

Maguire Bayou City Feis



THIRD ANNUAL FEIS

Presented by: Maguire Academy of Irish Dance

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Sunday, September 3, 2017

Schedule: Preliminary Champs and Grades Start at 8:00 am after Figures

Double Preliminary (Second Chance) competitions 850-855 will be held in the afternoon

Charity Treble Jig/Hornpipe Special – 100% of proceeds donated to

St Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Hilton Houston North (Greenspoint)

12400 Greenspoint Drive, Houston, Texas 77060

Hilton: 281-875-2222 and event code: “IRIS” - Irish Rose of Texas/Maguire Bayou City Feis

Feis Room Rate - \$93 per night available through August 22, 2017 or until block sold out

For reservations, book online http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/H/HOUGPHF-IRIS-20170901/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Register on-line at www.feisworx.com

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Sean O’Brien
William Furlong

Syllabus approved by Maureen Armstrong, ADCRG: IDTANA, Southern Region on June 21, 2017
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IDTANA Southern Region-Dancing Competition Rules

*These rules were approved by the IDTANA Southern Region on June 30, 2011 and are effective January 1, 2012
These rules are required to be included in the syllabus for all feiseanna taking place in the IDTANA Southern Region.*

- 1) In the case of all solo and team competitions in all grades, the age of a competitor on January 1st of the year in which the competition is held will determine the right of entry. For the purpose of this rule a competitor whose birthday occurs on January 1st 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. All dancers must be pupils of a person currently registered with An Coimisiun as a Dancing Teacher of any category.
- 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 fact—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 NAFC-registered Feiseanna for a period of one year beginning at the date of the occurrence.
- d) Any competitor found to be "altering" their shoes or wearing them on the "wrong feet" will be treated in the same manner as is using carriage aids, and will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition (CLRG AGM 2011)
- 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 will not pertain to a situation where competitors are involved in stage conflicts: in that case the competition(s) will remain open for a reasonable amount of time to allow the dancer(s) in question to arrive at the stage and compete.
- 5) Solo competitors in Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice or Open (Prizewinner) competitions
 - a) Must compete in their own age group
 - b) Must be prepared to perform two steps in each event
 - c) Cannot change competition on the day of the Feis.
- 6) Steel taps or "bubble" heels on dancing shoes, display of awards, wearing of shorts or other unconventional dress is prohibited. Dancers competing in First Feis (if offered), Beginners and Advanced Beginner, a.k.a. Beginner I and II must wear a class costume or a skirt and blouse. All other categories are excluded from this rule. Modest attire is encouraged when a competitor is not dancing. Costumes for both boys and girls should not include representations, such as globes, medals, or any other item symbolic of an award having been achieved effective Jan 1, 2013. (CLRG AGM 2012). Costume or costuming is defined as any element of performance/presentation clothing, worn by a dancer in the course of a competition, including but not limited to dress, waistcoat, trousers, shoes, headgear, capes, shawls, socks and underwear (CLRG AGM 2012)
- 7) Competitor's number must be worn and visible to adjudicators when performing in all competitions, except in Championships. Use of clear reflective plastic number covers is discouraged.
- 8) Awards will be determined in proportion to the number of entries in each competition and to the degree of proficiency shown.
- 9) Complaints must be in writing stating names and other factual information and signed by the complainant. A ten-dollar fee (cash) 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 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) Competitors must answer all questions on the entry form as required by the Feis Entry committee, including teacher's name, and enclose the entry fee when mailing. Failure to do so will result in a rejected entry. Entries must be postmarked on or before the closing date or they will be subject to a late fee as determined by the feis committee and published on the syllabus and/or entry form. There will be no refund of entry fees for any reason.
- 13) Open Championships:
 - a) Entrants in any Open Championship event may not enter in any other regular grade solo events, but may enter in Figure Dances and/or special competitions for which they are eligible (tradition set, treble reel non-traditional set dance)
 - b) Entrants in Open Championships should specify on the entry form their choice of set dance
 - c) Open Championship competitions in the minimum required age groups must be offered separately in the syllabus, yet the feis committee may combine an age group with the next higher age group if there are fewer than 5 competitors entered in the lower age groups. A feis committee is not permitted to combine dancers from one open championship age group with any age groups which is more than one age groups higher than the age group in which the dancers are entered
 - d) A dancer is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel or slip jig for ladies and reel only for men) and a set dance. A Feis can also opt to require a third dance (choice of jig/hornpipe)
 - e) Dancers must qualify for Open Championship via the method now in place for Preliminary Championship i.e. two 1st place wins.
 - f) Dancers must compete in the Preliminary Championship competition in order to qualify for Open Championship.
- 14) Girls and Boys competitions in Open Championship may be combined in the syllabus. If three 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 circumstance on the day of the Feis.
- 15) Preliminary Championships:
 - a) Are open to those who at any NAFC recognized Feis:
 1. Have placed 1st in both an Open (Prizewinner) light and heavy shoe competition and
 2. Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open Championship.
 - b) A dancer who wins two (2) first place preliminary championship awards in one calendar year will move on to Open Championship the following year (as of Jan 1); if the second first-place win does not occur in the same feis year as the first win, as soon as the second win is achieved, in any age category, the dancer must move up to open championship level immediately. Only in the case of a back to back Feiseanna (successive days) the first-place win in the first Feis will not change the dancer's status for the second Feis
 - c) A dancer in a preliminary championship is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel of slip jig for ladies and reel only for men) and a hard shoe dance. A Feis can opt to offer either (a) a set dance) or (b) a jig/hornpipe or (c) both a set dance and jig/hornpipe
 - d) Boys and Girls will be combined in preliminary championships –Please note the separation policy involving five or more boys
 - e) Preliminary Championship competitions must be offered separately in the syllabus for the minimum required age groups, yet the feis committee may combine an age group with the next higher age groups if there are fewer than 5 competitors entered in the lower age group. A feis committee is not permitted to combine dancers from one preliminary championship age group with any age group which is more than one age group higher than the age group in which the dancers are entered.
- 16) Open Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
- 17) 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. If after competing for two full feis years at the Open Championship level, a dancer has not placed first, second or third, he/she may opt to return to Preliminary Championship status.
- 18) The status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in a competition.

19) In championship events or solo set dance events: Introductions for set dances will be played only once and competitors must set their speeds during that one playing, no variation in speed will be allowed once dancing is due to commence. Dancers beginning before or after the stipulated set-dance introduction will automatically receive a zero for that round from the/or all adjudicators. (CLRG AGM 2011)

20) Grade Category Definitions:

Beginner: A beginner is a competitor who has not taken a full year of Irish Dance lessons, thereby giving beginners a full year with such status. A Beginner must move into the Advanced Beginner category for the next year.

Advanced Beginner: An Advanced Beginner who wins 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance.

Novice: A Novice dancer who wins a 1st place in a dance will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance. In addition, if there are twenty or more dancers, a dancer who wins 1st place or 2nd place in a dance will advance to the Open/Prizewinner category in that particular dance. (Dec. 2012)

Open (Prizewinner): A competitor who does not qualify as a Beginner, Advanced Beginner or Novice.

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

Other Adult Grades: will follow the descriptions provided above.

** Competitors have the option to remain in the same category for the remainder of the Feis year (until the following January 1st)

** The syllabus must contain all grade categories

** Boys and Girls enter the appropriate age group in the appropriate grade for each dance; after entries have been closed, in any competition where five or more boys are entered, the feis committee will run a separate competition for these boys.

** A feis committee may only combine two consecutive calendar year age groups (within that grade only) when fewer than five(5) competitors are entered in either age group, with the exception of the oldest age group listed.

21) 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.

22) Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.

23) Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in positions when the competition is announced. Competitors may compete in their own age group or in the next higher age group, however a competitor may compete in only one age group.

24) In matters pertaining to adjudicators, the decision of the adjudicator is final.

25) Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.

26) First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner dancers are required to dance at traditional speeds only. Novice and Open (Prizewinner) dancers may choose between traditional and Oireachtas speeds. Adult categories are included in these specifications

27) Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image while in motion, using electronic or manual means, i.e. mobile phone, standard camera, video camera, or commercial film, with or without enhancement is expressly forbidden in competition: except in Beginner and Advanced Beginner Categories (CLRG AGM 2011)

28) 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 Sept 1st of each year an exception is made for those dancers who are 11 dancing in the under 12 age group.

29) Make up is prohibited on a dancer in the first three grades (First Feis [if offered]), Beginner and Advanced Beginner or their equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group.

30) 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.

31) No substance that can become airborne should be used on any dance floor in an attempt to improve traction.

32) Make-up will not be permitted for any dancer up to and including the under age 10 group.

Feis Specific rule:

Double Preliminary Rules: We are very excited to be offering double Preliminary Championships this year giving dancers two opportunities to win and advance into Open Championships. Preliminary dancers can enter both competitions for the chance to win on either day. If a dancer wins on the first day then they can dance again on Sunday if they need another win to advance to Open Championships. However, if the dancer only needs one win and they win on Saturday but have entered to dance on Sunday, they forfeit the right to dance on Sunday and their fees will not be refunded.

Competitors must answer all questions as required by the Feis Entry committee, including teacher's name, and enclose the entry fee when mailing. Failure to do so will result in a reject of the entry. Payment date for the feis is actual date of electronic payment (or postmark date if mailed). Late payments fees are as follows. None if paid on or before Friday, August 18, 2017, \$20 per individual (\$60 max per family). Payments for corrections to an entry are not subject to late fees.

Maximum competition fee per family is \$125,*excluding Double Preliminary (Second Chance) competitions, specials competitions, non-dance competitions, dancer level changes, sales, late fees and Feis Spectator/Family admissions fee.

The Family Fee/Spectator Fee for the Feis is \$25.

Feisworks Family Fee: \$5.50. Personal Results are included and will be available On-line only. Results will be posted after the feis.

Medals and Trophies must be picked up at the feis. Awards will not be mailed.

Dancer level changes are \$10 for grades, \$15 for champs.

Entry Instructions

Web Entries (Preferred method – no handling fee)

Register by following the instructions and completing the on-line forms on: www.feisworx.com.

Print out the confirmation message generated on-line and mail it along with payment to the address below.

Maguire Bayou City Feis
c/o FeisWorx
PO Box 2046
Parker, CO 80134-1411

Make checks payable to: **Maguire**

Mass, Saturday September 2

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM in the hotel, all denominations are invited.

Solo Competitions - \$10 per solo

First Feis	U7	U9	U11	11&O
Reel	FF1	FF3	FF5	FF7
Light Jig	FF2	FF4	FF6	FF8

Beginner I	U5	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	1	5	9	13	17	21	25
Light Jig	2	6	10	14	18	22	26
Single Jig	3	7	11	15	19	23	27
Slip Jig	4	8	12	16	20	24	28

Beginner II	U5	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	100	106	112	118	124	130	136
Light Jig	101	107	113	119	125	131	137
Single Jig	102	108	114	120	126	132	138
Slip Jig	103	109	115	121	127	133	139
Double Jig	104	110	116	122	128	134	140
Hornpipe	105	111	117	123	129	135	141

Hard Shoes are at traditional speed only

Novice	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	200	206	212	218	224	230
Light Jig	201	207	213	219	225	231
Slip Jig	202	208	214	220	226	232
Single Jig	203	209	215	221	227	233
Double Jig	204	210	216	222	228	234
Hornpipe	205	211	217	223	229	235

Hard shoe is choice of speed

Prizewinner	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	300	306	312	318	324	330
Light Jig	301	307	313	319	325	331
Slip Jig	302	308	314	320	326	332
Single Jig	303	309	315	321	327	333
Double Jig	304	310	316	322	328	334
Hornpipe	305	311	317	323	329	335

Hard shoe is choice of speed

Adult	Beginner I / Beginner II	Novice / Prizewinner
Reel	400	407
Light Jig	401	408
Slip Jig	402	409
Single Jig	403	410
Double Jig	404	411
Hornpipe	405	412

Adults in Novice/Prizewinner may dance at slow speed.

Figure Competitions - \$10 (Flat Fee)

Adult	*Must be a book dance
2-H Reel or Light Jig	426
3-H Reel	427
4-H Dance*	428
6-H Dance	429
8-H Dance*	430

Beginner	U 9	U 12	U 15	15&O
2-H Reel or 2H Light Jig	500	502	504	506
3-H Reel	501	503	505	507

For those who are entered and dance in at least one Beginner Dance in this Feis.

Open	U12	U15	15 & O	
2-H Reel	520	521	522	
3-H Reel	530	531	532	
	U12	U15	15&O	
4-H Dance*	540	541	542	
6-H Dance	560	561	562	
8-H Dance*	580	581	582	

* Must be Book
Dance

Special Competitions

Non-Championship Trophy Soft Shoe Special - \$12

Open to all non-Championship dancers. Competitors must dance reel or slip jig down the line.

16 bars of reel or slip jig

600	Under 10 Soft Shoe Trophy
601	Under 14 Soft Shoe Trophy
602	14 & Over Soft Shoe Trophy

Non Championship Trophy Traditional Set Special - \$12

Open to all non-Championship dancers. Competitors must dance one of the following:

St Patrick's Day, The Black Bird, Job of the Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, Jockey to the Fair, or King of the Fairies.

610	Under 10 Traditional Set Trophy
611	Under 12 Traditional Set Trophy
612	Under 14 Traditional Set Trophy
613	14 & Over Traditional Set Trophy
614	Adult Traditional Set Trophy

Non Championship Trophy Double Reel Special - \$12

Open to all non-Championship dancers. Competitors must dance double reel down the line.

One double reel (hard shoe) step down the line. 16 bars double reel

620	Under 12 Double Reel Trophy
621	Under 15 Double Reel Trophy
622	15 & Over Double Reel Trophy

Charity Non-Championship Trophy Treble Jig/Hornpipe Special - \$12

Open to all non-Championship dancers. Competitors must dance treble jig/hornpipe down the line.

100% of proceeds donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

16 bars treble jig or
hornpipe

630	Under 12 Treble Jig/HP Trophy
631	Under 15 Treble Jig/HP Trophy
632	15 & Over Treble Jig/HP Trophy

Preliminary - \$40

Requirements: Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars) and Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars).

Under 9	700
Under 10	701
Under 12	702
Under 14	703
Under 16	704
16 & Over	705

Double Preliminary - \$40 (Second Chance)

Requirements: Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars) and Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars).

Under 9	850
Under 10	851
Under 12	852
Under 14	853
Under 16	854
16 & Over	855

Open - \$45

Requirements: Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars), and Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars) and any non-traditional set dance. Note: Boys & girls will be separated if there are 3 or more boys in a competition

Under 9	710
Under 10	720
Under 12	721
Under 14	722
Under 16	723
Under 18	724
18 & Over	725

Special Competitions

Championship Trophy Soft Shoe Special - \$12

Open to all Preliminary and Open Championship dancers – Slip Jig or Reel down the line
16 bars of slip jig or reel

800	Under 12 Soft Shoe Trophy
801	Under 15 Soft Shoe Trophy
802	15 & Over Soft Shoe Trophy

Championship Trophy Set Dance Special - \$12

Open to all Preliminary Championship dancers.

810	Under 12 Set Dance Trophy
811	Under 15 Set Dance Trophy
812	15 & Over Set Dance Trophy

Championship Trophy Double Reel Special - \$12

Open to all Preliminary and Open Championship dancers – Double Reel down the line
16 bars double reel

820	Under 12 Double Reel Trophy
821	Under 15 Double Reel Trophy
822	15 & Over Double Reel Trophy

Charity Championship Trophy Treble Jig/Hornpipe Special - \$12

Open to all Preliminary and Open Championship dancers – Competitors must dance Treble Jig/Hornpipe down the line.
100% of proceeds donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. 16 Bars of Treble Jig or Hornpipe

830	Under 12 Treble Jig/HP Trophy
831	Under 15 Treble Jig/HP Trophy
832	15 & Over Treble Jig/HP Trophy

Non-Dance Competitions

Music - \$12

Requirement: play a traditional folk tune from and of the Celtic nations. Performance limited to 3 minutes

900A	U13
900B	13 & O

Vocal - \$12

Open to all ages. Requirement: sing a traditional folk song from and of the Celtic nations. Performance limited to 3 minutes.

901A	U13
901B	13 & O

Spoken Word - \$12

Open to all ages. Requirement: read or recite a poem or passage from the literature of any of the Celtic nations. Performance limited to 5 minutes.

902A	U13
902B	13 & O

Baking - \$12

This competition is an Irish themed baking competitions. You may submit baking dishes that revolve around an Irish theme. Please bring a list of all ingredients used.

Deliver baked entry wrapped in plastic to the Feis by 10 AM on day of Feis.

903A	U13
903B	13 & O

Art - \$12

Open to all ages. Requirement: Must be an original piece of artwork by entrant depicting a Celtic theme or subject. Must be delivered by 10 am day of Feis.

904A	U13
904B	13 & O

2017 North American Feis Commission Champions and Music Scholarship Sites

2017 NAFC Championships was held on January 14, 2017 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana

Robert Gabor Junior Trophy – Simone Loysen – Broesler School

George Sweetnam Minor Trophy - Maggie Webber Mulvihill-Lynch School

Gerry Campbell Perpetual Senior Belt – Owen Luebbers- Broesler School

2017 NAFC Music Scholarship Competitions 15 and Over James Brennan Music Championship will be held at the Detroit International Feis on June 3, 2017

2017 NAFC Music Scholarship Competitions Under 15 Edward Callaghan Music Championship will be held at the Irish American Assn. NW Jersey Feis on September 10, 2017