



Van Eire Feis 2026

SATURDAY

**14
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2026

Richmond Olympic Oval

**Van Eire Valentine's Feis
Celebrate love, friendship, and Irish dance!
Full Championships • Grades • Teams •
Specials • Perpetual Trophies**

The Van Eire Feis committee is delighted to welcome you to our annual two-day feis, beginning on Valentine's Day. We have some festive fun planned, including Valentine's-themed awards, a free craft area, and even candy grams you can send to your feis friends—delivered by our very own sweetheart squad!

We are also thrilled to host a distinguished panel of judges joining us from Ireland, England, and the USA, bringing international experience and perspective to the competition. We have expanded our open age group categories and have some beautiful new perpetuals to award.

As you enjoy the event, please take care on the Oval's floor and use only the designated practice areas for warming up. A concession will be available throughout the weekend, and dancers and families staying in our host hotel block can take advantage of a complimentary shuttle running to and from the Oval several times each day.

This feis is entirely volunteer-run, created to give dancers an opportunity to compete. We aim to do our best to keep the schedule running smoothly and on time, and we are committed to being as generous as possible with awards.

We wish all dancers the best of luck and hope you have a wonderful Valentine's feis weekend with us!

— *The Van Eire Feis Committee*



2026 Van Eire Feis*

Important Dates & Information

EARLY ENTRY: Register and pay for the Van Eire Feis before December 15, 2025, to receive 50% off the family registration fee for the Van Eire City Championships being held February 15, 2026. To receive this discount please contact vaneirefeis@gmail.com **before you pay for the Van Eire City Championships** so that we can apply a credit to your account.

FEIS ENTRY DEADLINE: January 23, 2025 after this date a (\$35) late fee will apply.

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT <https://www.ifeis.net>

Registration will close once entry limits are reached, which may be before the posted deadline.

All fees are non-refundable.

Payment can be made via e-transfer or on ifeis with credit card.

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.

Changes to accommodate a dancer who advances to a higher level will be accepted.

Any questions please contact vaneirefeis@gmail.com

This feis is organized by a volunteer parent committee, and we rely on extra help during the event to keep everything running smoothly and on time. Please connect with your school's representative and add your name to the volunteer sign-up sheet when it becomes available.

Van Eire President - Erin Lylyk (Steel School of Irish Dance)
Vice President – Christine Navin (Penk O'Donnell School of Irish Dance)
Secretary – Jaclyn Blaney (Sionnaine Irish Dance Academy)
Treasurer – Emily Leasing (O'Brien School of Irish Dance)

Additional Committee Members:
Erika Gelz (O'Brien School of Irish Dance)
Heather Meehan (Steel School of Irish Dance)
Melissa Slack (Penk O'Donnell School of Irish Dance)
Shanna Herrick (O'Connor School of Irish Dance)
Wanda Riches (O'Brien School of Irish Dance)

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

Entry Fees and Rules

Entry fees are as follows:

Solo Competitions	\$7 per competitor
Figure Dancing	\$7 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 fee and late fee)	\$155** (excluding trophies, specials, registration

**Family Registration includes online results

Please note that once payment is submitted, all fees are final and non-refundable.

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 Rinci 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: Family Registration Fee: \$50 Family Max \$155
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: (32 bars, choice of Treble Jig or Hornpipe, 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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Adult & Advanced Adult Championship

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- Set Round: Dancers are required to dance contemporary Set Dance; U8 & U9 dancers will dance Traditional Set Dances

- An Adult dancer is anybody who begins Irish dance at the age of 18 or older, or who returns to Irish dance after a break of five years or longer. Adults in this category may compete in adult competitions including adult grade-level competitions, adult championships, adult traditional set, and adult teams.
 - An Advanced Adult dancer is anyone age 18 or older who has previously placed in the top 3 of a Preliminary Championship competition or who competed in Open Championship levels in the youth/&over levels regardless of when they were active. Dancers at this level may compete in advanced adult championship competitions, as well as adult teams competitions. Once a dancer starts competing in the Advanced Adult category, they may not return to the youth/&over categories.
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 Championship.
- A dancer who wins three first place Preliminary Championship advances to Open Championship.

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 *First feis competitions are limited to dancers who have never competed at a feis.*

Reel Trophy 2 steps, 32 bars

- Beginner & Advanced Beginner

Hard Shoe Trophy 2 steps, 32 bars, choice or treble jig or hornpipe, with choice of speed

- Novice/Prizewinner

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

- Novice & Prizewinner
- Preliminary & Open Championship

Hornpipe Special 1 step, down the line

- Preliminary & Open Championship

Charity Slip Jig Special 1 step down the line

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

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

Blind Treble Reel – Love is Truly Blind!

Can your rhythm make the judges fall in love — without seeing you dance? Judges will listen only, with scoring based purely on sound, rhythm, timing, and clarity.

- Novice & Prizewinner
- 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.

Hotel Info

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

7311 Westminster Hwy
Richmond, BC V6X 1A3

Hotel booking Link [VANEIREFEIS110067](#)

- Nightly rates begin at \$169, subject to room choice.
- Located a 10 minute walk or 3 minute drive away from the feis venue.
- The Hotel is offering free shuttle from hotel to venue and back for hotel guests.

Amazing Hotel Amenities

Complimentary Airport Shuttle to and from Airport and to and from the Venue

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

Extended Version of WCIDTA Regional Syllabus

SOLOS													
First Feis	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	10&O						
Reel	1	3	5	7	9	11	13						
Light Jig	2	4	6	8	10	12	14						
Beginner	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	13&O			
Reel	100	107	114	121	128	135	142	149	156	163			
Light Jig	101	108	115	122	129	136	143	150	157	164			
Single Jig	102	109	116	123	130	137	144	151	158	165			
Slip Jig	103	110	117	124	131	138	145	152	159	166			
Treble Jig	104	111	118	125	132	139	146	153	160	167			
Hornpipe	105	112	119	126	133	140	147	154	161	168			
Trad. Set	106	113	120	127	134	141	148	155	162	169			
Advanced Beginner	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	13&O			
Reel	200	207	214	221	228	235	242	249	256	263			
Light Jig	201	208	215	222	229	236	243	250	257	264			
Single Jig	202	209	216	223	230	237	244	251	258	265			
Slip Jig	203	210	217	224	231	238	245	252	259	266			
Treble Jig	204	211	218	225	232	239	246	253	260	267			
Hornpipe	205	212	219	226	233	240	247	254	261	268			
Trad. Set	206	213	220	227	234	241	248	255	262	269			
Novice	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	16&O
Reel	300	307	314	321	328	335	342	349	356	363	370	377	385
Light Jig	301	308	315	322	329	336	343	350	357	364	371	378	386
Single Jig	302	309	316	323	330	337	344	351	358	365	372	379	387
Slip Jig	303	310	317	324	331	338	345	352	359	366	373	380	388
Treble Jig	304	311	318	325	332	339	346	353	360	367	374	381	389
Hornpipe	305	312	319	326	333	340	347	354	361	368	375	382	390
Trad. Set	306	313	320	327	334	341	348	355	362	369	376	383	391
Prizewinner	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	16&O
Reel	400	407	414	421	428	435	442	449	456	463	470	477	485
Light Jig	401	408	415	422	429	436	443	450	457	464	471	478	486
Single Jig	402	409	416	423	430	437	444	451	458	465	472	479	487
Slip Jig	403	410	417	424	431	438	445	452	459	466	473	480	488
Treble Jig	404	411	418	425	432	439	446	453	460	467	474	481	489
Hornpipe	405	412	419	426	433	440	447	454	461	468	475	482	490
Trad. Set	406	413	420	427	434	441	448	455	462	469	476	483	491
Adult	Beginner		Novice	Prizewinner									
Reel	740		747		754								
Light Jig	741		748		755								

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Single Jig	742		749		756							
Slip Jig	743		750		757							
Treble Jig	744		751		758							
Hornpipe	745		752		759							
Trad. Set	746		753		760							

TROPHY COMPETITIONS

First Feis Trophy		U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	10&O						
Girls First Feis		900	901	902	903	904	905						
Boys First Feis		915	916	917	918	919	920						
Trophy		U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	13&O			
Beginner & Ad. Beg.	Reel	930	931	932	933	934	935	936	937	938			
Novice & Prizewinner	Tr.Jig or HP	945	946	947	948	949	950	951	952	953			
Charity Slip Jig Special		U12		U16		16&O							
Beginner & Ad. Beg.		1000		1001		1002							
Novice & Prizewinner		1003		1004		1005							
Prelim & Open		1006		1007		1008							
Blind Treble Reel Special		U12		U16		16&O							
Novice & Prizewinner		1100		1102		1104							
Prelim & Open		1106		1108		1110							
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	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	18&O				
Option B: 48 bars of Reel or 40 bars of SlipJig																
& 48 bars of a TrebleJig or 40 bars of a Hornpipe			703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710	711	712				
& one non-traditional set dance																
Trad. Sets U7,U8,& U9																
Open			U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	U20	U22	22&O	
Option B: 48 bars of Reel or 40 bars of SlipJig																
& 48 bars of a TrebleJig or 40 bars of a Hornpipe			723	724	725	726	727	728	729	730	731	732	733	735	736	
& one non-traditional set dance																
Trad. Sets U7,U8,& U9																
Championships will be awarded in each round as well as the overall championship																

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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	Adult	
2 Hand Reel			850		855		860		865		870	875	780	
3 Hand Reel			851		856		861		866		871	876	781	
4 Hand			852		857		862		867		872	877	782	
6 Hand			853		858		863		868		873	878	783	
8 Hand			854		859		864		869		874	879	784	
Additional									U13	13&O				
Figure									890	891				
Progressive									892	893				