



**Sponsored by The Gray Foundation and the Gray School of Irish Dance
Saturday October 4, 2025**

**Mystic Marriott • 625 North Rd • Groton, CT 06340
Perpetual Cups for Preliminary and Open Championships**

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

**Feis Chairpersons: Iris Gray Sharnick, ADCRG and Maura Gray, ADCRG  
Final Stage Schedule and the number entered in each competition will be posted on the  
website [www.grayschool.com](http://www.grayschool.com) on or before October 1,2025  
Adjudicators are listed at the end of the syllabus and on our website.**

**Watch for updates posted on our website and school and feis FaceBook pages  
as well as instagram - @grayschoolct  
No food or beverages may be brought into the hotel.  
An assortment of refreshments will be on sale all day.**

**~ Professional Raised Stages provided by Gary Antle Productions LLC ~  
Entry and tabulation by Feisweb.  
Entry Cap is 500**

All dancers in preliminary and Open Championship competitions will dance 2 at a time.  
Rotations will be computer-generated by Feisweb.  
A dancer who misses his/her rotation will not be permitted to dance.  
Hard shoe round will be danced first in both Preliminary and Open Championships  
Schedule will **not** run in age order.

**PLEASE NOTE: Solo costumes are not permitted in PreBeginner, Beginner and  
Advanced Beginner categories.  
For Girls - Only class costumes or skirts and blouses are allowed.  
For Boys - slacks and shirt**

## PRE BEGINNER - AFTER LUNCH – TBA WITH FINAL SCHEDULE

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

| Boys & Girls | R | J |
|--------------|---|---|
| Under 6      | 1 | 2 |

## BEGINNER - AFTER LUNCH

### TBA WITH FINAL SCHEDULE

A competitor who has not taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher prior to Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year (2024). A beginner must move into the Advanced Beginner category the next year. Dancers will dance two steps two at a time. Boys will be separated if there are 5 or more boys.

Music speeds: Reel/Slip Jig at 122, Light Jig at 115 Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.

Adult Beginner: An adult beginner is a competitor who never took Irish dancing lessons as a juvenile and is over 18 years of age.

| Girls & Boys | R  | LtJ | SJ |
|--------------|----|-----|----|
| Under 5      | 3  | 4   | 5  |
| Under 6      | 6  | 7   | 8  |
| Under 7      | 9  | 10  | 11 |
| Under 8      | 12 | 13  | 14 |
| Under 9      | 15 | 16  | 17 |
| Under 10     | 18 | 19  | 20 |
| Under 11     | 21 | 22  | 23 |
| Under 12     | 24 | 25  | 26 |
| 12 and Over  | 27 | 28  | 29 |

| Adult 25+ | 30 | 31 | 32 |
|-----------|----|----|----|
|-----------|----|----|----|

## ADVANCED BEGINNER - AFTER LUNCH TBA WITH FINAL SCHEDULE

An Advanced Beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance. Dancers will dance two steps two or three at a time when necessary.

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

Music speeds: Reel/Slip Jig at 122 and Light Jig at 115, Heavy Jig at 92, Hornpipe at 138.

Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.

| Girls & Boys | R   | SJ  | Lt  | HJ  | HP  |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Under 6      | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 105 |
| Under 7      | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 110 |
| Under 8      | 111 | 112 | 113 | 114 | 115 |
| Under 9      | 116 | 117 | 118 | 119 | 120 |
| Under 10     | 121 | 122 | 123 | 124 | 125 |
| Under 11     | 126 | 127 | 128 | 129 | 130 |
| Under 12     | 131 | 132 | 133 | 134 | 135 |
| Under 13     | 136 | 137 | 138 | 139 | 140 |
| 13 & Over    | 141 | 142 | 143 | 144 | 145 |
| Adult 25+    | 146 | 147 | 148 | 149 | 150 |

**NOVICE - Starting after PW – TBA with final Schedule**

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

Dancers will dance two steps two at a time. Traditional Sets will be danced 3 at a time. Boys will be separated if there are 5 or more boys.

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

Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.

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

**PRIZEWINNER - Starting at 8:30 am**  
A student who has won a 1st place in Novice.

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

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

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

| Girls & Boys | R   | SJ  | HJ  | HP  | TSet |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Under 6      | 301 | 302 | 303 | 304 | 305  |
| Under 7      | 306 | 307 | 308 | 309 | 310  |
| Under 8      | 311 | 312 | 313 | 314 | 315  |
| Under 9      | 316 | 317 | 318 | 319 | 320  |
| Under 10     | 321 | 322 | 323 | 324 | 325  |
| Under 11     | 326 | 327 | 328 | 329 | 330  |
| Under 12     | 331 | 332 | 333 | 334 | 335  |
| Under 13     | 336 | 337 | 338 | 339 | 340  |
| Under 14     | 341 | 342 | 343 | 344 | 345  |
| 14 & Over    | 346 | 347 | 348 | 349 | 350  |
| Adult 25+    | 351 | 352 | 353 | 354 | 355  |

## ~ SPECIAL COMPETITIONS ~

### “Future Stars”

Three Rounds for Novice and Prizewinner Level Dancers Only. Girls and Boys combined.  
Must dance all three dances Reel, Light Jig & Heavy Jig (speed 73 or 92) 3 steps of each dance.  
Entry Fee - \$25 - Not included in the family fee.

Competition #401 - Under 8

Competition #402 - Under 9

Competition #403 - Under 10

Competition #404 - Under 12

### Irish Soda Bread Competition

Soda Bread must be Delivered by 11:00am to Entry Desk. Please

Tasting will be at 12:00pm -

\*\*No Charge\*\* - Soda Bread will become the property of the feis.

### Charity Traditional Set Competition To Benefit ~

St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital ~

Traditional Set Competition

#903 - Under 12

#904 - 12 and over

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

### Ceili Competitions

Appropriate school costumes or black out attire are required - NO SOLO COSTUMES.

Choice of any one 4-Hand, 6 Hand or 8-Hand dance. Dances must be danced in accordance with Ár Rincí Céilí. Girls & Mixed combined.

Entry Fee is \$10 per dancer.

| Girls & Mixed combined | U 10 | U 12 | U15 | U 18 | 15 & Over | 18 & over |
|------------------------|------|------|-----|------|-----------|-----------|
| 4 Hand                 | 410  | 411  | 412 |      | 413       |           |
| 6 Hand                 | 415  | 416  | 417 |      | 418       |           |
| 8 Hand                 | 420  | 421  | 422 | 423  |           | 424       |

## **PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS - Starting at 8:30 am**

**Open to those dancers who have placed first in Prizewinner Solo light dance (Reel or Slip Jig) and Heavy dance (Jig or Hornpipe). A dancer who wins two first place preliminary championships in one calendar year must move on to open championship the following year or as soon as the second win is achieved in any age category in the following years. First second or third place winners in open championship in the past two years must compete in open championship.**

**Solo awards will be presented for light and heavy rounds.**

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

**ALL CHANGES MADE after SEPT.22nd BUT ON OR BEFORE SEPT. 29 TH WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$20.00 CHANGE FEE.**

**Entry fee = \$55.00. Two Solo rounds will be awarded.**

| <b>Girls &amp; Boys</b> | <b>Preliminary Championships</b> | <b>Perpetual Cup</b>                                                                                                             |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Under 8</b>          | <b>700 (A, B, C or D)</b>        | <b>Donated by Kaela, Liam and Gillian Milewski</b>                                                                               |
| <b>Under 9</b>          | <b>701 (A, B, C or D)</b>        | <b>In Memory of Catherine Gallagher</b>                                                                                          |
| <b>Under 10</b>         | <b>702 (A, B, C or D)</b>        | <b>In Memory of Jeniann Fisher</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>Under 11</b>         | <b>703 (A, B, C or D)</b>        | <b>A.O.H. John P. Hall Division, New London, CT</b>                                                                              |
| <b>Under 12</b>         | <b>704 (A, B, C or D)</b>        | <b>Donated by The Sharnick Family</b>                                                                                            |
| <b>Under 13</b>         | <b>705 (A, B, C or D)</b>        | <b>Donated by The Families of East Lyme</b>                                                                                      |
| <b>Under 14</b>         | <b>706 (A, B, C or D)</b>        | <b>Donated by the McLoughlin School of Irish Dance</b>                                                                           |
| <b>Under 15</b>         | <b>707 (A, B, C or D)</b>        | <b>In Loving Memory of William J. Mulvihill, whose Irish eyes will always smile. Donated by, The Mulvihill and Oravec Family</b> |
| <b>Under 16</b>         | <b>708 (A, B, C or D)</b>        | <b>In Memory of Eleanor Keating donated by The Keating Family</b>                                                                |
| <b>16 and Over</b>      | <b>709 (A, B, C or D)</b>        | <b>In Loving Memory of Margaret and James Early</b>                                                                              |

**Please note - National Rule - In the case of back-to-back feiseanna (successive days), winning first place in a Preliminary Championship in the first feis will not change the dancer's status for the second feis.**

## **SECOND CHANCE PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS ~ DIFFERENT ADJUDICATORS - TBA with Final Schedule**

**Dancers must register for the regular preliminary competition in order to enter the Second Chance Preliminary.**

Open to those dancers who have placed first in Prizewinner Solo light dance (Reel or Slip Jig) and Heavy dance (Jig or Hornpipe). A dancer who wins two first place preliminary championships in one calendar year must move on to open championship the following year or as soon as the second win is achieved in any age category in the following years. First second or third place winners in open championship in the past two years must compete in open championship. Solo awards will be presented for light and heavy rounds.

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

**ALL CHANGES MADE after SEPT.22nd BUT ON OR BEFORE SEPT. 29 TH WILL BE SUBJECT TO**

**A \$20.00 CHANGE FEE.**

**Entry fee = \$55.00. Two Solo rounds will be awarded.**

| <b>Girls &amp; Boys</b> | <b>Preliminary Championships</b> |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Under 8                 | 710 (A, B, C or D)               |
| Under 9                 | 711 (A, B, C or D)               |
| Under 10                | 712 (A, B, C or D)               |
| Under 11                | 713 (A, B, C or D)               |
| Under 12                | 714 (A, B, C or D)               |
| Under 13                | 715 (A, B, C or D)               |
| Under 14                | 716 (A, B, C or D)               |
| Under 15                | 717 (A, B, C or D)               |
| Under 16                | 718 (A, B, C or D)               |
| 16 and Over             | 719 (A, B, C or D)               |

## **PRELIMINARY SET DANCE COMPETITIONS**

**TIME TBA on final schedule**

Set Dance for Under 8 and Under 9 must dance a traditional set dance

Entry fee = \$20.00 per person per dance.

| <b>Boys &amp; Girls</b> | <b>SET</b> | <b>Boys &amp; Girls</b> | <b>SET</b> |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Under 8                 | 720*       | Under 13                | 725        |
| Under 9                 | 721*       | Under 14                | 726        |
| Under 10                | 722        | Under 15                | 727        |
| Under 11                | 723        | Under 16                | 728        |
| Under 12                | 724        | 16 and Over             | 729        |

## **OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS – Starting at 8:30 am**

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

**The committee reserves the right to combine Boys & Men Championships with less then 5 competitors with the Girls & Ladies competitions of the same age groups. Solo awards will be presented for light, heavy and set rounds.**

**ALL CHANGES MADE after SEPT.22nd BUT ON OR BEFORE SEPT. 29 TH WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$20.00 CHANGE FEE.**

**Entry fee = \$65.00. \*Three Solo rounds will be awarded\*.**

| <b>Girls</b>       | <b>Open Championships</b> | <b>Perpetual Cup</b>                                                                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Under 9</b>     | 800 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>The Jacullo Family</b>                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Under 10</b>    | 801 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>In Memory of Jeniann Fisher</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Under 11</b>    | 802 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>Donated by Danbury Orthopedic Associates</b>                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Under 12</b>    | 803 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>In Memory of James M. Toolin &amp; Joseph J. McCue</b>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Under 13</b>    | 804 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>In Memory of Andrew Wojnicki Sr., a man Who loved to dance. Donated by The Wojnicki Family</b>                                                                             |
| <b>Under 14</b>    | 805 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>In Memory of Marie C. Milazzo. Donated by The Wojnicki Family</b>                                                                                                          |
| <b>Under 15</b>    | 806 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>In Loving Memory of Harry W. Scalzo. Donated by Sandy Scalzo</b>                                                                                                           |
| <b>Under 16</b>    | 807 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>In Memory of Frankie Siega</b>                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Under 17</b>    | 808 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>In Memory of Kitty Curran, My lovely Rose of Clare. Donated by The Ahern Family</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>Under 18</b>    | 809 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>In Memory of Adelaide Gray</b>                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Under 20</b>    | 810 (A, B, C or D)        | <b>In Loving Memory of David and Judy White</b>                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Under 22</b>    | 811 (A,B,C or D)          | <b>In Memory of Betty Dolzall</b>                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>22 and Over</b> | 812 (A,B,C or D)          | <b>In Memory of Ellen K. Barton Donated by The Katz Family</b>                                                                                                                |
| <b>Adult</b>       | 813 (A,B,C and D)         | <b>This event is open to dancers aged 18 or older, who have not competed during the previous five (5) years, except as an Adult- level dancer. Ladies &amp; Men Combined.</b> |

| Boys        | Open Championships | Perpetual Cup                                                   |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Under 9     | 815 (A or B)       | In Loving Memory of Robert F. Gray Jr.                          |
| Under 10    | 816 (A or B)       | Gray School Dancers                                             |
| Under 12    | 817 (A or B)       | Peter Smith Trophy                                              |
| Under 14    | 818 (A or B)       | Raymond and Elizabeth Murphy                                    |
| Under 16    | 819 (A or B)       | Gray School Dancers & Friends                                   |
| 16 and Over | 820 (A or B)       | In Loving Memory of Gerald Cullen<br>Donated by The Gray Family |

**CT Irish Dance Championship Mascot, “Trebles the Teddy”.**

**Support the CIDC2025 and pre order your special limited edition good luck Mascot! Your dancers mascot will be ready and waiting at the information desk at the feis! “Trebles the Teddy” is a 11” plush stuffed animal wearing a CT Irish Dance Championship T Shirt with the feis logo on the front. The logo is on the front of the syllabus. Photo of the “Trebles the Teddy” without the shirt is on the side. The Mascot is \$20. This is not included in the family fee.**



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

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

**RESERVATIONS:**

**Special rates are available for the CT Irish Dance Championships for Thursday Oct.3rd, Friday Oct. 4th, Saturday Oct. 5th, Sunday Oct.6th and Monday Oct.7th.**

**The special rate is \$255 which is the discounted daily rate.**

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

The hotel block is now open and will close on Wednesday Sept. 3rd. at 4pm EST

- Complimentary On-Site Parking
- Electric Car Charging Station

**ENTRY INFORMATION:**

**REGISTRATION:**All Entries must be completed online at FeisWeb.com

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

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

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

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Family Admission Fee - No Door Fee the day of.                                                     | \$30.00 per family<br>(must be included with all entries.) |
| Feis Web registration fee -                                                                        | \$6.00 per dancer<br>(must be included with all entries)   |
| All solo dances(including traditional set)                                                         | \$15.00 per solo dance & Trad Set Dance                    |
| Preliminary championships and 2 solo rounds results                                                | \$55.00                                                    |
| Second Chance Preliminary Championships and 2 solo rounds results                                  | \$55.00*                                                   |
| *Must have entered the regular preliminary competition.                                            |                                                            |
| Preliminary Set Dance Competition.                                                                 | \$20.00                                                    |
| Open championships and 3 solo rounds results                                                       | \$65.00                                                    |
| Ceili competitions (entry fee is per competitor)Only one ceili allowed                             | \$10.00                                                    |
| Soda Bread Competition - non dancing event - no entry fee                                          |                                                            |
| *Special Dance Competition for Novice and Prize Winners ~                                          |                                                            |
| *"Future Stars" (not included in family max)                                                       | \$25.00                                                    |
| *Charity Traditional Set Comp for St. Jude's Children's Hospital ~<br>(not included in family max) | \$20.00                                                    |
| *CT Irish Dance Championship Mascot "Trebles the Teddy" ~<br>(not included in family max)          | \$20.00                                                    |

**\* Competitions denoted with an \* are Not included in the family Max**

- **Maximum Family Entry Fee \$225.00** (immediate family - brothers / sisters) - This does not include family admission fee, feis web fee, Second Chance or late/change fees.
- **Feis Closing Date** – September 22nd (or when 500 or entry cap is reached).
- **Late Entry Fee** is \$25.00 per family if entered between Sept. 23rd and on or before Sept. 28th. On September 29th the Late entry fee is \$50.00 per family. All entries close at 6pm.
- **No entries will be accepted after 6pm on September 29th, 2025.**
- **There will be a change fee of \$20.00 for changes made after Sept.22nd but before Sept.29th.**
- **Payment must be made on line when entering.**
- **NO REFUNDS of any fees. There will be absolutely NO REFUNDS.** Before registering, please check your work and dance calendars carefully. Due to the upfront costs and expenses of running a feis, there will be absolutely NO REFUNDS for ANY reason. The feis committee will not respond to requests for refunds. If the feis is cancelled for any reason, refunds will be issued to all competitors minus the family admission fee and Feis Web fee.
- **Competitor numbers will be available to print directly from the Feisweb website on the Thursday before the Feis. No Numbers will be given out at the feis.**

- The solo marks will be made available to the dancers under the "my Grade Results" link on the FeisWeb home page.
  - Prelim/Open Championships marks will be available following award ceremony.
- Direct all questions to Iris at: [feis@grayschool.com](mailto:feis@grayschool.com)

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

### **ADJUDICATORS**

**Craig Ashurst, CT ~ Nancy Devine Reny, MA ~ Allison Erickson, OH ~ Donny Golden, NY ~ Maureen Green O'Leary, MA ~ Kerry Kelly Oster, NY ~ Maura Masterson ~ MA ~ Joe Seletski ~ NY ~ Michael Smith ~ CT ~ Noreen Smith ~ CT ~ Carlene Stillson, ME ~ Mairead Stillson, ME**

### **MUSICIANS**

**Annemarie Acosta, NY ~ Michael Fitzpatrick, MA  
Patricia Moriarty Morrissey, NJ ~ Niall Mulligan, NY**