEASE NOTE: No Class Costumes or Solo costumes.

PRE BEGINNER - AFTER LUNCH – TBA WITH FINAL SCHEDULE

Open to boys and girls under 6. Will dance one step one at a time. Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.
Music speeds: Reel-122 and Light Jig-115.

Boys & Girls	R	J
Under 6 (≥2016)	1	2

BEGINNER - AFTER LUNCH TBA WITH FINAL SCHEDULE

A competitor who has not taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher prior to Sept. 1st of the previous year (2018). A beginner must move into the Advanced Beginner category the next year. Dancers will dance two steps two at a time. Boys will be separated if there are 5 or more boys.
Music speeds: Reel/Slip Jig at 122, Light Jig at 115
Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.
Adult Beginner: An adult beginner is a competitor who never took Irish dancing lessons as a juvenile and is over 18 years of age.

Girls & Boys	R	Lt J	SJ
Under 5 (≥2017)	3	4	5
Under 6 (2016)	6	7	8
Under 7 (2015)	9	10	11
Under 8 (2014)	12	13	14
Under 9 (2013)	15	16	17
Under 10 (2012)	18	19	20
Under 11 (2011)	21	22	23
Under 12 (2010)	24	25	26
12 & Over (≤2009)	27	28	29
Adult 25+	30	31	32

ADVANCED BEGINNER - AFTER LUNCH TBA WITH FINAL SCHEDULE

An Advanced Beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance. Dancers will dance two steps two or three at a time.
Boys will be separated if there are 5 or more boys.
Music speeds: Reel/Slip Jig at 122 and Light Jig at 115, Heavy Jig at 92, Hornpipe at 138.
Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.

Girls & Boys	R	SJ	Lt J	HJ	H
Under 6 (≥2016)	101	102	103	104	105
Under 7 (2015)	106	107	108	109	110
Under 8 (2014)	111	112	113	114	115
Under 9 (2013)	116	117	118	119	120
Under 10 (2012)	121	122	123	124	125
Under 11 (2011)	126	127	128	129	130
Under 12 (2010)	131	132	133	134	135
Under 13 (2009)	136	137	138	139	140
13 & Over (≤2008)	141	142	143	144	145
Adult 25+	146	147	148	149	150

NOVICE - Starting after PW – TBA with final Schedule

A student who has won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place as an Advanced Beginner. A novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance. Only move in the dance you have won in.

Dancers will dance two steps two at a time. Traditional Sets will be danced 3 at a time.

Boys will be separated if there are 5 or more boys.

Music speeds: Reel /Slip Jig at 113, Light Jig at 115, Heavy Jig at 73 or 92, Hornpipe at 113 or 138.

Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.

Girls & Boys	R	SJ	Lt J	HJ	H	TSet
Under 6 (≥2016)	201	202	203	204	205	206
Under 7 (2015)	207	208	209	210	211	212
Under 8 (2014)	213	214	215	216	217	218
Under 9 (2013)	219	220	221	222	223	224
Under 10 (2012)	225	226	227	228	229	230
Under 11 (2011)	231	232	233	234	235	236
Under 12 (2010)	237	238	239	240	241	242
Under 13 (2009)	243	244	245	246	247	248
Under 14 (2008)	249	250	251	252	253	254
14 & Over (≤2007)	255	256	257	258	259	260
Adult 25+	261	262	263	264	265	266

PRIZEWINNER - Starting at 8:30 am

A student who has won a 1st place in Novice.

Dancers will dance two steps two at a time. Traditional Sets will be danced 3 at a time.

Boys will be separated if there are 5 or more boys.

Music speeds: Reel /Slip Jig at 113, Heavy Jig at 73 or 92, Hornpipe at 113 or 138. Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.

Girls & Boys	R	SJ	HJ	H	TSet
Under 6 (≥2016)	301	302	303	304	305
Under 7 (2015)	306	307	308	309	310
Under 8 (2014)	311	312	313	314	315
Under 9 (2013)	316	317	318	319	320
Under 10 (2012)	321	322	323	324	325
Under 11 (2011)	326	327	328	329	330
Under 12 (2010)	331	332	333	334	335
Under 13 (2009)	336	337	338	339	340
Under 14 (2008)	341	342	343	344	345
14 & Over (≤2007)	346	347	348	349	350
Adult 25+	351	352	533	355	356

Special Competitions

“Future Stars” Three Rounds for Novice and Prizewinner Level Dancers Only.

Girls and Boys - Must dance 2 steps of the Reel, Light Jig, and Heavy Jig.

Entry Fee - \$20 - Not included in the family fee.

Competition #400 - Under 7 Competition #402 - Under 9
Competition #401 - Under 8 Competition #403 - Under 10

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS - Starting at 8:30 am

Open to those dancers who have placed first in Prizewinner Solo light dance (Reel or Slip Jig) and Heavy dance (Jig or Hornpipe). A dancer who wins two first place preliminary championships in one calendar year must 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. First second or third place winners in open championship in the past two years must compete in open championship.

Solo awards will be presented for light and heavy rounds.

Dancers will perform A) Reel/Jig or B) Reel/Hornpipe or C) Slip Jig/Jig or D) Slip Jig/Hornpipe. Reel/Jig will be danced for 48 bars of music and Slip Jig/ Hornpipe will be danced for 40 bars of music.

There will be a change fee of \$20.00 for changes made after Oct.15, 2021 but before Oct.23, 2021
Entry fee = \$50.00. Two Solo rounds will be awarded.

Girls & Boys	Preliminary Championships
Under 8 (≥2014)	700 (A, B, C or D)
Under 9 (2013)	701 (A, B, C or D)
Under 10 (2012)	702 (A, B, C or D)
Under 11 (20011)	703 (A, B, C or D)
Under 12 (2010)	704 (A, B, C or D)
Under 13 (2009)	705 (A, B, C or D)
Under 14 (2008)	706 (A, B, C or D)
Under 15 (2007)	707 (A, B, C or D)
Under 16 (2006)	708 (A, B, C or D)
16 and Over (≤2005)	709 (A, B, C or D)

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS – Starting at 8:30 am

Dancers will perform three rounds. Dancers will perform A) Reel/Jig /Set or B) Reel/Hornpipe/Set or C) Slip Jig/Jig/Set or D) Slip Jig/Hornpipe/Set. Under 9 must dance a traditional set.

Solo awards will be presented for light, heavy and set rounds.

There will be a change fee of \$20.00 for changes made after Oct.15, 2021 but before Oct.23, 2021
Entry fee = \$60.00. Three Solo rounds will be awarded.

Girls	Open Championships
Under 9 (≥2013)	800 (A, B, C or D)
Under 10 (2012)	801 (A, B, C or D)
Under 11 (2011)	802 (A, B, C or D)
Under 12 (20010)	803 (A, B, C or D)
Under 13 (2009)	804 (A, B, C or D)
Under 14 (2008)	805 (A, B, C or D)

Under 15 (2007)	806 (A, B, C or D)
Under 16 (2006)	807 (A, B, C or D)
Under 17 (2005)	808 (A, B, C or D)
Under 18 (2004)	809 (A, B, C or D)
18 and Over (≤2003)	810 (A, B, C or D)

Boys	Open Championships	Perpetual Cup
Under 9 (≥2013)	811 (A or B)	In Loving Memory of Robert F. Gray Jr.
Under 10 (2012)	812 (A or B)	Gray School Dancers
Under 12 (2011-2010)	813 (A or B)	Peter Smith Trophy
Under 14 (2009-2008)	814 (A or B)	Raymond and Elizabeth Murphy
Under 16 (2007-2006)	815 (A or B)	Gray School Dancers & Friends
16 and Over (≤2005)	816 (A or B)	In Loving Memory of Gerald Cullen Donated by The Gray Family

Special Competitions

**“Future Stars” Three Rounds for Novice and Prizewinner Level Dancers
Girls and Boys - Must dance 2 steps of the Reel, Light Jig, and Heavy Jig.
Entry Fee - \$20 - Not included in the family fee.**

**Competition #400 - Under 7
Competition #401 - Under 8
Competition #402 - Under 9
Competition #403 - Under 10**

**Irish Art Competition - Competitor must submit a free hand drawing of an Irish Scene.
Requirements: size 9” by 12” - Pastels only. Entry Fee - \$15 - Not included in the family fee.
Must be handed in at the entry table TBA**

**Competition #900 - Under 12
Competition #901 - Under 16
Competition #902 - 16 and Over**

DIRECTIONS: The Mystic Marriott • 625 North Rd • Groton, CT 06340

- From I-95 North take Exit 88, and turn LEFT at the bottom of the exit ramp. The Mystic Marriott is on the RIGHT hand side.
- From I-95 South take Exit 88, and make a RIGHT at the bottom of the exit ramp. The Mystic Marriott is on the RIGHT hand side.
- Visit the hotel website to get exact directions from your home.

RESERVATIONS:

Special rates are available for the CT Irish Dance Championships for Thursday Sept. 15th, Friday Sept. 16th, Saturday Sept. 17th, Sunday Sept.18th and Monday Sept.19th.

The special rate is \$249 which is the discounted daily rate.

Please click on this link: [Book your group rate for CT Irish Dance Championships](#)

- [The hotel block is now open and will close on Friday August 19th.](#)
- Complimentary On-Site Parking
- Electric Car Charging Station

ENTRY INFORMATION:

REGISTRATION:All Entries must be completed online at [FeisWeb.com](#)

PAYMENT: After registering on FeisWeb all fees must be paid online.

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE. If all fees are not paid at the time of registration the entry will be deleted to free a spot for another dancer--no exceptions.

By submitting an online entry, Parent or Legal Guardian agrees to abide by the rules governing the feis.

Family Admission Fee - No Door Fee the day of.	\$30.00 per family (must be included with all entries)
Feis Web registration fee -	\$6.00 (must be included with all entries)
All solo dances(including traditional set)	\$15.00 per solo dance & Trad Set Dance
Preliminary championships and 2 solo rounds results	\$50.00
Open championships and 3 solo rounds results	\$60.00
Special Art Competitions*	\$15.00*
Special Dance Competition for Novice and Prize Winners	
“Future Stars” *	\$20.00*

* Not included in the family admission fee

- Maximum Family Entry Fee \$175.00 (immediate family - brothers / sisters) - This does not include family admission fee or late/change fees.
- **Feis Closing Date** – September 9th (or when 700 entry cap is reached).
- **Late Entry Fee** is \$20.00 per family if entered between Sept. 9, 2022 and on or before Sept. 14, 2022. No entries will be accepted after Oct. 22, 2021.
- **There will be a change fee of \$20.00 for changes made after Sept.9, 2022 but before Sept.14, 2022.**
- Payment must be made on line when entering.

- **NO REFUNDS of any fees.** Before registering please check your local school, work and travel advisory rules. There will be absolutely **NO REFUNDS** even if you are not allowed to attend the feis. The feis committee has to pre-pay for much of the feis weeks before the feis and the funds will not be available for any refunds even for reasons due to the pandemic including illness, changes in quarantine requirements or weather.
- If the feis is cancelled for any reason, refunds will be issued to all competitors minus the family admission fee and Feis Web fee. We will not respond to any requests for refunds.
- Competitor numbers will be available to print directly from the Feisweb website on the Wednesday or Thursday before the Feis. **No Numbers will be given out at the feis.**
- The solo marks will be made available to the dancers under the "my Grade Results" link on the FeisWeb home page.
- Prelim/Open Championships marks will be available following award ceremony.

Direct all questions to Iris at: feis@grayschool.com

The Gray Foundation, LLC, Gray School of Irish Dance, LLC, and /or Mystic Marriott are not responsible for any loss or injury, which may occur the day of the Feis

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