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2017 NAFC CHAMPIONSHIPS

2017 NAFC Music Scholarship Competitions

*15 and Over James Brennan Music Championship
will be held at the
Detroit International Feis
on June 3, 2017*

*Under 15 Edward Callaghan Music Championship
will be held at the
Irish American Assn.
NW Jersey Feis
on September 10, 2017*

ANNUAL AMERICAN PRIDE FEIS

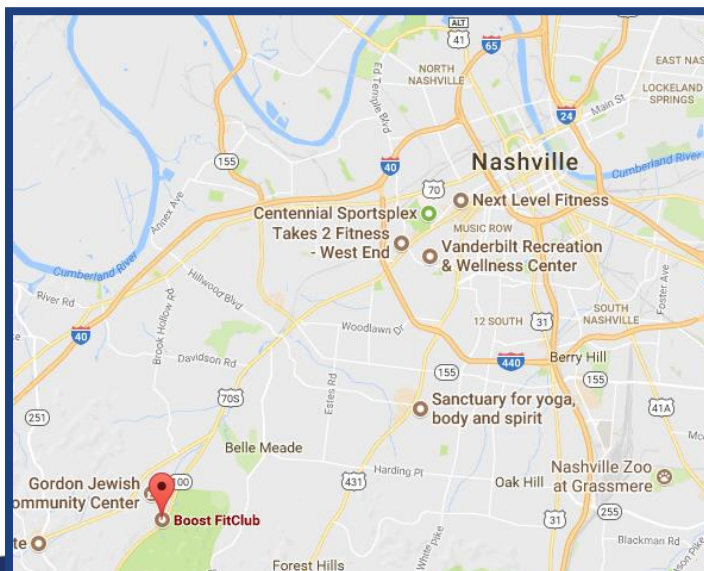
The Tennessee Irish Dance Organization
proudly presents the:

AMERICAN PRIDE FEIS

Saturday, Oct 28, 2017

Boost Fitclub Fieldhouse

11 Vaughns Gap Rd, Nashville, TN 37205
(same venue as Music City Feis!)



AMERICAN PRIDE FEIS INFORMATION

Questions – please email

[**AmericanPrideFeis@gmail.com**](mailto:AmericanPrideFeis@gmail.com)

No outside food or beverages allowed.

No food or beverages other than water
allowed inside Fieldhouse.

All guests are welcome to eat in the onsite
cafe, lobby area, and patio.

No pointed heels of any kind allowed in
Fieldhouse due to artificial turf.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online registration opens from Aug to Oct 20

[**www.QuickFeis.com**](http://www.QuickFeis.com)

**After Oct 20 all registration and changes
must be done in person at the Feis on Oct 28**

ENTRY FEES

Competition Fees

	FEES
Solo Dancing / Art / Adult / Specials <i>(per competitor)</i>	\$ 10.00
Preliminary Championship <i>(does not include set dance)</i>	\$ 40.00
Open Championship <i>(does not include Treble Reel)</i>	\$ 50.00
Adult Showcase	\$35.00
Figures/Ceili Dancing <i>(per competitor & per dance)</i>	TEAM FEE <i>See details below in figure/ceili section</i>
Family Max <i>(Only applies to competition fees – And only up to Oct 20)</i>	\$ 135.00
Family Admission Fee	\$20.00

CREDIT CARD OR CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

SORRY - NO CHECKS ACCEPTED

STRICT NO REFUND POLICY

LATE FEES

Please note that LATE FEES are in **ADDITION** to the competition fees listed above

ONLINE registration will end **FRIDAY night** – Oct 20

All fees are PER dancer

LATE FEES	Up to Oct 13	Oct 13 to Oct 20	After Oct 20 (at Feis)
New Registrations	\$ 0	\$ 25	\$ 50
Changes	Free	\$ 15	\$ 25
Family Cap	\$ 135	\$ 135	none
Payment type	CC only	CC only	CC or cash

NEW REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE FEIS

Cash or Credit Card payments accepted at the feis

SORRY - NO CHECKS ACCEPTED

REGISTRATION RULES

- Payment must be made at the time of registration
- No personal checks will be accepted
- Entries are not valid until full payment is received. Any unpaid entries will be dropped at closing.
- **Late and Day of Feis Fees** – include all the regular fees (competition fees, entry fees) and late fees are added to that – PER COMPETITOR. No family max will be applied.
- **CHANGES** - Before Oct 20, ALL changes must be made at QuickFeis.com. After Oct 20 all changes must be made AT the feis. Change fee only includes changes. Adding additional competitions will be charged the late fee AND the regular competition fee. Please do not email the feis with change requests – they will not be processed.
- **Individual Results Included in fees**

ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS OF ANY KIND AT ANY TIME

AMERICAN PRIDE FEIS RULES:

- Parents are entirely responsible for their children's safety. Neither the American Pride Feis, the Tennessee Irish Dance Organization, nor the venue will be held liable for any injury that occurs at this event. By entering this feis you are agreeing to these terms.
- No photos or videos are permitted of dancers while on stage for any competition EXCEPT First Feis Competitions.
- Adjudicating decisions made by the panel are final.
- All Non-Adjudicating decisions will be decided by the Feis organizers and will be final.



NUMBERING SYSTEM

The following numbering system is being used:

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

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

For 2017	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18
Born in:	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999

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

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Open to boys and girls who have not competed in a feis. Will perform one step in reel. No costume
Must be under 5 years old

GIRLS/BOYS – Under 5	
REEL	104RL

FIRST FEIS

The First Feis level is for dancers who are competing in their very first feis. Once a dancer competes in the First Feis level, they must move immediately into Beginner or Advanced Beginner.

*Boys will be separated into a separate competition when there are 5 or more boys in a dance

	GIRLS/BOYS											
	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15
REEL	105RL	106RL	107RL	108RL	109RL	110RL	111RL	112RL	113RL	114RL	115RL	116RL
LIGHT JIG	105LJ	106LJ	107LJ	108LJ	109LJ	110LJ	111LJ	112LJ	113LJ	114LJ	115LJ	116LJ

BEGINNER (BEGINNER 1)

ALL HARD SHOE DANCES AT TRADITIONAL SPEEDS

A beginner is a competitor who has not taken a full year of Irish Dance lessons, thereby giving beginners a full year with such status. A Beginner must move into the Advanced Beginner category for the next year

	GIRLS/BOYS											
	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15
REEL	205RL	206RL	207RL	208RL	209RL	210RL	211RL	212RL	213RL	214RL	215RL	216RL
LIGHT JIG	205LJ	206LJ	207LJ	208LJ	209LJ	210LJ	211LJ	212LJ	213LJ	214LJ	215LJ	216LJ
SLIP JIG	205SJ	206SJ	207SJ	208SJ	209SJ	210SJ	211SJ	212SJ	213SJ	214SJ	215SJ	216SJ



ADVANCED BEGINNER (BEGINNER 2)**ALL HARD SHOE DANCES AT TRADITIONAL SPEEDS**

An Advanced Beginner who wins 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance.

	GIRLS/BOYS											
	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
REEL	305RL	306RL	307RL	308RL	309RL	310RL	311RL	312RL	313RL	314RL	315RL	316RL
LIGHT JIG	305LJ	306LJ	307LJ	308LJ	309LJ	310LJ	311LJ	312LJ	313LJ	314LJ	315LJ	316LJ
SINGLE JIG	305SN	306SN	307SN	308SN	309SN	310SN	311SN	312SN	313SN	314SN	315SN	316SN
SLIP JIG	305SJ	306SJ	307SJ	308SJ	309SJ	310SJ	311SJ	312SJ	313SJ	314SJ	315SJ	316SJ
TREBLE JIG	305TJ	306TJ	307TJ	308TJ	309TJ	310TJ	311TJ	312TJ	313TJ	314TJ	315TJ	316TJ
HORNSPIPE	305HP	306HP	307HP	308HP	309HP	310HP	311HP	312HP	313HP	314HP	315HP	316HP
ST PATRICK DAY	305PD	306PD	307PD	308PD	309PD	310PD	311PD	312PD	313PD	314PD	315PD	316PD

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

A Novice dancer who wins a 1st place in a dance will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance. In addition, if there are twenty or more dancers, a dancer who wins 1st place or 2nd place in a dance will advance to the Open/Prizewinner category in that particular dance. (Dec. 2012)

	GIRLS/BOYS										
	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
REEL	406RL	407RL	408RL	409RL	410RL	411RL	412RL	413RL	414RL	415RL	416RL
LIGHT JIG	406LJ	407LJ	408LJ	409LJ	410LJ	411LJ	412LJ	413LJ	414LJ	415LJ	416LJ
SINGLE JIG	406SN	407SN	408SN	409SN	410SN	411SN	412SN	413SN	414SN	415SN	416SN
SLIP JIG	406SJ	407SJ	408SJ	409SJ	410SJ	411SJ	412SJ	413SJ	414SJ	415SJ	416SJ
TREBLE JIG	406TJ	407TJ	408TJ	409TJ	410TJ	411TJ	412TJ	413TJ	414TJ	415TJ	416TJ
HORNSPIPE	406HP	407HP	408HP	409HP	410HP	411HP	412HP	413HP	414HP	415HP	416HP
TRADITIONAL SET	406TS	407TS	408TS	409TS	410TS	411TS	412TS	413TS	414TS	415TS	416TS
SET DANCE (non-traditional)	406SD	407SD	408SD	409SD	410SD	411SD	412SD	413SD	414SD	415SD	416SD

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

A competitor who does not qualify as a Beginner, Advanced Beginner or Novice

	GIRLS/BOYS									
	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16
REEL	507RL	508RL	509RL	510RL	511RL	512RL	513RL	514RL	515RL	516RL
SLIP JIG	507SJ	508SJ	509SJ	510SJ	511SJ	512SJ	513SJ	514SJ	515SJ	516SJ
TREBLE JIG	507TJ	508TJ	509TJ	510TJ	511TJ	512TJ	513TJ	514TJ	515TJ	516TJ
HORNSPIPE	507HP	508HP	509HP	510HP	511HP	512HP	513HP	514HP	515HP	516HP
TRADITIONAL SET	507TS	508TS	509TS	510TS	511TS	512TS	513TS	514TS	515TS	516TS
SET DANCE (non-traditional)	507SD	508SD	509SD	510SD	511SD	512SD	513SD	514SD	515SD	516SD



PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP

- Have placed 1st in both an Open (Prizewinner) light and heavy shoe competition and
- Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open Championship.
- A dancer who wins two (2) first place preliminary championship awards in one calendar year will move on to Open Championship the following year (as of Jan 1); if the second first-place win does not occur in the same feis year as the first win, as soon as the second win is achieved, in any age category, the dancer must move up to open championship level immediately. Only in the case of a back to back Feiseanna (successive days) the first-place win in the first Feis will not change the dancer's status for the second Feis
- A dancer in a preliminary championship is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel of slip jig for ladies and reel only for men) and a hard shoe dance.

<u>BOYS/MEN & GIRLS/LADIES</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>O17</u>
Preliminary Championship	609PC	610PC	611PC	612PC	613PC	614PC	615PC	616PC	617PC	618PC
Set Dance *	609SD	610SD	611SD	612SD	613SD	614SD	615SD	616SD	617SD	618SD

**These dances will be charged the solo fee per dancer*

Competitions will be combined as best as possible by two adjacent age groups to make groups of 5 or more. If a competition has 5 registered boys or more, boys will be separated from girls. Competitions will NOT be split.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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:

1. 48 bars of reel or 40 bars of slip jig
2. 40 bars of the hornpipe or 48 bars of the treble jig
3. Set Dance of their choice

<u>GIRLS / LADIES/ BOYS / MEN</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U16</u>	<u>U18</u>	<u>O18</u>
OPEN Championship	710OC	712OC	714OC	716OC	718OC	719OC

Competitions will be combined as best as possible by two adjacent age groups to make groups of 5 or more. If a competition has 5 registered boys or more, boys will be separated from girls. Competitions will NOT be split.

Perpetual Trophies- In memory of:

719OC- Emily Fondren, Nashville Irish Step Dancers instructor

716OC- Bridgett O'Lannergthy, Kristin Butke School supporter



ADULT COMPETITIONS

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 who are 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.

	<u>Beginner 1 & 2</u>	<u>Novice & Prizewinner</u>
REEL	835RL	855RL
LIGHT JIG	835LJ	855LJ
SINGLE JIG	835SN	855SN
SLIP JIG	835SJ	855SJ
TREBLE JIG	835TJ	855TJ
HORNPIPE	835HP	855HP
TRADITIONAL SET	835TS	855TS

FIGURES / CEILI / TEAMS

- There are no restrictions on figure age groups. (Effective December 2014).
- Figure age groups will be determined by the oldest dancer. (Effective December 2014).
- 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.

	<u>2 HAND Reel</u>	<u>3 HAND Reel</u>	<u>4 HAND Reel/Jig</u>	<u>8 HAND Reel/Jig</u>
Regular Team Fee	\$ 16	\$ 24	\$ 36	\$ 64
Under 7		931FD	941FD	981FD
Under 9	922FD	932FD	942FD	982FD
Under 10	923FD	933FD	943FD	983FD
Under 12	924FD	934FD	944FD	984FD
Under 15	925FD	935FD	945FD	985FD
Over 15	926FD	936FD	946FD	986FD

PATRIOTIC TREBLE REELS

Participants are encouraged to wear a patriotic outfit, and can dance individually or as a team. The music will be the official music representing each branch of the armed service. Irish dance steps must be used – arms may be used.

	<u>U10 Army Song</u>	<u>U12 Marine Hymn</u>	<u>U15 Coast Guard Song</u>	<u>O15 Army Song</u>	<u>Adult Marine Hymn</u>
GRADE Treble Reel	510TR	512TR	515TR	516TR	835TR
CHAMPIONSHIP Treble Reel	710TR	712TR	715TR	716TR	---



MUSIC

Tunes are to be selected from among the following classes: air, reel, polka, hornpipe, jig (single, double, or slip), slide, set dance, march, and mazurka. Competitors shall play each tune twice through. In the case of a reel, which is played singly, a competitor shall play the reel three times through.

	<u>U12</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>O15</u>
ACCORDION	912AC	915AC	916AC
FLUTE	912FL	915FL	916FL
WHISTLE	912WH	915WH	916WH
FIDDLE / VIOLIN	912VI	915VI	916VI
MISC. INSTRUMENTS	912MISC	915MISC	916MISC

CHARITY TROPHY FOR LARAN PHILPOTT – LIGHT JIG

Laran Philpott has been a fixture in our Irish dance world. He was the sound technician at all the American Pride feiseanna, and other major events in our area. He is still recovering from his stroke, and to encourage his rapid recovery, we are offering this LIGHT JIG competition in his honor to help raise money for his family.

Thank you in advance for your generous donation!

	<u>GIRLS/BOYS</u> Open to ALL <u>GRADES</u>	<u>GIRLS/BOYS</u> Open to ALL <u>CHAMPIONSHIP</u>
LIGHT JIG	999LJG	999LJC

ADULT SHOWCASE

This is a three round competition. Competitors are allowed to dance Reel, Hornpipe, and Traditional Set or Slip Jig, Treble Jig, and Traditional Set. Competitors may perform 48 bars of Reel/Treble Jig or 40 bars of Slip Jig/Hornpipe. This competition will have one adjudicator.

Competitors may also compete in solo competitions.!

	<u>ADULT DANCERS ONLY</u>
ADULT SHOWCASE	855SC

GRADE EXAMS ★ ★ ★ EXAMS GIVEN ON FRIDAY ONLY ★ ★ ★

On Friday before the feis from 12:30 pm to 7:30 pm, the American Pride Feis organizers are offering GRADE EXAMS.

Please bring any past exam certificates with you – as you will not be allowed to take Grades 2-6 exams without proof of previous accomplishments.

NO REFUNDS will be given for failure to bring certificates, or any other reason.

If you have questions, please ask your teacher first.

	<u>Competition</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
GRADE 1	901GRE	\$21
GRADE 2	902GRE	\$21
GRADE 3	903GRE	\$21
GRADE 4	904GRE	\$30
GRADE 5	905GRE	\$30
GRADE 6	906GRE	\$30



IDTANA SOUTHERN REGION-DANCING COMPETITION RULES

These rules were approved by the IDTANA Southern Region on June 30, 2011 and are effective January 1, 2012

These rules are required to be included in the syllabus for all feiseanna taking place in the IDTANA Southern Region.

1. In the case of all solo and team competitions in all grades, the age of a competitor on January 1st of the year in which the competition is held will determine the right of entry. For the purpose of this rule a competitor whose birthday occurs on January 1st shall be deemed to be under the age attained on that date.
2. Competitions are open to all but those holding a TMRF, TCRG, or ADCRG designation. All dancers must be pupils of a person currently registered with An Coimisiun as a Dancing Teacher of any category.
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)
 - c) Falsification of age or other important fact—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. d) Any competitor found to be "altering" their shoes or wearing them on the "wrong feet" will be treated in the same manner as is using carriage aids, and will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition (CLRG AGM 2011)

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 will not pertain to a situation where competitors are involved in stage conflicts: in that case the competition(s) will remain open for a reasonable amount of time to allow the dancer(s) in question to arrive at the stage and compete.
5. Solo competitors in 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. 6) Steel taps or "bubble: heels on dancing shoes, display of awards, wearing of shorts or other unconventional dress is prohibited. Dancers competing in First Feis (if offered), Beginners and Advanced Beginner, a.k.a. 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. Costumes for both boys and girls should not include representations, such as globes, medals, or any other item symbolic of an award having been achieved effective Jan 1, 2013. (CLRG AGM 2012).
6. Costume or costuming is defined as any element of performance/presentation clothing, worn by a dancer in the course of a competition, including but not limited to dress, waistcoat, trousers, shoes, headgear, capes, shawls, socks and underwear (CLRG AGM 2012)
7. Competitor's number must be worn and visible to adjudicators when performing in all competitions, except in Championships. Use of clear reflective plastic number covers is discouraged.
8. Awards will be determined in proportion to the number of entries in each competition and to the degree of proficiency shown.

9. Complaints must be in writing stating names and other factual information and signed by the complainant. A ten-dollar fee (cash) 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. Competitors must answer all questions on the entry form as required by the Feis Entry committee, including teacher's name, and enclose the entry fee when mailing. Failure to do so will 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 committee and published on the syllabus and/or entry form. There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason.
13. Open Championships:
 - a) Entrants in any Open Championship event may not enter in any other regular grade solo events, but may enter in Figure Dances and/or special competitions for which they are eligible (tradition set, treble reel non-traditional set dance)
 - b) Entrants in Open Championships should specify on the entry form their choice of set dance
 - c) Open Championship competitions in the minimum required age groups must be offered separately in the syllabus, yet the feis committee may combine an age group with the next higher age group if there are fewer than 5 competitors entered in the lower age groups. A feis committee is not permitted to combine dancers from one open championship age group with any age groups which is more than one age groups higher than the age group in which the dancers are entered
 - d) A dancer is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel or slip jig for ladies and reel only for men) and a set dance. A Feis can also opt to require a third dance (choice of jig/hornpipe)
 - e) Dancers must qualify for Open Championship via the method now in place for Preliminary Championship i.e. two 1st place wins.
 - f) Dancers must compete in the Preliminary Championship competition in order to qualify for Open Championship.
14. Girls and Boys competitions in Open Championship may be combined in the syllabus. If three or more boys are entered in a specific age group in a combined Open Championship competition, the boys and girls must be split into separate competitions. If separate Boys and Girls competitions in Open Championships are offered in the syllabus, they may not be combined under any circumstance on the day of the Feis.
15. Preliminary Championships:
 - a) Are open to those who at any NAFC recognized Feis:
 - i. Have placed 1st in both an Open (Prizewinner) light and heavy shoe competition and
 - ii. Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open Championship.
 - b) A dancer who wins two (2) first place preliminary championship awards in one calendar year will move on to Open Championship the following year (as of Jan 1); if the second first-place win does not occur in the same feis year as the first win, as soon as the second win is achieved, in any age category, the dancer must move up to open championship level immediately. Only in the case of a back to back

Feisanna (successive days) the first-place win in the first Feis will not change the dancer's status for the second Feis

- c) A dancer in a preliminary championship 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 or (c) both a set dance and jig/hornpipe
 - d) Boys and Girls will be combined in preliminary championships –Please note the separation policy involving five or more boys
 - e) Preliminary Championship competitions must be offered separately in the syllabus for the minimum required age groups, yet the feis committee may combine an age group with the next higher age groups if there are fewer than 5 competitors entered in the lower age group. A feis committee is not permitted to combine dancers from one preliminary championship age group with any age group which is more than one age group higher than the age group in which the dancers are entered.
16. Open Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
 17. 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. If after competing for two full feis years at the Open Championship level, a dancer has not placed first, second or third, he/she may opt to return to Preliminary Championship status.
 18. The status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in a competition.
 19. In championship events or solo set dance events: Introductions for set dances will be played only once and competitors must set their speeds during that one playing, no variation in speed will be allowed once dancing is due to commence. Dancers beginning before or after the stipulated set-dance introduction will automatically receive a zero for that round from the/or all adjudicators. (CLRG AGM 2011)
 20. Grade Category Definitions:
 - a) **Beginner:** A beginner is a competitor who has not taken a full year of Irish Dance lessons, thereby giving beginners a full year with such status. A Beginner must move into the Advanced Beginner category for the next year.
 - b) **Advanced Beginner:** An Advanced Beginner who wins 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance.
 - c) **Novice:** A Novice dancer who wins a 1st place in a dance will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance. In addition, if there are twenty or more dancers, a dancer who wins 1st place or 2nd place in a dance will advance to the Open/Prizewinner category in that particular dance. (Dec. 2012)
 - d) **Open (Prizewinner):** A competitor who does not qualify as a Beginner, Advanced Beginner or Novice.
 - e) **Adult Beginner:** An adult beginner is a competitor who never took Irish dancing lessons as a juvenile and is over 18 years of age.
 - f) **Other Adult Grades:** will follow the descriptions provided above.
 - i. ** Competitors have the option to remain in the same category for the remainder of the Feis year (until the following January 1st)
 - ii. ** The syllabus must contain all grade categories
 - iii. ** Boys and Girls enter the appropriate age group in the appropriate grade for each dance; after entries have been closed, in any competition where five or more boys are entered, the feis committee will run a separate competition for these boys.
- iv. ** A feis committee may only combine two consecutive calendar year age groups (within that grade only) when fewer than five(5) competitors are entered in either age group, with the exception of the oldest age group listed.
 21. 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.
 22. Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.
 23. Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in positions when the competition is announced. Competitors may compete in their own age group or in the next higher age group, however a competitor may compete in only one age group.
 24. In matters pertaining to adjudicators, the decision of the adjudicator is final.
 25. Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.
 26. First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner dancers are required to dance at traditional speeds only. Novice and Open (Prizewinner) dancers may choose between traditional and Oireachtas speeds. Adult categories are included in these specifications
 27. Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image while in motion, using electronic or manual means, i.e. mobile phone, standard camera, video camera, or commercial film, with or without enhancement is expressly forbidden in competition: except in Beginner and Advanced Beginner Categories (CLRG AGM 2011)
 28. 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 Sept 1st of each year an exception is made for those dancers who are 11 dancing in the under 12 age group.
 29. Make up is prohibited on a dancer in the first three grades (First Feis [if offered]), Beginner and Advanced Beginner or their equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group.
 30. 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.
 31. No substance that can become airborne should be used on any dance floor in an attempt to improve traction.

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

