



2023 Karl Drake Feis

Saturday, September 16, 2023

Syllabus approved by IDTANA, Southern Region Liason , Areleen Ni Bhaoill , approved June ?? 2023

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day celebration Featuring music by "The Muckers", Saturday evening 6:30 pm!

Please be advised that the KDF will be held alongside CLRG's Official ADCRG, TCRG, & TMRF exams. A Mini Feis will take place Sunday morning 9 am til approximately 12 noon. All levels of dancers are needed to participate. No Charge for the mini feis on Sunday.

OMNI Hotel

100 CNN Center Atlanta, GA 30303

Feis Room block available until August 16, 2023 or as supply lasts at a rate of \$164.00 per night plus tax)

Reservations not cancelled 72 hours prior to scheduled arrival will be subject to one night room and tax

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/atlanta-cnn-center/meetings/drake-irish-dance-09142023>

Invited Adjudicators:

TBA

TBA

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Invited Musicians: Sean Warren, Ire

Register via iFeis.net

Registration questions contact Tricia at FeisingFun@gmail.com for account creation Support@iFeis.net

REGISTER VIA www.iFeis.net

Regular Registration closes August 23, 2022. Late registration with additional \$25.00 fee available until August 31th, 2022. Registration after August 31th, 2022 are accepted at the discretion of the Registrar for a fee of \$35.00.

Entry fees per competitor per competition are as follows:

Solo, all specials	\$10.00	T-Shirt by PreOrder only by Aug 16	\$25.00
Non Dance competitions	\$10.00	Open Championships (3 rounds)	\$45.00
Facility/family Fee	\$35.00***	Preliminary Championships (2 rounds)	\$40.00
Late Fee after Aug 23, 2023 pf	\$25.00*	Only Team captain registers (for entire team);	
Friday competitions not included in Family Max		2Hand -\$14, 4Hand -\$28, 6Hand \$42, 8Hand -\$56	

*Late fee per family August 23 2023 thru August 31, 2022. Registration after August 31st 2023 at the discretion of the registrar for a \$35.00 late fee. All unpaid registrations will be dropped September 1, 2023. Changes and additions to registrations may be self initiated thru August 31 for no charge.

*** paid per family

Feis T-shirt by preorder only \$25.00, available Youth Small, Medium, Large and Extra large, Adult crew neck Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and 2XL (\$27.00), Women’s V neck fitted T available in Extra-Small, small, Medium, Large, Extra Large. All order must be submitted and paid for by August 18th.

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Local rules:

By registering and paying for this feis, parents and dancers agree to release the Drake School of Irish Dance, the venue, iFeis.net and all volunteers of any liability for any injury or illness to complete any requirements for this competition.

NO REFUNDS unless cancelled by feis committee.

First Feis	U5	U7	U9	U11	11&O
Reel	FF4R	FF6R	FF8R	FF10R	FF11R
Light Jig	FF4J	FF6J	FF8J	FF10J	FF11J

Saturday - BEGINNER				
AGE	Reel	Lt. Jig	Slip Jig	Single Jig
Under 5	4R	4J	4S	4N
Under 7	6R	6J	6S	6N
Under 9	8R	8J	8S	8N
Under 11	10R	10J	10S	10N
Under 13	12R	12J	12S	12N
13&Over	13R	13J	13S	13N
Adult	901R	901J	901S	901N

SATURDAY - ADVANCED BEGINNER *Fast - Traditional Speed Only						
Age	Reel	Lt. Jig	Slip Jig	Single Jig	*Treble Jig	*HP
U5	24R	24J	24S	24N	24T	24H
U7	26R	26J	26S	26N	26T	26H
U9	28R	28J	28S	28N	28T	28H
U11	210R	210J	210S	210N	210T	210H
U13	212R	212J	212S	212N	212T	212H
13&Over	213R	213J	213S	213N	213T	213H
Adult	902R	902J	902S	902N	902T	902H

SATURDAY - NOVICE *Choice of speeds					
Age	Reel	Lt. Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig*	HP*
U7	36R	36J	36S	36T	36H
U9	38R	38J	38S	38T	38H
U11	310R	310J	310S	310T	310H
U12	311R	311J	311S	311T	311H
U13	312R	312J	312S	312T	312H
13&O	313R	313J	313S	313T	313H
ADULT	903R	903J	903S	903T	903H

SATURDAY - PRIZEWINNER *Choice of Speeds				
Age	Reel	Slip Jig	Treble Jig*	Hornpipe*
U7	46R	46S	46T	46H
U9	48R	48S	48T	48H
U11	410R	410S	410T	410H
U13	412R	412S	412T	412H
13&O	413R	413S	413T	413H
ADULT	904R	904S	904T	904H

SATURDAY - TRADITIONAL SETS will be divided			Non-Traditional Set
Age	Novice & Prizewinner	Prelim & Open Champions	Preliminary Champ
All	624	644	607NT
Adult	627	X	X

SATURDAY – TREBLE REELS - May be split			
Grades – Beg thru Prizewinner		Preliminary & Open Champions	
ALL Ages	51TR	All Ages	56CTR

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP		OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	
SATURDAY – 2 Rounds		Caps at 75 competitors	
		SATURDAY - 3 Rounds	
Saturday full irish dance costume			
Competitions may be split based on entries			
U9	709	U9	809
U11	711	U11	811
U13	713	U13	813
U15	715	U15	815
U17	716	U17	816
17&O	717	U19	818
Adult w/ Trad set	720	19&O	819

SATURDAY Masters – Adult Championship	
<i>Soft Shoe & Hard Shoe round</i>	
Preliminary – 2 rounds	Open Champ 2 rounds
915	925

SATURDAY - FIGURES					
Team Captain registers for the whole team					
	U10	U12	U15	15&O	Adult
2-Hand (\$14)	929	9212	9214	9215	920
4-Hand (\$28)	949	9412	9414	9415	940
6-Hand (\$42)	969	9612	9614	9615	960
8-Hand (\$56)	989	9812	9814	9815	980

SOUTHERN REGIONAL DANCING COMPETITION RULES

1. In the case of all solo and team competitions in all grades, the age of a competitor on 1st January of the year in which the competition is held will determine the right of entry. For the purposes of this Rule a competitor whose birthday occurs on 1st January 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. A feis can only accept entries from pupils of teachers registered with An Coimisiun and registered with both the IDTANA and the North American region in which they reside.
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 facts – 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 registered Feiseanna for a period of one year beginning at the date of the occurrence.

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 does not pertain to a situation where competitors are involved in stage conflicts, and such conflicts will be handled by the stage monitor.
5. Steel taps or “bubble” heels on dancing shoes and any display of awards is prohibited. Authentic Gaelic dress is desired.
6. First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner, aka Beginner I and II, must wear a class costume, or a skirt/pants and top. All other categories are excluded from this rule. Modest attire is encouraged when a competitor is not dancing.
7. Competitor's number must be worn and visible to adjudicators when performing in all competitions. Use of reflective plastic number covers is discouraged.
8. The number of awards given is determined by the Feis Committee and is based on the scores and ranks given by the adjudicator(s).
9. Complaints must be in writing stating names and other factual information and signed by the complainant. A \$50.00 fee 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 and/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. All Feiseanna must have a process to allow parents to request that their child or children's name(s) not be listed on the posted competitor list prior to the day of the Feis.
13. Competitors must answer all questions as required by the Feis Entry committee, including teacher's name, and include the entry fee for entry to be accepted. Failure to do so will result in a rejected entry. Entries must be received on or before the closing date or they will be subject to a late fee of _(Determined by the Feis).
14. With the exception of First Feis and Beginner 1 the status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in the competition.
15. Photography
 - a. With the exception of First Feis, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 (or their equivalent), photography of any kind which has the capability of capturing a dancer's image while in motion is strictly forbidden.
 - b. A Feis may elect to allow in motion photography for publicity purposes, but the pictures are considered the sole property of the Feis and solely for Feis use only; these are not to be used for personal gain through commercial use or sale, and under no circumstances can they be published on any website or other areas, without the express written permission of the persons involved.
 - c. Additionally, a professional photographer may be formally contracted by a Feis to capture non-motion photographs, such as portrait photography, awards ceremonies, etc. and/or in motion photography provided it is taken at a vendor station or suitable location:
 - i. away from the dancing stages and,
 - ii. requested by a consenting parent, guardian, or dancer (over the age of 18).
16. 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 September 1 of each year an exception is made for those dancers who are 11 dancing in the under 12 age group.
17. No substance that can become airborne should be used on any dance floor in an attempt to improve traction.
18. Respect for fellow competitors on stage is a requirement at all times. Lack of respect or courtesy for fellow competitors by aggressive dancing on stage will be subject to penalty at the discretion of each individual adjudicator.

GRADE LEVEL RULES

1. Solo competitors in First Feis (if offered), Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice or Open (Prizewinner), Adult and Master competitions:
 - a. Must compete in their own age group.
 - b. Must be prepared to perform two steps in each event.
2. With the exception of First Feis and Beginner 1, a dancer's level is determined in each dance (Reel, Light Jig, Single Jig, Slip-Jig, Hornpipe, Treble Jig, and Traditional Set). Traditional Set Dances are limited to those dances determined by An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelacha as traditional set dances.
3. A Feis Committee may combine competitions if there are less than 5 competitors entered as follows:
 - a. Two consecutive age groups, combined into the higher of the two groups, within that grade.
 - b. Three consecutive age groups, combined into the highest age group, within that grade.
 - c. All Boys' grades competitions shall be initially entered in single year age groups within that grade.
 - d. If there are less than 5 Boys entered in any one age group within that grade, competitions may be combined in the following order:
 - i. Double, All Boys, age group into the higher of the two groups within that grade
 - ii. If a double, All Boys age group does not create 5 or more entries, the Boys shall be combined into the corresponding single year Girls' age group.
 - iii. If the combined Boys and Girls age group still does not create 5 or more entries, that competition may be combined as stated in rule #2 above.
 - e. 100 and 200 level competitions may be combined as follows:
 - i. Ages under 8 and below, CANNOT be combined with other age groups within that grade, but Boys and Girls may be combined in the corresponding single year Girls' age group within that grade.
 - ii. Ages under 9 and above may first be combined into 2 consecutive age groups within that grade. If the combined competition still does not create 5 or more entries, that competition may be combined using rules 2, 3 and 4 above.
4. Each region may determine the system for moving dancers from one grade to another, as they see appropriate for their region.
5. The syllabus is to contain all grade categories.
6. Competitors have the option to remain in the same category for the remainder of the Feis year.
7. A dancer, at the discretion of the teacher, may move into the next Grade (not Open Championships) without satisfying the requirements. However, once a dancer competes in the higher level, they can never move back to a lower category, (except as outlined in

Rule 1, above).

8. Grade Levels

- a. **First Feis:** A dancer who has never competed in a Feis. A dancer can only be in this category for a single day and cannot compete at any other level in the Feis. Dancers must compete with Basic Steps that coincide with the Grade Exam Syllabus.
 - b. **Beginner I (Beginner) Grade:** A beginner is a competitor who has not yet taken a full year of Irish Dance lessons, thereby giving beginners a full year with such status. A Beginner must move into the Beginner 2/Advanced Beginner category the next year. Dancers must compete with Basic Steps that coincide with the Grade Exam Syllabus.
 - c. **Beginner 2 (Advanced Beginner) Grade:** An advanced beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance. Competition dances are reel, light jig, slip jig, traditional treble jig and traditional hornpipe, as a minimum requirement. Dancers must compete with Basic Steps that coincide with the Grade Exam Syllabus.
 - d. **Novice Grade:** A novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance. In Novice competitions with 20 or more dancers, a dancer who wins 1st or 2nd place in a dance will advance to the Open/PW category in that particular dance (Dec 2012)
 - e. **Open Prizewinner Grade:** A competitor who does not qualify as a beginner, advanced beginner or as a novice.
 - f. **Adult:** An Adult dancer is defined as any dancer who started Irish dancing at the age of 18 or older OR any dancer 18 or older who has not competed in at least five years in a youth competition AND has never placed in the top three in a youth Preliminary championship competition of more than five competitors.
9. First Feis (if offered), Beginner I, and Beginner 2 are required to dance at traditional speeds. Novice and Open/Prizewinner dancers may choose between traditional and Oireachtas speeds.

10. The following dance speeds must be adhered to;

	First Feis	Beg 1	Beg 2	Novice	Prizewinner
Keel	122	122	122	113	113
Light Jig	115	115	115	115	115
Slip Jig	122	122	122	113	113
Single Jig	124	124	124	124	124
Treble Jig			92	13/92	13/92
Hornpipe			138	113/138	113/138

Traditional Sets	Traditional Speed
St. Patrick's Day	94
Blackbird	144
Job of the Journeywork	138
Three Sea Captains	96
Garden of Daisies	138
Jockey to the Fair	90
King of the Fairies	130

11. First Feis, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 perform only basic steps to coincide with the Grade Exam Syllabus.
12. Dancers competing in the First Feis category are limited to participating in the First Feis Category only.

CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL RULES

1. 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. A dancer who moves into Open Championship must stay a minimum of 2 years. If after 2 years they have not placed they are allowed to return to Preliminary. An Open Championship dancer who places is not allowed to return to Preliminary until 2 years after their last placement. The regional syllabus where the Feis is being held may have different qualifications for entry.
2. Entrants in any Championship event may not enter in any other (Grade) events, but may enter in Figure Dances and Specials, ie Treble Reel Competition, etc.
 - a. Dancers must qualify for Open Championship via the method now in place for Preliminary Championship, i.e. two 1st place wins.
 - b. Dancers must compete in the Preliminary Championship competition in order to qualify for Open Championship
3. Preliminary Championships
 - a. Are open to those who at any CLRG-registered Feis:
 - i. Have placed 1st in both an Open (Prizewinner) light and heavy shoe competitions and
 - ii. Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open Championship.
 - b. A dancer who lives in the Southern Region and who wins 1st place in a second Preliminary Championship Competition in any Region MAY move up to Open

- Championship Competitions immediately, at the discretion of their dancing teacher.
- c. A dancer who lives in the Southern Region when they win 1st place in a second Preliminary Championship competition MUST move up to Open Championship Competitions no later than the one calendar year anniversary of the second Preliminary Championship win.
 - d. Preliminary Championship competitions with 26 or more competitors may be split in half according to age. * In Preliminary Championships-Separate boys into a separate competition if there are five (5) or more boys entered in a specific competition within a single age a group.

A Southern region feis may choose to combine boys and girls in Open Championship competitions when there are less than 5 dancers registered in a particular age category. However, if three (3) 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 circumstances on the day of the Feis

4. One of the following statements MUST be in the feis syllabus:
 - a. When there are less than five dancers registered in a particular Open Championship age category, the boys and girls will NOT be combined.

OR

 - b. When there are less than five dancers registered in a particular Open Championship age category, the boys and girls WILL be combined.
5. The boys' open championship age categories will match the girls' open championship age categories.
6. Every competitor in Preliminary or Open Championship must have a minimum of 8 rotations or 10 minutes between each of their rounds.
7. In the event the same organization is running 2 feis' in one weekend the following must occur:
 - a. On championship competitions, 2/3 of adjudicators must be different from the previous day.
 - b. 2nd chance competitions may only be offered on one feis.

FIGURE/CEILI TEAM RULES

1. Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced.
 - a. There are no restrictions on figure age groups
 - b. Figure age groups will be determined by the oldest dancer.
 - c. 8 hand teams are allowed to repeat dancers at all Southern Region feiseanna in accordance with the World and Regional Oireachtas rules.

2. The length of 2 hand and 3 hand dances in competition are to be 48 bars of music plus an 8 bar introduction.
3. Only dancers who meet the definition of "Adult dancer" may compete in Adult Ceili competitions. Masters level solo dancers competing in a Ceili must compete in the Youth Ceili categories.
4. In the event that the same organization is running 2 feiseanna in one weekend, the following may occur: Figure and Ceili competitions may be offered at only one of the feis' on that weekend.

ADJUDICATORS & MUSICIANS

1. 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.
2. Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.
3. In matters pertaining to adjudication, the decision of the adjudicators is final.
4. Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.
5. Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
6. Each Feis is required to list their adjudicators on their syllabus and/or website at least three weeks before the close of entries, one-third of which are to be from outside the region where the Feis is being held.

COSTUME RULES

1. Make up is prohibited on a dancer in the first three grades (First Feis (if offered), Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 or their equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group. Make-up (including false eyelashes and tanner on the face) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group.

Clarification: Both make up rules refer to the age group of the competition, not the actual age of the dancer. For example, 9 year old dancers, competing in a team that is entered Under 12, may wear make-up or at a feis where the youngest Open Championship age group is Under11, then all dancers in that competition may wear make-up. These rules must also be announced from side stage at the event. Participants should be reminded that should they be in breach of these rules and be required to remove their make-up, that they risk missing their rotation in the competition.

2. 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.

3. Competitors in competitions at the First Feis (if offered), Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 Grade will wear only the competitor's dancing school costume or a skirt/pants and top.
4. Costume Length: Length of costumes must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps. Adjudicators who determine a costume to be too short or to lack modesty may ask a competitor to change into black tights (of a denier not less than 70 per cent) in order for the dancer to continue in the competition.
5. When wearing body suits with skirts (commonly known as black-out attire) black tights (of a denier less than 70) must be worn from the age of 14 and above. Effective date: 1st February, 2020

MODESTY RULES

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Changing costumes, dressing and undressing of dancers will not be acceptable in the halls or public areas. For the sake of modesty and in the interests of safety of young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the feis scantily dressed.

Respect for fellow competitors on stage is a requirement at all times.

Lack of respect or courtesy for fellow competitors by aggressive dancing on stage will be subject to penalty at the discretion of each individual adjudicator.

Length of costume must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps. Adjudicators who determine a costume to be too short or to lack modesty may ask a competitor to wear black tights (of a denier not less than 70 percent) in order to continue in the competition. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator, all adjudicators on the panel must agree to asking the dancer to wear tights. Effective March 1, 2022.

Appropriate undergarments covering the midriff must be worn. Undergarments must provide full coverage. Dancers wearing undergarments that do not cover the areas of the body as in the illustrated example will be asked to put on black tights of a denier of not less than 70%. This is monitored by the adjudicator. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator all adjudicators on the panel must agree to ask the dancer to put on tights. (Effective March 1, 2022)

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