

The Tennessee Feis 2025

Saturday, March 1, 2025



Hosted by Middle Tennessee
Irish Music & Dance

Help us bring feisanna back to
Tennessee!

Syllabus approved by IDTANA, Southern Region Liason ,
Areeleen Ni Bhaoill , approved December 1, 2024

FEIS LOCATION: Nashville, TN
Feis Venue: Donelson First
2526 Lebanon Pike, Nashville, TN 37214

Feis Cap:
100 grade dancers/100 champ dancers

Adjudicators:
Karyn K. Oster, TN
Kerry Kelly-Oster, NY
Michael Fitzpatrick, MA
Maggie Revis-Basenberg, NH

Musician:
Claire Shirey, TN

Website:
MiddleTNIrish.org/Tennessee-feis/

General questions:
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Local rules:
By registering and paying for this feis, parents and dancers agree to release the Tennessee Feis, the venue, tabulation and all volunteers of any liability for any injury or illness to complete any requirements for this competition.

Entries Open at www.iFeis.net

FEIS REGISTRATION SUMMARY

- Register at iFeis.net by January 31, 2025
- ONLY credit card payments accepted.
- No Phone or email entries accepted
- \$25 late fee starting February 1, 2025.
- Changes and additions to registration may be self-initiated through Feb 15.
- Last day to register with a late fee is February 15, 2025. Contact TheTennesseeFeis@gmail.com with questions.
- Feis caps are: (registration will close for those levels only once that cap has been reached)
 - Grades 100
 - PC/OC 100
- All results will be posted to iFeis.net for FREE for both championship and grades levels during and after the feis.

FEIS GENERAL SCHEDULE

- 9:00 AM - START
- MORNING - Prelim & Open Champs
- NOON - Teams
- AFTER LUNCH - All Grade Levels
- ART/BAKING - Drop off by 10:00am, awards at noon.
- IRISH LANGUAGE & MUSIC - After Lunch

ENTRY FEES: per competitor and per dancer

- Solos & Specials: \$10.00
- Preliminary Championships (2 rounds): \$40.00
- Open Championships (3 Rounds): \$50.00
- Non-Dance Competitions: \$10.00
- Teams/Figures per person: \$10.00
- Facility/Family Admission Fee: \$35.00
- Family Max: \$175.00 per family; Not Including:
 - Facility/Family Admission Fee
 - Late fees or change fees
- Late Fee after January 31, 2025: \$25.00 per family
 - Late fee per family Feb 1 - 15
 - Registration after Feb 15 at the discretion of the registrar
 - Contact TheTennesseeFeis@gmail.com
- All unpaid registrations will be dropped at midnight February 15, 2025.
- NO REGISTRATION/CHANGES ON THE DAY OF THE FEIS
- NO REFUNDS

THE TENNESSEE FEIS RULES:

- The Feis Committee reserves the right to combine or split competitions and to require three performers at a time to compete.
- ENFORCEMENT: All Feis rules will be strictly enforced.
- NO CAMPING ALLOWED in any of the stage rooms or the hallways
- RESULTS: Personal results will be available online for Free at www.iFeis.net
- No Second Chance competitions this year. Hopefully next year!
- Family Fee & Late Fees do not count towards the family max
- Round 1, Round 2, and Overall Awards will be presented for both PC & OC.
- Hard Shoe will dance first for all PC & OC competitions
- Tentative schedule:
 - o 9:00am Start
 - o PC & OC competitions in the morning
 - o Teams at noon
 - o Beginner-Prizewinner after lunch
 - o Music competitions after lunch
 - o Soda Bread & Art must be dropped off by 10:00am. Results at noon.

NUMBERING SYSTEM

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. 99 is for ADULT dancers
4 th and 5 th Digits (Letters)	Competition Type: RL = REEL LJ = LIGHT JIG SJ = SLIP JIG TJ = TREBLE JIG HP = HORNPIPE PD = ST PATRICK DAY TS = TRADITIONAL SET ...
Last Digit	Competitions ending with 2 signify SECOND CHANCE competitions

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

For 2025	<u>U5</u>	<u>U6</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U8</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>U18</u>
Born in:	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007

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

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	U7
TIR NA NOG	107TNN

Limited to children who have never had Irish dance lessons.

INCLUSIVE DANCE

	ALL AGES
SPECIAL CHILD	100SP

Open to dancers who have special needs.

FIRST FEIS

The First Feis level has been established for dancers who are competing in their very first Feis.

Once a dancer competes in the First Feis category, the dancer must move into Beginner 1 or Beginner 2.

AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed)

Dancers competing in the First Feis category are limited to participating in the First Feis Category ONLY

	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	O11
REEL	105RL	106RL	107RL	108RL	109RL	110RL	111RL	112RL
LIGHT JIG	105LJ	106LJ	107LJ	108LJ	109LJ	110LJ	111LJ	112LJ
SINGLE JIG	105SN	106SN	107SN	108SN	109SN	110SN	111SN	112SN
SLIPJIG	105SJ	106SJ	107SJ	108SJ	109SJ	110SJ	111SJ	112SJ

BEGINNER 1 (BEGINNER)

A dancer who has been dancing for less than one year. A Beginner 1 must move to Beginner 2 no later than January 1st of the dancer's second year of instruction, or may move to Beginner 2 earlier with teacher's permission and provided that the Feis has closed to changes.

Note: a Beginner 1 dancer who starts in September, may continue as a Beginner 1 until December of the following year (16 months) before moving into Beginner 2.

AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed)

	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	O12
REEL	205RL	206RL	207RL	208RL	209RL	210RL	211RL	212RL	213RL
LIGHT JIG	205LJ	206LJ	207LJ	208LJ	209LJ	210LJ	211LJ	212LJ	213LJ
SINGLE JIG	205SN	206SN	207SN	208SN	209SN	210SN	211SN	212SN	213SN
SLIP JIG	205SJ	206SJ	207SJ	208SJ	209SJ	210SJ	211SJ	212SJ	213SJ
TREBLE JIG	205TJ	206TJ	207TJ	208TJ	209TJ	210TJ	211TJ	212TJ	213TJ
HORNPIPE	205HP	206HP	207HP	208HP	209HP	210HP	211HP	212HP	213HP

BEGINNER 2 (ADVANCED BEGINNER)

A dancer who has been dancing for more than one year and who has not won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place as Beginner 2 dancer. A dancer who has won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in a Beginner 2 dance must move into Novice in that dance no later than January 1st of the next calendar year or with teacher's permission as soon as the next Feis (if said Feis has not closed to changes).

AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed) ALL HARD SHOE DANCES AT TRADITIONAL SPEEDS

	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	O13
REEL	306RL	307RL	308RL	309RL	310RL	311RL	312RL	313RL	314RL
LIGHT JIG	306LJ	307LJ	308LJ	309LJ	310LJ	311LJ	312LJ	313LJ	314LJ
SINGLE JIG	306SN	307SN	308SN	309SN	310SN	311SN	312SN	313SN	314SN
SLIP JIG	306SJ	307SJ	308SJ	309SJ	310SJ	311SJ	312SJ	313SJ	314SJ
TREBLE JIG	306TJ	307TJ	308TJ	309TJ	310TJ	311TJ	312TJ	313TJ	314TJ
HORNPIPE	306HP	307HP	308HP	310HP	310HP	311HP	312HP	313HP	314HP

NOVICE

A dancer moves into Novice as a result of placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in that dance as indicated in Beginner 2. A dancer who wins 1st in a Novice dance must move into Prizewinner level in that dance no later than January 1st of the next calendar year or with teacher's permission as soon as the next feis (if said feis has not closed to changes).

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

	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15
REEL	407RL	408RL	409RL	410RL	411RL	412RL	413RL	414RL	415RL	416RL
LIGHT JIG	407LJ	408LJ	409LJ	410LJ	411LJ	412LJ	413LJ	414LJ	415LJ	416LJ
SINGLE JIG	407SN	408SN	409SN	410SN	411SN	412SN	413SN	414SN	415SN	416SN
SLIP JIG	407SJ	408SJ	409SJ	410SJ	411SJ	412SJ	413SJ	414SJ	415SJ	416SJ
*TREBLE JIG	407TJ	408TJ	409TJ	410TJ	411TJ	412TJ	413TJ	414TJ	415TJ	416TJ
*HORNSPIPE	407HP	408HP	409HP	410HP	411HP	412HP	413HP	414HP	415HP	416HP
TRAD-SET	407TS	408TS	409TS	410TS	411TS	412TS	413TS	414TS	415TS	416TS

PRIZEWINNER (OPEN)

A dancer moves into Prizewinner as a result of placing 1st place as indicated in Novice.

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

	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15
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
TRAD-SET	507TS	508TS	509TS	510TS	511TS	512TS	513TS	514TS	515TS	516TS
NON-TRAD SET	507NTS	508NTS	509NTS	510NTS	511NTS	512NTS	513NTS	514NTS	515NTS	516NTS

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP

Preliminary Championships are open to those who, at any recognized Feis:

- Have won 1st place in both an open/prizewinner light and heavy shoe competition, and
- Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open Championship.

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.

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.

Dancers will perform: 48 bars of reel or 40 bars of slip jig, 40 bars of the hornpipe or 48 bars of the treble jig

HARD SHOE WILL BE DANCED FIRST

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	O17
	609PC	610PC	611PC	612PC	613PC	614PC	615PC	616PC	617PC	618PC

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

A dancer who wins two 1st 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: 48 bars of reel or 40 bars of slip-jig, 40 bars of the hornpipe or 48 bars of the treble jig, and a Set Dance.

HARD SHOE ROUND WILL BE DANCED FIRST.

	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	O19
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	709OC	710OC	711OC	712OC	713OC	714OC	715OC	716OC	717OC	718OC	719OC	720OC

NOTE: A dancer who has not received a legitimate placing (sufficient competitors within the normal placing scale) along with a dancer who has not placed in Open Championships for two consecutive years, may return to their previous competition level. For example, an Open Championship dancer that does not place in two consecutive years may return to Preliminary Championships, the same as a Preliminary dancer who does not place can return to Prizewinner.

ADULT COMPETITIONS

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.

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.

An Advanced Adult Preliminary dancer is defined as anyone age 18 or older who has previously placed in the top three of a Prelim Championship or competed in Open Champ levels in the youth/& Over levels regardless of when the competitor was active. An Advanced Adult dancer has opted to leave Youth/& Over categories and once the dancer begins competing in Advanced Adult, the dancer may not return to Youth/& Over categories.

ADULT DANCERS ARE ALLOWED TO DANCE TRADITIONAL OR OIREACHTAS SPEED DANCES IN THE NOVICE AND PRIZEWINNER GRADE LEVELS

Dancers competing at the Adult Championship level may move to the Advanced Adult Prelim level per teacher's discretion.

All Southern Region feiseanna may combine the Advanced Adult levels into one competition in the event that fewer than five Advanced Adult Preliminary level dancers are entered. For Advanced Adult level dancers to progress from Prelim to Open, youth competition rules apply. A win in any combined Advanced Adult competition of five or more competitors would count towards that progression.

All Advanced Adult levels consist of one light round (reel or slip jig) and one heavy round (treble jig or hornpipe) to facilitate the possibility of merging at Southern Region feiseanna.

	BEGINNER 1	BEGINNER 2	NOVICE	PRIZEWINNER	CHAMPIONSHIP	ADVANCED
REEL	299RL	399RL	499RL	599RL		
LIGHT JIG	299LJ	399LJ	499LJ	599LJ		
SINGLE JIG	299SN	399SN	499SN	599SN		
SLIP JIG	299SJ	399SJ	499SJ	599SJ		
TREBLE JIG	299TJ	399TJ	499TJ	599TJ		
HORNPIPE	299HP	399HP	499HP	599HP		
TRAD SET	299TS	399TS	499TS	599TS	699TS	799TS
ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP					699AC	
ADVANCED ADULT PRELIM						799AAP
ADVANCED ADULT OPEN						799AAO

MUSIC, ART & SODA BREAD COMPETITIONS

Arts and baking must be delivered to the competition area no later than 10:00 am

Any items that need to be picked up, need to be gotten by 2:00 pm

All results will be posted after lunch

	UNDER 12	12 & OVER
ART	812ART	813ART
SODA BREAD	812SB	813SB
IRISH LANGUAGE	812LNG	813LNG

Music Competitions will adhere to the same rules as the Comhaltas Fleadh; See link www.Comhaltas.ie/fleadh/

Any questions, reach out to MiddleTenneseelrish@gmail.com

MUSIC	UNDER 12	UNDER 15	UNDER 18	18 & OVER
WIND (solo)	1012MW	1015MW	1018MW	1019MW
REED (solo)	1012MR	1015MR	1018MR	1019MR
STRING (solo)	1012MS	1015MS	1018MS	1019MS
VOICE (solo)	1012MV	1015MV	1018MV	1019MV
MISC. (solo)	1012MM	1015MM	1018MM	1019MM
DUETS	1012DUET	1015DUET	1018DUET	1019DUET
TRIOS	1012TRIO	1013TRIO	1015TRIO	1019TRIO

FIGURES AND CEILI

- There are no restrictions on figure age groups.
- Figure age groups will be determined by the oldest dancer.
- Ceili teams (8 hands) are allowed to repeat dancers at all Southern Region feiseanna in accordance with the world and regional Oireachtas rules.
- Feiseanna may add Mixed Ceili in any of the below age groups.
- Ceili teams may perform any figure as outlined in Ar Rinci Ceili- 2014.

	FIGURE DANCING		
	2 HAND Reel	3 HAND Reel	4 HAND Reel/Jig
Under 7	9207FD	9307FD	9407FD
Under 9	9209FD	9309FD	9409FD
Under 11	9211FD	9311FD	9411FD
Under 13	9213FD	9313FD	9413FD
Under 15	9215FD	9315FD	9415FD
Over 15	9216FD	9316FD	9416FD
ADULT	9299FD	9399FD	9499FD

CEILI DANCING		CEILI DANCING	
8 Hand Ceili (Jan 1-June 30)		8 Hand Ceili (July 1-Dec 31)	
Under 9	9809FD	Under 10	9810FD
Under 11	9811FD	Under 12	9812FD
Under 13	9813FD	Under 15	9815FD
Under 16	9816FD	Under 18	9818FD
Over 16	9817FD	Over 18	9819FD
Adult	9899FD	Adult	9899FD

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. Three consecutive age groups, if including the youngest or oldest multi-year age groups, or up to five consecutive single-age groups, combined into the highest age group, within that grade.
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
Reel	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	73/92	73/92
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, i.e. 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.

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.

4. Every competitor in Preliminary or Open Championship must have a minimum of 8 rotations or 10 minutes between each of their rounds.

5. 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 that meet the definition of an "Adult Dancer" may compete in Adult Ceili competitions. "Adult Dancer" includes Adult Grade Level, Adult Championship, Advanced Adult Preliminary Championship and Advanced Adult Open Championship, as defined by the qualifications found elsewhere in these rules.
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.

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.