

Registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha
The Oakville Feis Association proudly presents the
35TH ANNUAL



OAKVILLE FEIS

2026

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Toronto Rock Athletic Centre (TRAC)

**1132 Invicta Drive
Oakville, Ontario L6H 6G1
(North Service Road East of Trafalgar)**

Entries limited to the first 600 paid competitors

Online Entries at www.feisweb.com

REGULAR ENTRIES CLOSE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

**Specials Including:
Whiskey Reel (Adults) *NEW*
Male Reel Dance Off
PC/OC Trad Sets**

Awards to the top 40% of competitors that dance unless otherwise specified



A list of adjudicators, musicians, stage assignments and additional information
will be posted on social media:

[Facebook.com/oakvillefeis](https://www.facebook.com/oakvillefeis)

[Instagram: @oakvillefeis](https://www.instagram.com/oakvillefeis)

<https://sites.google.com/view/oakvillefeis/home>

ENTRY FEES:

Grades Dances (each)	\$15.00	Figures* (per dancer)	\$15.00
Preliminary Championship	\$60.00	Trophy Specials	\$12.00
PC Second Chance	\$60.00	Male Reel Dance Off	\$12.00
Preliminary Set Dance	\$20.00	Adult Whiskey Reel	\$15.00
Open Championship	\$70.00		

Family Admission Fee:

- Early Bird rate (open – Sunday, August 9): \$30.00
- Regular rate (Monday, August 10 – close): \$35.00

Late Fee: \$30.00 (applicable to all entries received between September 14-20)

Family Maximum**: \$225.00

**6-Hand and 8-Hand figures must be registered by a TCRG directly with the Oakville Feis registrar (oakvillefeisentries@gmail.com) and teams fee paid via PayPal to (oakvillefeisentries@gmail.com). 6-Hand Fee: \$120 per team, 8-Hand Fee: \$160 per team.*

***Family Maximum: applies to immediate family members only. Family maximum does not include family admission fee, second chance competitions, treble reel, trophy specials, figures or late fees, if applicable.*

Registration fee includes results printout for each dancer, to be picked up on the day of the feis at "Results".

- REGULAR ENTRIES CLOSE at 11:59pm Sunday, September 13, 2026
- LATE FEE will be applied to registrations received from September 14 - September 20.
- ALL ENTRIES CLOSE at 11:59pm on Sunday, September 20
- Entries from September 21 and on may be accepted at discretion of the feis, with a \$100 LAST MINUTE FEE, per dancer, in addition to the entry fees.
- All Entries accepted only via FeisWeb at www.feisweb.com (Exception: 6-Hand and 8-Hand Figures)
- No changes available day of feis
- NO REFUNDS
- Entries will not be considered valid until payment received.

DIRECTIONS TO THE FEIS:

Toronto Rock Athletic Centre (TRAC), 1132 Invicta Drive, Oakville, ON L6H 6G1

From QEW (East or West): Trafalgar Road exit north to North Service Road. Right on North Service Road Left on Invicta Drive.

Parking available on site as well as commercial plaza directly in front of the facility.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Hotel Block details will be posted on Oakville Feis social media



PARADE OF CHAMPIONS: Any dancer winning first place in any of their dances is invited to perform in the Parade of Champions on the Fall Celtic Festival outdoor stage

- Grades dancers will perform 16 bars of their reel
- PC and OC dancers will perform 16 bars of their soft shoe dance
- There will be a Parade of Champions at the top of every hour, starting at 10am, ending at 5pm

GRADES COMPETITIONS

BEGINNER COMPETITIONS - \$15.00 per dance				
	<i>Reel (122 bpm)</i>	<i>Light Jig (115 bpm)</i>	<i>Slip Jig (122 bpm)</i>	<i>Single Jig (124 bpm)</i>
Under 5	B5R	B5L	B5S	B5X
Under 6	B6R	B6L	B6S	B6X
Under 7	B7R	B7L	B7S	B7X
Under 8	B8R	B8L	B8S	B8X
Under 9	B9R	B9L	B9S	B9X
Under 10	B10R	B10L	B10S	B10X
Under 11	B11R	B11L	B11S	B11X
Under 12	B12R	B12L	B12S	B12X
12+over	B99R	B99L	B99S	B99X

ADVANCED BEGINNER COMPETITIONS - \$15.00 per dance							
	<i>Reel (122 bpm)</i>	<i>Light Jig (115 bpm)</i>	<i>Slip Jig (122 bpm)</i>	<i>Single Jig (124 bpm)</i>	<i>Treble Jig (92 bpm)</i>	<i>Hornpipe (138 bpm)</i>	<i>St. PatsDay (94 bpm)</i>
Under 7	A7R	A7L	A7S	A7X	A7T	A7H	A7P
Under 9	A9R	A9L	A9S	A9X	A9T	A9H	A9P
Under 11	A11R	A11L	A11S	A11X	A11T	A11H	A11P
Under 13	A13R	A13L	A13S	A13X	A13T	A13H	A13P
13+over	A99R	A99L	A99S	A99X	A99T	A99H	A99P

NOVICE COMPETITIONS - \$15.00 per dance						
<i>Traditional Set Dances: Blackbird (144), Garden of Daisies (138), Job of Journeywork (138), Jockey to the Fair (90), King of the Fairies (130), St. Patrick's Day (94), Three Sea Captains (96).</i>						
	<i>Reel (113 bpm)</i>	<i>Light Jig (115 bpm)</i>	<i>Slip Jig (113 bpm)</i>	<i>Treble Jig (92 or 73 bpm)</i>	<i>Hornpipe (138 or 113 bpm)</i>	<i>Traditional Set</i>
Under 7	N7R	N7L	N7S	N7T	N7H	N7D
Under 9	N9R	N9L	N9S	N9T	N9H	N9D
Under 11	N11R	N11L	N11S	N11T	N11H	N11D
Under 13	N13R	N13L	N13S	N13T	N13H	N13D
13+over	N99R	N99L	N99S	N99T	N99H	N99D

PRIZEWINNER COMPETITIONS - \$15.00 per dance					
<i>Traditional Set Dances: Blackbird (144), Garden of Daisies (138), Job of Journeywork (138), Jockey to the Fair (90), King of the Fairies (130), St. Patrick's Day (94), Three Sea Captains (96).</i>					
	<i>Reel (113 bpm)</i>	<i>Slip Jig (113 bpm)</i>	<i>Treble Jig (92 or 73 bpm)</i>	<i>Hornpipe (138 or 113 bpm)</i>	<i>Traditional Set</i>
Under 9	P9R	P9S	P9T	P9H	P9D
Under 11	P11R	P11S	P11T	P11H	P11D
Under 13	P13R	P13S	P13T	P13H	P13D
13+over	P99R	P99S	P99T	P99H	P99D

CHAMPIONSHIPS COMPETITIONS

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP - \$60.00 - sashes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Specify: Reel (113 bpm)/Slip Jig (113 bpm) and Treble Jig (73 bpm)/Hornpipe (113 bpm).

Preliminary Championships - \$60		Preliminary Championships Sets† - \$20	
Under 9	PC9	Under 9 Trad Set~	PC9S
Under 11	PC11	Under 11	PC11S
Under 13*	PC13	Under 13	PC13S
Under 15*	PC15	Under 15	PC15S
Under 17	PC17	Under 17	PC17S
17+ over	PC99	17 + over	PC99S

~U9 Trad Sets: Blackbird (144), Garden of Daisies (138), Job of Journeywork (138), Jockey to the Fair (90), King of the Fairies (130), St. Patrick's Day (94), Three Sea Captains (96).

†See list of Contemporary Sets at end of syllabus

*U12 Oakville Irish Dance Association Perpetual Trophy

*U14 Margaret Murray Memorial Trophy

** In the case of double age groups, the perpetual will be awarded to the winner in the category danced regardless of age.

PRELIMINARY SECOND CHANCE CHAMPIONSHIP - \$60.00 – sashes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Specify: Reel (113 bpm)/Slip Jig (113 bpm) and Treble Jig (73 bpm)/Hornpipe (113 bpm).

Preliminary Championships	
Under 9	PC9-2
Under 11	PC11-2
Under 13	PC13-2
Under 15	PC15-2
Under 17	PC17-2
17 +over	PC99-2

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP - \$70.00 – sashes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Three rounds: hard shoe/soft shoe/set dance†. Specify: Reel (113 bpm)/Slip Jig (113 bpm) and Treble Jig (73 bpm)/Hornpipe (113 bpm)

Under 9*~Trad Set	C9
Under 11	C11
Under 13	C13 * Laurie O'Brien Memorial Perpetual Trophy for U13
Under 15	C15* Oakville Irish Dance Association Perpetual Trophy for U14
Under 17	C17* Terry Skrien Memorial Trophy for U16
Under 19	C19* Eunice Carey Perpetual Trophy for U18
19+over	C99* Tony Nother Perpetual Trophy

~U9 Trad Sets: Blackbird (144), Garden of Daisies (138), Job of Journeywork (138), Jockey to the Fair (90), King of the Fairies (130), St. Patrick's Day (94), Three Sea Captains (96).

†See list of Contemporary Sets at end of syllabus

* U9 competition cannot be combined with U11

** In the case of double age groups, the perpetual will be awarded to the winner in the category danced regardless of age.

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

BEGINNER/ADVANCED BEGINNER REEL (113 bpm) TROPHY SPECIAL

\$12.00 - Trophy awarded for 1st place, prizes for 2nd and 3rd. Dancers must be prepared to execute one step of a reel, in step-about style, from a line, one at a time. Same day entries accepted.

Under 7	T7R
Under 9	T9R
9+ over	T99R

NOVICE/PRIZEWINNER REEL (113) TROPHY SPECIAL

\$12.00 - Trophy awarded for 1st place, prizes for 2nd and 3rd. Dancers must be prepared to execute one step of a reel, in step-about style, from a line, one at a time. Same day entries accepted.

Under 9	TS9R
Under 11	TS11R
11+ over	TS99R

CHAMPIONSHIP TRADITIONAL SET SPECIAL

\$12.00 - Open to PC/OC dancers. Trophy awarded for 1st place, prizes for 2nd and 3rd. Dancers will perform a traditional set from the list below, two at a time (where applicable). Same day entries accepted.

Traditional Set Dances: Blackbird (144), Garden of Daisies (138), Job of Journeywork (138), Jockey to the Fair (90), King of the Fairies (130), St. Patrick's Day (94), Three Sea Captains (96).

Under 11	CTRAD11
Under 13	CTRAD13
Under 15	CTRAD15
15+ over	CTRAD99

MALE REEL DANCE-OFF COMPETITION – PERPETUAL TROPHY SPECIAL

\$12.00 – Perpetual trophy and pendant awarded for 1st place. Dancers must be prepared to execute one step of a reel, in step-about style, from a line, one at a time. Same day entries accepted.

Beginner/Advanced Beginner (122 bpm)	MALE-R-AB
Novice/Prizewinner (112 bpm)	MALE-R-P
Preliminary/Open Championships (113 bpm)	MALE-R-C

FALL CELTIC FESTIVAL WHISKEY REEL (ADULTS, 19+ ONLY)

\$15.00 - Open to all dancers of any level aged 19 and over:

- Competition will take place on the outdoor Fall Celtic Festival stage
- Dancers will perform 16 bars of a hard shoe **or** soft shoe reel
- Each competitor will receive a drink ticket redeemable for one drink at the Fall Celtic Festival
- The winner will receive a bottle of whiskey to take home
- Same day entries accepted.

Adult Whiskey Reel	WR99
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PRIZEWINNER CONTEMPORARY SET TROPHY SPECIAL

\$12.00 - Trophy awarded for 1st place. U8&U9 dancers are not eligible to compete in this category. At the time of entry dancers must be registered for the prizewinner grade in at least three of the following dances in prizewinner grades: Reel, Slip Jig, Treble Jig, Hornpipe. Same day entries accepted.

†See list of Contemporary Sets at end of syllabus

Under 11	P11C
Under 13	P13C
13+over	P99C

TREBLE REEL TROPHY SPECIAL

\$12.00 - Trophies awarded for 1st place, prizes for 2nd and 3rd. Dancers must be prepared to execute one step of a treble reel, in step-about style, from a line, one at a time. Same day entries accepted.

NOVICE/PRIZEWINNER		PRELIM/CHAMP	
Under 9	P9TR	Under 13	C13TR
Under 11	P11TR	Under 15	C15TR
11+over	P99TR	15+over	C99TR

SODA BREAD COMPETITION – Entry fee is the donation of the bread

Soda Bread	BRD
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TIR NA NOG – no fee - only open to pre- beginners. Cannot be entered in any other competition. No makeup or wigs. No costumes or dancing shoes required.

Under 6	TNN
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FIGURE COMPETITIONS

FIGURE COMPETITIONS - \$15.00 per dancer (2-Hand, 3-Hand, 4-Hand) – all competitors on team must register for the Figure competition.

4-hand reel/jig from Ar Rinci Ceili – 2-hand/3-hand length: 8 bar intro, plus 48 bars

* 6-Hand and 8-Hand figures must be registered by a TCRG directly with the Oakville Feis registrar (oakvillefeisentries@gmail.com) and teams fee paid via PayPal to (oakvillefeisentries@gmail.com). 6-Hand Fee: \$120 per team, 8-Hand Fee: \$160 per team.

	Under 10	Under 12	Under 15	15 & Over	Adult
2-Hand	F10-2	F12-2	F15-2	F99-2	FM99-2
3-Hand	F10-3	F12-3	F15-3	F99-3	FM99-3
4-Hand	F10-4	F12-4	F15-4	F99-4	FM99-4
6-Hand*	F10-6	F12-6	F15-6	F99-6	FM99-6
8-Hand*	F10-8	F12-8	F15-8	F99-8	FM99-8

A competitor may compete in no more than two different age groups for any one category (ex 4-Hand, 6-Hand)
Per IDTACE: 6-Hand and 8-Hand must be offered from September 1 until the Oireachtas in each age group

ADULT COMPETITIONS

ADULT GRADES – <i>please refer to dancing rules D7, D8 and E7</i>						
ADULT BEGINNER / ADVANCED BEGINNER - \$15.00 each. Traditional speeds only.						
<i>Reel (122)</i>	<i>Light Jig (115)</i>	<i>Slip Jig (122)</i>	<i>Single Jig (124)</i>	<i>Treble Jig (92 or 73)</i>	<i>Hornpipe (138 /113)</i>	<i>St.Patrick'sDay (94)</i>
M99R	M99J	M99S	M99X	M99T	M99H	M99P
ADULT NOVICE/PRIZEWINNER - \$15.00 each. Traditional speeds only Traditional Set Dances: Blackbird (144), Garden of Daisies (138), Job of Journeywork (138), Jockey to the Fair (90), King of the Fairies (130), St. Patrick's Day (94), Three Sea Captains (96).						
<i>Reel (113)</i>	<i>Light Jig (115)</i>	<i>Slip Jig (113)</i>	<i>Single Jig (124)</i>	<i>Treble Jig (73/92)</i>	<i>Hornpipe (138/113)</i>	<i>Traditional Set</i>
M99R-2	M99L-2	M99S-2	M99X-2	M99T-2	M99H-2	M99D-2

ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS – \$70.00

Open to all adult dancers 18 and over. Three rounds judged by three adjudicators. Multiple rounds are combined into one overall score. Please refer to dancing rules D7, D8, E. The top 40 per cent of dancers place. Sashes for top 3.

ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS	
<i>Reel or Slip Jig (113), Treble Jig (73) or Hornpipe (113) and Traditional Set Dance of choice</i> <i>Traditional Set Dances: Blackbird 144, Garden of Daisies 138, Job of Journeywork 138, Jockey to the Fair 90, King of the Fairies 130, St. Patrick's Day 94, Three Sea Captains 96</i>	M99C <i>*Winner will receive the Fall Celtic Festival Perpetual Trophy</i>
ADVANCED ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS	
<i>Reel or Slip Jig (113), Treble Jig (73) or Hornpipe (113) and Set Dance of choice</i>	M99CA

OFFICIAL FEIS PHOTOGRAPHY AND/OR VIDEOGRAPHY

Photographs and/or videos may be taken during this event by the official photographer. As a public event, Oakville Feis may use images and/or recordings, which may or may not include your recognizable image, to advance the mandate of, and further promote the feis in print, digital or web-based formats. By visiting or participating in the competition, and being present in a public setting, you authorize the use and reproduction by the feis, or anyone authorized by the feis, of any media taken while at the feis, without compensation.

†Contemporary Set Dance List

Only set dances included in the following list may be performed, and minimum metronomic speeds, as outlined below, must be adhered to.

2/4 Time	Minimum Speed
The Lodge Road	76
Rodney's Glory	
The Blackbird	
Planxty Davis	
King of the Fairies	
The Downfall of Paris	

4/4 Time	Minimum Speed
Ace and Deuce of Piping	76
Youghal Harbour	
Bonaparte's Retreat	
The Hunt	
Garden of Daisies	
Job of Journeywork	
Madame Bonaparte /	
The Piper	
Kilkenny Races	
The Rambling Rake	
The White Blanket	
The Blue-Eyed Rascal	
The Roving Pedlar	
The Four Masters	

6/8 Time	Minimum Speed
The Three Sea Captains	66
The Hurling Boys	
Rub the Bag	
Hurry the Jug	
The Funny Tailor	
The Blackthorn Stick	
St. Patrick's Day	
Jockey to the Fair	
Planxty Drury	
Humours of Bandon	
The Orange Rogue	
Miss Brown's Fancy	
Planxty Hugh O'Donnell	
The Storyteller	
The Fiddler Around the Fairy Tree	
The Sprig of Shillelagh	
The Wandering Musician	
The Vanishing Lake	
The Charlady	

6/8 + 9/8 Time	Minimum Speed
Is the Big Man Within?	66

IDTAC-ER DANCING COMPETITION RULES

Adopted: 06 March 2005; Amended: 03 December 2006; 27 January 2008; 06 November 2008; 10 August 2011; 23 November 2011; 04 December 2013; 13 November 2014; 30 December 2016; 02 May 2017; 29 April 2018; 28 April 2019; 28 January 2021; 03 October 2021; 01 January 2024; 01 August 2024; 01 January 2025; 22 May 2025; 20 January 2026; 25 February 2026.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

- A1. Entries for dancing competitions are confined to pupils of accredited Irish Dancing teachers who are registered with An Coimisiún le Rinci Gaelacha, and any additional regional bodies as required (based on residency). There are no such requirements for entries in art, music, soda bread etc.
- A2. In the case of all solo and team competitions at all levels, the age of a competitor on the 1st of January in 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 the 1st of January shall be deemed to be under the age attained on that date.
- A3. All dancers must compete in their own age group. Exceptions may be made to compete in a higher age group (specials, team events) but it is never permissible to compete in a lower age group. Proof of age may be requested in order to participate. Falsification of documents will result in disqualification from said event, with possible additional repercussions.
- A4. Individuals holding TCRG, ADCRG, BG, SDCRG or TMRG status are not eligible to participate in any dance events.
- A5. Dancers undertaking a six-month re-styling period are not permitted to participate. It is the responsibility of the dancer/legal guardian to ensure eligibility by confirming with the dancer's teacher(s).
- A6. Grade-level dancers may not also compete in Preliminary or Open Championship level events and vice-versa, but may compete in team events, plus supplemental competitions corresponding to their level.
- A7. The Feis Committee has the right to reject any entry for cause, to cancel all or part of the feis and/or to limit, merge or split competitions. The Feis Committee has the right to approve or deny requests for changes to entries on the day of the feis and/or to charge processing fees for same. The decision of the feis committee shall be final in all such matters.
- A8. The Feis Committee (and any organization affiliated with same including, but not limited to the IDTAC-ER), will not be held responsible for personal injury, property loss/damage or any other incident as a result of participating in the event.
- A9. Participants and/or their families who do not wish for their child's name to appear on published registration lists must contact the Feis Committee to make such arrangements. The Feis Committee must honour all requests received within a reasonable time frame prior to the commencement of the feis. It is the responsibility of the person making the request to ensure it has been successfully carried out.
- A10. Feis Committees must ensure that all necessary steps to protect identification data of the participants are taken by the registration/tabulation company.

COMPETITION MERGERS & SPLITS

- B1. All competitions need five or more participants to warrant achievements to count toward advancement of levels, so competitions may need to be combined to facilitate this process. See DEFINITION OF LEVELS for more information on advancing levels.
- B2. Merging of competitions occurs ONLY with the next higher age group and never with a lower age group. A competition with a satisfactory number of entries may not be merged in order to make the next highest age group have enough participants to "count".
- B3. Double-age groups cannot be merged with another double-age group; therefore, only two single-age groups may be combined.
- B4. It is also not permitted to merge three single-age groups, however, permission from the Regional Director may be requested for the oldest age groups of a particular level.
- B5. Splitting of grade-level competitions must occur at 15 entries. Splitting of Preliminary and Open Championship competitions must occur at 25 entries. In all cases, double-age competitions shall be split to single age groups, while single-age group competitions shall be split at random into two groups.
- B6. Competitions not reaching the threshold noted above may not be split.
- B7. Open Championship Under 9 may NOT be combined with Under 11, unless there is only one entry, in which case it must be combined with Under 11 to provide some competition for the Under 9 dancer.
- B8. Entries received after splits/mergers have been approved by the Feis Liaison and published by the Feis Committee shall not require further adjustments (effective Jan 1 2017).

ADJUDICATORS/MUSICIANS

- C1. Only persons currently registered with ADCRG certification from An Coimisiún le Rinci Gaelacha can adjudicate dancing competitions. Feis Committees must ensure that adjudicators are current with CLRG mandates related to Vetting and Child Protection Course certification before being contracted.
- C2. Adjudicators must declare any potential adjudication conflicts when contracted. It is the shared responsibility of the adjudicator and the Feis Committee to ensure that the adjudicator is assigned only to competitions without adjudication conflicts.
- C3. Adjudicators and musicians shall be paid fees at current IDTANA rates, payable in US Dollars or, at the discretion of the Feis Committee, the Canadian Dollar equivalent using the exchange rate of the most recent business day prior to the commencement of the event.

- C4. In matters pertaining to adjudication, the decision of the adjudicators is final
- C5. Adjudicators are responsible for ensuring the tempos played by the musician meet the requirements of this syllabus, therefore, Feis Committees are required to provide all engaged adjudications with syllabus requirements such as: the rules, lengths of dances and speed requirements.
- C6. Feis Committees are requested to list adjudicators on their syllabus. If adjudicators are not listed on the syllabus, they must be posted on the Feis website a minimum of 30 days prior to the Feis. Adjudicators names should not be removed once registration closes.
- C7. At least three adjudicators must be utilized for Preliminary and Open Championship competitions to serve as a set panel. Should a feis committee wish to offer an alternate format of judging, such as rotating panels, permission must be granted from the Regional Director. Such requests must be made in writing to the Regional Director a minimum of one (1) month in advance of the anticipated publication date of the syllabus.
- C8. Live music played by accomplished feis musicians is required for every competitor.

DEFINITION OF LEVELS

- D1. Beginner Grade: A Beginner is a competitor who has not yet taken a full year of Irish Dance lessons from a registered teacher, thereby giving Beginners a full year with such status. A Beginner must move into the Advanced Beginner category the following year. See COSTUME RULES for more information.
- D2. Advanced Beginner Grade: An Advanced Beginner dancer has at least one year's experience in Irish dancing, and no longer competes at the Beginner level. At this level, dancers begin to compete hard shoe dances (at traditional speeds), including the Traditional Set Dance called St. Patrick's Day. See ADVANCEMENT OF LEVELS and COSTUME RULES for more information.
- D3. Novice Grade: A Novice dancer is someone who has won the necessary medals in Advanced Beginner in some or all of the required dances. It is possible to participate in more than one level, however not for the same dance. At the Novice level, the speed for soft shoe dances is slower than in Advanced Beginner, and there is a choice of speed for hard shoe dances. Additionally, dancers can choose from the list of seven Traditional Set Dances to expand their knowledge. See ADVANCEMENT OF LEVELS and COSTUME RULES for more information.
- D4. Prizewinner Grade: A Prizewinner dancer is someone who has won the necessary medals in Novice in some or all of the required dances, meaning it is possible to participate in both levels, however not for the same dance. At this level, the dancer typically focuses on the four main solo dances (reel, slip jig, treble jig and hornpipe) and may start to learn a set dance at contemporary speed in addition to traditional speed set dances. There is no mandate that a dancer MUST advance to Preliminary Championship after achieving the required wins. The time to advance is at the discretion of the dancer's teacher. See ADVANCEMENT OF LEVELS and COSTUME RULES for more information.
- D5. Preliminary Championship: Dancers who have successfully graduated from the grade levels shall advance to Preliminary Championship. This level may not be skipped over in favour of advancing straight to Open Championship. At this level, dancers choose one soft shoe dance and one hard shoe dance to compete in a single competition before three adjudicators on a larger stage. The length of the dances is longer than in the grade levels. Overall placements are awarded based on combined scores from all adjudicators. See ADVANCEMENT OF LEVELS and COSTUME RULES for more information.
- D6. Open Championship: Dancers who have successfully met the advancement requirements for Preliminary Championship shall register for Open Championship. The Open Championship format is similar to that of Preliminary Championship; however, three dances are performed in Open Championship. Dancers who have not placed in Open Championship for a period of two years may return to Preliminary Championship (excluding dancers who have placed first, second or third over any period of time). Dancers availing of this opportunity will have to win their way back into Open Championship. See ADVANCEMENT OF LEVELS and COSTUME RULES for more information.
- D7. Competitions for Adult dancers may be offered either at 4 levels: Adult Beginner/Advanced Beginner, Adult Novice/Prizewinner, Adult Championship, and Advanced Adult Championship. In each instance, an Adult Dancer must be at least 18 years of age or older. An Adult Beginner/Advanced Beginner must never have competed as a juvenile, and may compete in hard shoe dances at traditional speeds only. An Adult Novice/Prizewinner dancer must not have competed as a juvenile during the previous five (5) years, and must be offered a choice of speed for hard shoe dances (Treble Jig and Hornpipe), along with the full list of Traditional Set Dances. An Adult Championship dancer must not have competed as a juvenile during the previous five (5) years and must be offered a choice of the full list of Traditional Set Dances. A Contemporary Set Dance competition may not be offered at any level. An Advanced Adult Championship dancer is an adult dancer who has previously placed in the top three of a Preliminary Championship or competed in Open Championship levels in the youth/& over levels regardless of when the competitor was active. Once a dancer begins competing in Advanced Adult, they may not return to youth/& over.
- D8. Dancers who are eligible to compete as Adult Beginner/Advanced Beginner, Adult Novice/Prizewinner, or Adult Championship under Rule D7 may choose to compete in the non-Adult 99 age groups for Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice, Prizewinner, Preliminary Championships or Open Championships, per the qualifying rules for those levels, but may not return to Adult Beginner/Advanced Beginner, Adult Novice/Prizewinner, or Adult Championship for a period of five (5) years

ADVANCEMENT OF LEVELS

- E1. At least five (5) participants (not entries) are required for advancement to the next higher level. E2. For Advanced Beginner, a first/second/third will warrant advancement to the Novice level.
- E3. For the Novice and Prizewinner levels, only a first-place warrants advancement.
- E4. Dancers who win a first place in at least one Prizewinner soft shoe (Reel or Slip Jig) plus one Prizewinner hard shoe (Treble Jig or Hornpipe) will be eligible to advance to Preliminary Championships.
- E5. Dancers who win first place in two eligible Preliminary Championship competitions (with five competitors or more) in the same calendar year must advance to Open Championship in the following year. However, if the second win is achieved in a different calendar year, then the dancer must advance to Open Championship at their next competition. If their next competition is to be held on the same weekend as that second win, then they shall not be required to advance levels until the following weekend.
- E6. Placing in a regional or national Oireachtas does not affect one's status at feiseanna.
- E7. For Adult competitions, advancement to be a teacher's discretion.

DANCING RULES

- F1. Any unauthorized visible or audible coaching (by a parent, teacher or anyone else) to a dancer who is competing on stage, may disqualify that dancer from that competition. The Feis Committee is encouraged to provide a knowledgeable volunteer to assist beginners (and other less experienced dancers) with coaching to know when to start dancing. However, once the dancer commences, no more counting/coaching will be permitted.
- F2. No block/"en Pointe"/toe-walking movements, stationary or moving, are allowed to be performed for dancers competing up to and including the under 12 age group, in any level. After September 1 of each year an exception is made for those dancers who are 11 years of age and competing in the under 12 age group.
- F3. All dancers up to and including U9 in any level may not compete a Set Dance at contemporary speed. Participants in Open Championship shall dance their Traditional Set Dance on stage one-at-a-time, whereas participants in grade-level competitions and in Preliminary Championships shall dance their Traditional Set Dance two (or three)-at-a time, at the discretion of the Feis Committee (and subject to the rules governing stage sizes).
- F4. Dancers finishing ahead of the required part of music and/or not completing the required number of steps shall be deemed to have not completed the dance and will be marked accordingly.
- F5. Stages for grade level and team competitions must be at least 20' wide x 16' deep, and in order to run competitions three-at-a-time, stages must be at least 24' wide x 20' deep.
- F6. Stages for Preliminary and Open Championship competitions must be at least 24' wide x 20' deep, and in order to run competitions three-at-a-time, stages must be at least 32' wide x 24' deep.
- F7. Stages may not be either on bare concrete or cement, or with rolled out flooring overtop.
- F8. Awards should be a minimum of 40%, based on the number of participants. Feis Committees are encouraged to ensure that situations are avoided where, due to ties or otherwise, one dancer is left out of a result, and that all Beginner level participants receive at least one award.
- F9. Teachers or team captains are responsible to ensure that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced. Team competitors may compete in the next higher age group but never in a lower age group. A competitor may compete in no more than two different age groups for any one category (4-hand, 8-hand, etc.)
- F10. Competitions may be closed at the discretion of the Feis Committee if there are no competitors at the assigned stage ready to compete when the competition is scheduled or announced. Dancers involved in stage conflicts should notify (or send a representative to notify) the stage manager for each stage so an accommodation can be made.
- F11. Dancers are expected to be ready in advance of the start of the competition. Championship dancers (Prelim, Open, Adult, Advanced Adult) anticipating their round may be missed are expected to notify stagehand in advance. Dancers failing to complete their rotation may receive zero points and may be disqualified from the competition. At the discretion of the adjudicator, the dancer may be permitted to dance without receiving a mark for that round and the dancer is permitted to complete the remaining rounds & receive marks.

COSTUME RULES

- G1. The costume for Beginner and Advanced Beginner level dancers may consist only of a skirt and blouse/leotard (or shirt and trousers for boys) or an official school costume. Solo costumes are not permitted at these levels.
- G2. Novice, Prizewinner, Preliminary Championship and Open Championship level dancers are permitted to choose a "solo" costume, subject to the current directives of CLRG, but may also wear a School Costume. Costumes must adhere to modesty and decency in terms of length, fit and fabric.
- G3. Shorts or any other unconventional dresses/costumes are strictly prohibited, unless expressly permitted under these rules or the rules of a special category (e.g., charity treble reel).
- G4. Where costumes are deemed to be too short, an adjudicator may insist that tights of a denier not less than 70 must be worn by the dancer. The adjudicator shall notify the Stage Manager or Feis Committee representative in a discreet manner, who in turn must

handle the situation tactfully.

G5. All dancers aged 14 and older competing in what is commonly referred to as “all-black” or “black-out” attire (irrespective of the actual colour of the outfit) must wear tights of a denier not less than 70.

G6. Makeup (including facial tanner) is not permitted on dancers in Beginner and Advanced Beginner levels, up to and including the under 12 age group.

G7. Makeup (including facial tanner) is prohibited on dancers in Novice, Prizewinner, Preliminary Championships and Open Championships up to and including the under 10 age group.

G8. Dancers using artificial carriage aids will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed aids (proof of which may be required) will exempt dancers from this rule.

G9. Dancers must wear an official competitor's number when performing in all competitions. The use of reflective plastic number covers is discouraged because it can be difficult for adjudicators to see the number in certain lighting conditions.

G10. All dancers (solo and teams) must be in full costume and Irish dance shoes for award presentations.

FEIS GUIDELINES

H1. No one other than the Feis Committee may approach an adjudicator during the competition day, and no one may approach an adjudicator while dancers are performing.

H2. Feisanna must read the statement “No one other than the Feis Committee may approach an adjudicator during the competition day, and no one may approach an adjudicator while dancers are performing”, once in the morning (recommended after anthems are performed), and once after lunch.

H3. Adjudicators can keep stationary (pens, paper, calculator, etc.) on the table. All other items should be under the table/in a purse while competitions are in progress.

H4. Adjudicators must not use cell phones, smart watches, or other transmitting devices while at a judge's table.

H5. TCRG who are practicing judging must not practice adjudicating any competitions (meaning individual competitions, not the entire event) where their own dancers are entered.

H6. Only committee members and volunteers are allowed in tabulation.

OTHER

J1. If a rule is not specifically listed in the feis syllabus, the rules of the Eastern Canada Regional Syllabus shall preside.

J2. A competitor may be disqualified for any of the following reasons: a) Conduct unbecoming conduct. 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.

J3. In consideration of safety and in fairness to dancers performing at a Feis, photography of any kind which has the capability of capturing a dancer's image while in motion is strictly forbidden. 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. 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: (a) away from the dancing stages and, (b) requested by a consenting parent, guardian, or dancer (over the age of 18).