

**The Connick-Reid Academy Samhain Feis**  
**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
**University Hilton, Charlotte, NC**

**Pre Feis Display**

Competition open to all dancers under 8 years of age who are not yet ready for competition at the Beginner level. Minimum of one step, ideal for dancers who are just starting their Irish Dance journey. These dancers may **ONLY** enter this competition.

**Reel or Light Jig**

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**Beginner**

A Beginner is a competitor who has not taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher prior to Sept 1st of the previous year. Dancer must move into Advanced Beginner the following year. Please check out our First feis competition under the specials category designed for those who are competing for the first time.

**No solo costumes allowed. Skirt/blouse or school costume only.**

	<b>U5</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>15 &amp; Over</b>
<b>Reel</b>	005R	007R	009R	011R	013R	015R	016R
<b>Light Jig</b>	005L	007L	009L	011L	013L	015L	016L
<b>Single Jig</b>	005N	007N	009N	011N	013N	015N	016N
<b>Slip Jig</b>	005S	007S	009S	011S	013S	015S	016S

**Advanced Beginner**

An Advanced Beginner is a dancer who has taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher for more than 1 year. An Advanced Beginner who wins a 1st, 2nd, 3rd place may advance to the Novice category in that particular dance.

**No solo costumes allowed. Skirt/blouse or school costume only.**

	<b>U5</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>15 &amp; Over</b>
<b>Reel</b>	105R	107R	109R	111R	113R	115R	116R
<b>Light Jig</b>	105L	107L	109L	111L	113L	115L	116L
<b>Single Jig</b>	105N	107N	109N	111N	113N	115N	116N
<b>Slip Jig</b>	105S	107S	109S	111S	113S	115S	116S
<b>Treble Jig</b>	105T	107T	109T	111T	113T	115T	116T
<b>Hornpipe</b>	105H	107H	109H	111H	113H	115H	116H

**Novice**

A Novice dancer who wins 1st place will advance to the Prizewinner category in that particular dance.

	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>15 &amp; Over</b>
<b>Reel</b>	207R	209R	211R	213R	215R	216R
<b>Light Jig</b>	207L	209L	211L	213L	215L	216L
<b>Slip Jig</b>	207S	209S	211S	213S	215S	216S
<b>Treble Jig</b>	207T	209T	211T	213T	215T	216T
<b>Hornpipe</b>	207H	209H	211H	213H	215H	216H

<b>Prizewinner</b>	A Prizewinner dancer has previously won a 1st in Novice in a particular dance.					
	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>15 &amp; Over</b>
Reel	307R	309R	311R	313R	315R	316R
Slip Jig	307S	309S	311S	313S	315S	316S
Treble Jig	307T	309T	311T	313T	315T	316T
Hornpipe	307H	309H	311H	313H	315H	316H

<b>Traditional Set</b>						
	<b>U10</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>15 &amp; Over</b>
Novice	210TS	211TS	212TS	213TS	215TS	216TS
Prizewinner	310TS	311TS	312TS	313TS	315TS	316TS
<b>Prelim/Open Champions Only</b>	<b>U13</b>		<b>13 &amp; Over</b>			
	553TS	554TS				

<b>Special Treble Reels</b>	<b>Beg/Adv Beg</b>	<b>Novice/Prizewinner</b>
Costume Treble Reel	All Ages <input type="text" value="381TR"/>	All Ages <input type="text" value="380TR"/>
Saturday Only	Beginners/Adv Beg competitors may dance a softshoe reel	
<b>Heather Dillard Memorial Treble Reel</b>	<b>Prelim/Open Champions Only</b>	All Ages <input type="text" value="377TR"/>

<b>Preliminary Championships</b>	Hard shoe first. Reel 48 bars; Slip Jig 40 bars; Treble Jig 48 bars; Hornpipe 40 bars						
	<b>U9</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>U14</b>	<b>U16</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>18 &amp; Over</b>
	409	410	412	414	416	418	419

<b>Prizewinner and Preliminary Champions Set Dance</b>						
	<b>U10</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>U14</b>	<b>U16</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>18 &amp; Over</b>
	410S	412S	414S	416S	418S	419S

<b>Open Championships</b>	Hard Shoe first. Reel 48 bars; Slip Jig 40 bars; Treble Jig 48 bars; Hornpipe 40 bars; Set dance of choice. If there are three (3) or more boys in an age group, they will be split into their own competition.						
	<b>U9</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>U14</b>	<b>U16</b>	<b>U18</b>	<b>18 &amp; Over</b>
	509	510	512	514	516	518	519

<b>Special First Feis</b>	Competition open to all dancers who are stepping onto the competition stage for the first time. Minimum of one step, but may compete up to two. These dancers may also enter the beginner competition.					
Reel or Light Jig	<input type="text" value="002FF"/>					

**Specials - one step down the line - preliminary and open champions only**

	U13	13 & Over
Reel	553R	554R
Slip Jig	553S	554S
Treble Jig	553T	554T
Hornpipe	553H	554H

**Adult Competitions**

A dancer over the age of 18 who has not danced in the above described competitions for a period of five years. Dancers in the Adult categories cannot enter any competition other than Adult competitions. A dancer who wishes to return to any category other than Adult must remain out of Adult competitions until retired from dancing for five consecutive years.

Championship (3 rounds)	801
Traditional Set-non champion	802

	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe
Beg/Advanced Beg	806R	808L	810S	812T	814H
Novice/Prizewinner	807R	809L	811S	813T	815H

**New Adult Competitions**

(see IDTANA Southern Region Rules for a more detailed explanation)

- **A Masters Preliminary** dancer is defined as any dancer over the age of 25 who has previously placed in the top three of youth Preliminary competition with 5 or more competitors.
- **A Masters Open** dancer is defined as any dancer over the age of 25 who has ever competed in a youth Open Championship competition.

Masters Preliminary	816
Masters Open	817

**Figure Dancing**

	U10	U12	U15	15&O	Adult	Parent/Child
2 Hand	602	612	622	632	652	642
3 Hand	603	613	623	633	653	
4 Hand	604	614	624	634	654	
6 Hand	606	616	626	636	656	
8 Hand	608	618	628	638	658	

**Art Competition - Saturday - 2 dimensional**

Competitors of any age can enter by submitting a piece of art at the registration desk from 5pm Friday evening to 1pm on Saturday of the feis. Artwork must be Irish in theme and must be 2 dimensional. Results will be announced Saturday afternoon. The competition may be divided into age groups depending on the number of entries.

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**Art Competition - Saturday - 3 dimensional**

Competitors of any age can enter by submitting a piece of art at the registration desk from 5pm Friday evening to 1pm on Saturday of the feis. Artwork must be Irish in theme and must be 3 dimensional. Results will be announced Saturday afternoon. The competition may be divided into age groups depending on the number of entries.

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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. Two consecutive age groups, combined into the higher of the two groups, within that grade.
  - b. Three consecutive age groups, combined into the highest age group, within that grade.
  - c. All Boys' grades competitions shall be initially entered in single year age groups within that grade.
  - d. If there are less than 5 Boys entered in any one age group within that grade, competitions may be combined in the following order:
    - i. Double, All Boys, age group into the higher of the two groups within that grade
    - ii. If a double, All Boys age group does not create 5 or more entries, the Boys shall be combined into the corresponding single year Girls' age group.
    - iii. If the combined Boys and Girls age group still does not create 5 or more entries, that competition may be combined as stated in rule #2 above.
  - e. 100 and 200 level competitions may be combined as follows:
    - i. Ages under 8 and below, CANNOT be combined with other age groups within that grade, but Boys and Girls may be combined in the corresponding single year Girls' age group within that grade.
    - ii. Ages under 9 and above may first be combined into 2 consecutive age groups within that grade. If the combined competition still does not create 5 or more entries, that competition may be combined using rules 2, 3 and 4 above.
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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1, 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, ie 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

A Southern region feis may choose to combine boys and girls in Open Championship competitions when there are less than 5 dancers registered in a particular age category. However, 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. If separate Boys and Girls competitions in Open Championships are offered in the syllabus, they may NOT be combined under ANY circumstances on the day of the Feis

4. One of the following statements MUST be in the feis syllabus:
  - a. When there are less than five dancers registered in a particular Open Championship age category, the boys and girls will NOT be combined.OR
  - b. When there are less than five dancers registered in a particular Open Championship age category, the boys and girls WILL be combined.
5. The boys' open championship age categories will match the girls' open championship age categories.
6. Every competitor in Preliminary or Open Championship must have a minimum of 8 rotations or 10 minutes between each of their rounds.
7. 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 who meet the definition of "Adult dancer" may compete in Adult Ceili competitions. Masters level solo dancers competing in a Ceili must compete in the Youth Ceili categories.
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 I 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 I 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.
5. When wearing body suits with skirts (commonly known as black-out attire) black tights (of a denier less than 70) must be worn from the age of 14 and above. Effective date: 1st February, 202
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## MODESTY RULES

### FROM AN COIMISIUN

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.