



30th Annual Van Eire Feis

February 15, 2025

*Richmond Olympic Oval
6111 River Road
Richmond, BC V7C 0A2*

EARLY ENTRY: Register and pay for the Van Eire Feis before December 16, 2024 to receive 50% off the family registration fee for the Van Eire City Championships being held February 16, 2024. Email vaneirefeis@gmail.com to arrange for adjustment of fees.

FEIS ENTRY DEADLINE January 20, 2025 after this date a (\$30) late fee will apply.
ONLINE REGISTRATION AT <https://www.ifeis.net> until February 5, 2025.

Van Eire is comprised of members from the following schools:

- De Danaan Irish Dance
- O'Brien School of Irish Dance
- O'Connor School of Irish Dance
- Penk O'Donnell School of Irish Dance
- Sionnaine Irish Dance Academy
- Steel School of Irish Dance
- Victoria School of Irish Dance

Updates will be available on our Facebook page. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Van-Eire-feis/191751557508969> and on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/vaneirefeis/?hl=en>

Feis Registration

Feis Chair: Melissa Slack vaneirefeis@gmail.com

Entry Secretary: Erin Lylyk erinlylyk@gmail.com

Payment can be via cheque, etransfer or on ifeis with credit card.

Mail cheques to:
Van Eire Traditional Dance Association
c/o Erin Lylyk
4539 196 Street
Surrey, BC V3Z 0L7

Please send e-transfers to vaneirefeis@gmail.com and include your dancer's name to match with the ifeis registration. Please make the password vaneire if a password is required.

Hotel – Executive Vancouver Airport
<https://executivevancouverairport.com/>

7311 Westminster Hwy
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Vendors

Vendor rates are \$50/feis. Fee includes a table and listing on the Vendor page in the online program. To reserve your spot please email vaneirefeis@gmail.com

**Registered with the Western Canadian Irish Dance Teachers Association & An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha, Dublin, Ireland.*

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Solo Competitions	\$6 per competitor
Figure Dancing	\$4 per competitor
Trophy Dances and Specials	\$15 per competitor
Championships	\$50 per competitor
Family Registration Fee	\$50 per competitor or family (the lower of)
Family Maximum registration fee and late fee)	\$150** (excluding trophies, specials,

***Family Registration includes online results*

WCIDTA Standing Rules for Regional Feiseanna

1. Competitions are open only to amateurs. Only students of teachers registered in good standing with The W.C.I.D.T.A., The I.D.T.A.N.A., and An Coimisiun le Rincí Gaelacha may compete.
2. Competitor's ages will be determined as of January 1st of the current year.
3. Entry forms are to be checked and signed by the registering teacher.
4. Entry Fee Guidelines:

Competitions	Fee
Solo Dances	\$6.00 per dance, per competitor (11/07/13)
Trophies (Reel for Beg/AB; Treble Jig for Novice/PW)	\$15.00 per competitor (11/07/13)
Specials (i.e. Slip Jig, Treble Reel)	At discretion of Feis Committee (11/07/13)
Championships	Option B: \$50.00 per competitor
Figure Dancing	\$4.00 per competitor, per team (11/07/13)
Choreography	\$10 per team

5. Music shall be in accordance with regulation metronome speeds.

6. Categories:

First Feis: A dancer who has never previously competed in a registered competition.

Beginner: A dancer who has not qualified for Advanced Beginner in that particular dance.

Advanced Beginner: A dancer who has received a qualifying place in that particular dance in the Beginner level but has not yet qualified to move on to Novice in that particular dance.

Novice: A dancer who has received a qualifying place in that particular dance in the Advanced Beginner level, but has not yet qualified to move on to Prizewinner for that particular dance.

Prizewinner: A dancer who has received a qualifying place in that particular dance in the Novice level, but has not yet qualified to advance to Preliminary Championships.

First Feis Trophy: (Reel, 32 bars) Open to dancers entered in their first feis. Dancers may not compete in any other Trophy competition. First feis dancers may repeat their solos at beginner, but cannot compete in both First Feis trophy and B/AB trophy.

Beginner/Advanced Beginner Trophy: (Reel, 32 bars) Open to dancers who dance the majority of their dances in the Beginner or Advanced Beginner level in solos. A dancer must advance to Novice/Prizewinner Trophy if they receive two first place Trophies in this level, or if they advance in their solo levels.

Novice/Prizewinner Trophy: (Treble Jig, 32 bars, choice of 2 speeds) Open to dancers who dance the majority of their dances in the Novice or Prizewinner level in solos. Also open to dancers who have previously won two first place trophies in the Beginner/Advanced Beginner Trophy competitions.

Preliminary Championships: Open to dancers who have won two first place trophies in the Novice/Prizewinner Trophy competition, and who have not previously won three first place Preliminary Championships.

Option B – In lieu of solos, individual awards will be given for each dance.

- Hard Shoe Round: Dancers are required to dance 48 bars of Treble Jig or 40 bars of Hornpipe
- Soft Shoe Round: Dancers are required to dance 48 bars of Reel or 40 bars of Slip Jig
- Set Round: Dancers are required to dance contemporary Set Dance; U8 & U9 dancers will dance Traditional Set Dances

Open Championships: Open to dancers who have previously won three first place Preliminary Championships.

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7. Dancers may only dance each dance once, the exception being dancers who are entered in First Feis competitions, who may also dance in beginner for those dances.
8. In Figure dancing, 50% of a team may be moved to a higher age group to complete a figure - unless the Feis Committee has granted special permission. All Ceili dances must be performed in accordance with the Official book "An Rince Foirne".
9. A competition may be cancelled or combined with a higher age group if there are less than three entries. If the entry is 40 or higher, the competition will be split.
10. Dancers should be in the hall 60 minutes before the scheduled time of their competition.
11. All dancers must be in costume, complete with shoes and number to receive any award onstage.
12. Under no circumstances are the adjudicators or the musicians to be approached during the feis. The decision of the adjudicator is final.
13. No steel taps or bubble heels allowed. Shoes may be subject to inspection by adjudicators. Costumes must be in accordance with the IDTANA and An Coimisiun guidelines.
14. The feis committee, the WCIDTA, its parent bodies, and the venue, are not responsible for personal injury, property loss or damage during an event.
15. Protest against breach of rules will be considered if made in writing and signed by the objector. The objection must also be accompanied with a \$25 fee and reach the committee before prizes are presented. If the complaint is justified, the \$25 fee will be refunded.
16. Competitors may only compete in a Trophy competition OR a Championship, but not both. Specials (i.e. Treble Reel, Slip Jig) do not apply.
17. Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means e.g. mobile phone, standard camera, video camcorder, commercial film, with or without enhancement, is expressly forbidden in competition.
18. The Feis Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry.
19. Dancers shall advance in each individual solo dance as follows (06/15/01):

Number of Dancers in the Competition	Placing(s) that move dancer(s) to the next level
<5	no placing advances
5 – 9	1 st place moves up
10 – 19	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd move up
20 – 29	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th move up
30 or more	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th move up

20. Dancers shall advance in Trophy competitions and Championship as follows:

- A dancer who wins two first place trophies in Beginner/Advanced Beginner Trophy advances to Novice/Prizewinner Trophy, or:
- A dancer who advances to Novice or Prizewinner for the majority of their solo levels (hard shoes in particular) automatically advances to the Novice/Prizewinner Trophy.
- A dancer who wins two first place trophies in Novice/Prizewinner Trophy advances to Preliminary Championships.
- A dancer who wins three first place Preliminary Championships advances to Open Championships.

21. All feis committees must award a minimum of 30% of competitors in Preliminary and Open Championships. (11/01/02)

22. Shiny plastic number cards should not be used. (11/06/03)

All other Feis rules as per An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha, the IDTANA and the WCIDTA.

Trophy Specials

First Feis Trophy *2 steps, 32 bars*

- Reel (*Reel, 32 bars*): Open to dancers entered in their first feis. Dancers may not compete in any other Trophy competition. (05/2022)

Reel Trophy *2 steps, 32 bars*

- Beginner & Advanced Beginner

Treble Jig Trophy *2 steps, 32 bars, with choice of speed*

- Novice/Prizewinner

Charity Slip Jig Special *1 step down the line*

- Beginner & Advanced Beginner
- Novice & Prizewinner
- Preliminary & Open Championship

Treble Reel Special *1 step down the line, 16 bars – (treble reel dance off for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category)*

- Novice & Prizewinner
- Preliminary & Open Championship

Hornpipe Special *1 step, down the line*

- Preliminary & Open Championship

Irish Soda Bread Competition

Submit 1 loaf of your homemade Irish Soda Bread to the registration desk by 11:00 am.

Your name, school and age should be included with your submission.

There is no charge for this competition. Siblings and other family members of dancers may also enter this competition.

Figure Dancing

There are two team categories: Beginner to Prizewinner, and Championship.

In the Beginner to PW (or “Grades”) teams, ALL dancers in the team must be in the Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice, and Prizewinner categories in their solos. Teams with at least one Preliminary or Open dancer must enter in the Championship level teams.

Beginner to Prizewinner (Grades) dancers may compete again in the Championship teams along with Prelim and Open team members. If there is one Championship dancer in the team it must be danced in the higher level. Each dancer can only dance once in each competition. However, a PW dancer may, for example, dance an U13 4 hand with other PW dancers, and dance again in the Championship teams Level with one or more Championship dancers added to the team.

Charity Slip Jig Special Details

All proceeds from the Slip Jig Special will be donated to the Richmond Food Bank Society.



The Richmond Food Bank is a dynamic hub that connects people, food, and services that are essential to health and well-being – the hallmark of a caring community. The Richmond Food Bank gives healthy and nutritionally-balanced food to more than 2,800 people in a typical week, providing Richmond residents with healthy food choices and connecting clients to services that address the root causes of poverty.



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Amazing Hotel Amenities

Complimentary Airport Shuttle to and from Airport and to and from the Venue (Operates 6:30AM - 11PM)

Room for the Entire Family: 59 full service, 1, 2 & 3-Bedrooms with over 600 sqft. of space

Stay Fit: Fitness Centre, Indoor Heated Pool, Hot Tub, and Rooftop Jogging Trail

Stress-free Parking: Secured parking structure on-site, plus ample parking around the hotel

The Free Bird Table & Bar

The spirit of southern food with the heart of the west coast behind it. Dining that celebrates the guest, with dishes to appeal no matter where they call home. Drinks that bring the classics alongside unique inventions to delight with their variety.

The Freebird Liquor Store is located on site.



Extended Version of WCIDTA Regional Syllabus												
Treble Reel Special		U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	17&O		
Novice & Prizewinner		1020	1021	1022	1023	1024	1025	1026	1027	1028		
Prelim & Open		1030	1031	1032	1033	1034	1035	1036	1037	1038		
Hornpipe Special		U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	17&O		
Prelim & Open		1044	1045	1046	1047	1048	1049	1050	1051	1052		
CHAMPIONSHIPS												
Preliminary			U10		U12		U14		U16		U18	18&O
<i>Option B: 48 bars of Reel or 40 bars of Slip,Jig & 48 bars of a Treble,Jig or 40 bars of a Hornpipe & one non-traditional set dance</i>			703		705		707		709		711	712
<i>Trad. Sets U7,U8, & U9</i>												
Open			U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	18&O
<i>Option B: 48 bars of Reel or 40 bars of Slip,Jig & 48 bars of a Treble,Jig or 40 bars of a Hornpipe & one non-traditional set dance</i>			723	724	725	726	727	728	729	730	731	732
<i>Trad. Sets U7,U8, & U9</i>												
<i>Championships will be awarded in each round as well as the overall championship</i>												
Adult Championships			767									
Advanced Adult Championships			768									
FIGURE DANCING												
Beginner			U7		U9		U11		U13		U16	16&O
2 Hand Reel			800		805		810		815		820	825
3 Hand Reel			801		806		811		816		821	826
4 Hand			802		807		812		817		822	827
6 Hand			803		808		813		818		823	828
8 Hand			804		809		814		819		824	829
Open Figures			U7		U9		U11		U13		U16	16&O
2 Hand Reel			850		855		860		865		870	870
3 Hand Reel			851		856		861		866		871	871
4 Hand			852		857		862		867		872	872
6 Hand			853		858		863		868		873	873
8 Hand			854		859		864		869		874	874
Additional									U13	13&O		
Figure									890	891		
Progressive									892	893		