

15th Annual



Cream City Feis Sunday July 21, 2019

Pettit National Ice Center
500 South 84th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53214

Sponsored by

KAFA- Kinsella Academy Family Association

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Member of the North American Feis Commission

Jim Graven, President

Registered with *An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha, Dublin*, Ireland

Feis Entry Caps

First Feis - Prizewinner – 750 Paid

Preliminary - Open Champ – First 250 Paid

Waiting list will be available

“Black Ice” Feis

NO COSTUMES, NO WIGS

GIRL DANCERS: must wear black skirts or shorts, plain black shirts,
white socks and dance shoes

BOY DANCERS: must wear plain black pants or black shorts, plain black shirts,
black or white socks, dance shoes

Special competitions-

Blind Treble reel

Tir Na Nog

Parent-Child Figure

Open skating throughout the day on Pettit Ice Arena rink!
Craft table, face painting and photo booth!

Registration:

Registration through Feisworx only. Credit card payments only; mail, phone or email entries or payments not accepted. Family Event Fee must be paid when registering. This will include admission and results.

Important Dates and Times:

- Registration closes: July 5, 2019 or when the Feis reaches the cap.
- Late Registration: subject to a late fee \$25 After July 5, 2019
- Any changes/adds to existing registrations will need to be made with Feisworx.
- Number pick-up : Saturday, July 20, 2019 2:00 - 6:00 PM
- Feis opens: Sunday, July 21, 2019 at 7:00 AM
- The stage schedule will be posted as soon as it is available on Feisworx.
- The list of adjudicators and musicians will be posted when available.
- Preliminary and Open Championship will run youngest to oldest – soft shoe first.

Feis Begins at 8:00 AM

Please arrive at your stage at least 30 minutes early for all competitions!

Open Champ (OC)	\$50
Preliminary Champ (PC)	\$40
Optional PC Set	\$10
First Feis to Prizewinner	\$10 per dance
Tir Na Nog	\$10
Figures	\$10 (per dancer)
Blind Treble Reel *	\$10
Music	\$5
Family Fee	\$20
Family Max	\$125
Late Fee	\$25

***A portion of the proceeds of the treble reel will be donated to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation**

- Day of feis changes/additions incur \$25 penalty fee, plus applicable dance and family fees. NO changes permitted on Sunday once dancing has commenced unless explicitly approved by the Feis Committee.
- Family Max includes PC Set and Music.
- Family Max does not include Treble Reel, figures or any late fees.
- **Absolutely no refunds will be given.**

- \$6 parking fee will be collected by Wisconsin State Fair Park. Some street parking may be available west of 84th St.

Competition and Awards Details:

- PC/OC solo results will be announced.
- Results for the Blind Treble Reels will be announced.
- Trophies will be awarded for music competitions
- Sashes awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in PC/OC overall competitions.
- Sashes awarded to all First Feis and Tir Na Nog competitors.
- Competitions will be combined in accordance with NAFC rules whenever possible to increase likelihood of 5+ dancers per competition. Please note, according to NAFC rules, NO combining may be done the day of the feis.
- Non-traditional Set **optional** for Preliminary Championship.
- Preliminary and Open Championship will run youngest to oldest – soft shoe first.
- When there are fewer than five dancers registered in a particular Open Championship age category, the boys and girls WILL be combined.

The 2019 NAFC Championships were held on January 19, 2019 in Sacramento, California

Gerry Campbell Senior Belt winner: Saoirse DeBoy, Teelin School, MD
 Robert Gabor Junior Belt winner: Olivia Nachtigal, Mattierin School, AB
 George Sweetnam Minor Belt winner: Lauren Woodbeck, Knock School, AB
 Peter Smith Senior Ceili winners: Cleary Irish Dance School, CA
 Peter Smith Junior Ceili winners: Heritage Irish Dance Company, NJ
 Peter Smith Minor Ceili winners: Cleary Irish Dance School, CA
 NAFC 15 & Over James Brennan Music Scholarship Competition
 To be held at the Peach State Feis 5/4/19
 NAFC Under 15 Edward Callaghan Music Scholarship Competition
 To be held at the Golden Horseshoe Feis 6/15/19

Cream City Feis Rules:

- The Feis Committee has the option of splitting competitions, as necessary
- At the discretion of the Feis Committee, stage assignments may change, announcements will be made at the original stage and via the public-address system. It is the competitor's responsibility to report to the correct stage.
- Competitors must be at their assigned stage ready to compete when their competitions are ready or announced. A competitor may be eliminated from a competition for reporting late. Competitions will be closed when no more competitors are at the stage ready to compete. No competitions shall be re-opened except on the sole direction of the Feis Coordinators.
- Parents not accompanying dancers under age 18 are encouraged to provide their child(ren) chaperones with signed medical authorizations. Cream City Feis and its organizers assume no responsibility for minors, accompanied or unaccompanied.
- Any outstanding payment problems will prevent the dancer(s) from dancing in this year's feis.
- All NAFC and Mid-America rules will be strictly enforced.
- Teachers are requested to press upon pupils that 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.

TÍR NA NÓG EXHIBITION

Open to dancers 2-5 years old who have not yet taken part in a feis in the First Feis or Beginner 1 levels. Register online at Feisworx. The Tír na nÓg exhibition will be held first on the champ stage. Soft shoes and/or costume are not required. Dancers will receive 8 bars of a reel to dance. Awards will be given on the stage.

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FIRST FEIS

The First Feis level has been established for dancers who are competing in their very First Feis. Once a dancer competes in the First Feis category, the dancer must move into Beginner 1 or Beginner 2.

	GIRLS								BOYS							
	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	O11	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	O11
REEL	105RL	106RL	107RL	108RL	109RL	110RL	111RL	112RL	155RL	156RL	157RL	158RL	159RL	160RL	161RL	162RL
LIGHT JIG	105LJ	106LJ	107LJ	108LJ	109LJ	110LJ	111LJ	112LJ	155LJ	156LJ	157LJ	158LJ	159LJ	160LJ	161LJ	162LJ
SLIP JIG	105SJ	106SJ	107SJ	108SJ	109SJ	110SJ	111SJ	112SJ								

BEGINNER 1 (BEGINNER)

All hard shoe dances at traditional speeds.

A dancer who has been dancing for less than one year. A Beginner 1 must move to Beginner 2 no later than January 1st of the dancers second of instruction, or may move to Beginner 2 earlier with teacher's permission and provided that the Feis has not closed to changes. Note: A Beginner dancer who starts in September may continue as a Beginner 1 until December of the following year (16 months) before moving into Beginner 2.

	GIRLS									BOYS							
	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	O12	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12
REEL	205RL	206RL	207RL	208RL	209RL	210RL	211RL	212RL	213RL	255RL	256RL	257RL	258RL	259RL	260RL	261RL	262RL
LIGHT JIG	205LJ	206LJ	207LJ	208LJ	209LJ	210LJ	211LJ	212LJ	213LJ	255LJ	256LJ	257LJ	258LJ	259LJ	260LJ	261LJ	262LJ
SLIP JIG	205SJ	206SJ	207SJ	208SJ	209SJ	210SJ	211SJ	212SJ	213SJ								

BEGINNER 2 (ADVANCED BEGINNER)

All hard shoe dances at traditional speeds.

A dancer who has been dancing for no more than one year and who has not won a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in Beginner 2. A dancer who has won a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in a Beginner 2 dance must move into Novice in that dance no later than January 1st of the next calendar year or with teacher's permission as soon as the next Feis (if said Feis has not closed to changes).

	GIRLS									BOYS								
	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	O13	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	O13

REEL	306RL	307RL	308RL	309RL	310RL	311RL	312RL	313RL	314RL	356RL	357RL	358RL	359RL	360RL	361RL	362RL	363RL	364RL
LIGHT JIG	306LJ	307LJ	308LJ	309LJ	310LJ	311LJ	312LJ	313LJ	314LJ	356LJ	357LJ	358LJ	359LJ	360LJ	361LJ	362LJ	363LJ	364LJ
SLIP JIG	306SJ	307SJ	308SJ	309SJ	310SJ	311SJ	312SJ	313SJ	314SJ									
TREBLE JIG	306TJ	307TJ	308TJ	309TJ	310TJ	311TJ	312TJ	313TJ	314TJ	356TJ	357TJ	358TJ	359TJ	360TJ	361TJ	362TJ	363TJ	364TJ
HORNSPIPE	306HP	307HP	308HP	309HP	310HP	311HP	312HP	313HP	314HP	356HP	357HP	358HP	359HP	360HP	361HP	362HP	363HP	364HP
ST PATRICK'S DAY	306PD	307PD	308PD	309PD	310PD	311PD	312PD	313PD	314PD	356PD	357PD	358PD	359PD	360PD	361PD	362PD	363PD	364PD

NOVICE

All hard shoes dances can be done at either traditional speed or slow speed.

A dancer moves into Novice as a result of placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in that dance as indicated in Beginner 2. A dancer who wins 1st in a Novice dance must move into Prizewinner in that dance no later than January 1st of the next calendar year or with teacher's permission as soon as the next Feis (if said Feis has not closed to changes).

	GIRLS										BOYS									
	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15
REEL	407RL	408RL	409RL	410RL	411RL	412RL	413RL	414RL	415RL	416RL	457RL	458RL	459RL	460RL	461RL	462RL	463RL	464RL	465RL	466RL
LIGHT JIG	407LJ	408LJ	409LJ	410LJ	411LJ	412LJ	413LJ	414LJ	415LJ	416LJ	457LJ	458LJ	459LJ	460LJ	461LJ	462LJ	463LJ	464LJ	465LJ	466LJ
SLIP JIG	407SJ	408SJ	409SJ	410SJ	411SJ	412SJ	413SJ	414SJ	415SJ	416SJ										
TREBLE JIG	407TJ	408TJ	409TJ	410TJ	411TJ	412TJ	413TJ	414TJ	415TJ	416TJ	457TJ	458TJ	459TJ	460TJ	461TJ	462TJ	463TJ	464TJ	465TJ	466TJ
HORNSPIPE	407HP	408HP	409HP	410HP	411HP	412HP	413HP	414HP	415HP	416HP	457HP	458HP	459HP	460HP	461HP	462HP	463HP	464HP	465HP	466HP
TRADITIONAL SET	407TS	408TS	409TS	410TS	411TS	412TS	413TS	414TS	415TS	416TS	457TS	458TS	459TS	460TS	461TS	462TS	463TS	464TS	465TS	466TS

PRIZE WINNER

All hard shoes dances can be done at either traditional speed or slow speed.

A dancer moves into Prizewinner as a result of placing 1st as indicated in Novice.

	GIRLS										BOYS									
	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	O15
REEL	507RL	508RL	509RL	510RL	511RL	512RL	513RL	514RL	515RL	516RL	557RL	558RL	559RL	560RL	561RL	562RL	563RL	564RL	565RL	566RL
LIGHT JIG	507LJ	508LJ	509LJ	510LJ	511LJ	512LJ	513LJ	514LJ	515LJ	516LJ	557LJ	558LJ	559LJ	560LJ	561LJ	562LJ	563LJ	564LJ	565LJ	566LJ

SLIP JIG	507SJ	508SJ	509SJ	510SJ	511SJ	512SJ	513SJ	514SJ	515SJ	516SJ										
TREBLE JIG	507TJ	508TJ	509TJ	510TJ	511TJ	512TJ	513TJ	514TJ	515TJ	516TJ	557TJ	558TJ	559TJ	560TJ	561TJ	562TJ	563TJ	564TJ	565TJ	566TJ
HORNSPIPE	507HP	508HP	509HP	510HP	511HP	512HP	513HP	514HP	515HP	516HP	557HP	558HP	559HP	560HP	561HP	562HP	563HP	564HP	565HP	566HP
TRADITIONAL SET	507TS	508TS	509TS	510TS	511TS	512TS	513TS	514TS	515TS	516TS	557TS	558TS	559TS	560TS	561TS	562TS	563TS	564TS	565TS	566TS

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

A dancer who wins 1st place in each of the Open dances (reel, slip-jig, treble jig, and hornpipe) can move into Preliminary Championships with teacher's permission. Boys and Girls will compete against each other, however if there are at least 5 boys entered, the boys will be moved into a separate competition. In cases where a Feis elects to split a competition due to a large entry, the split must be done by birth date age in the same manner as the North American Championships.

Dancers will perform 48 bars of the reel or 40 bars of the slip-jig **and** 40 bars of the hornpipe or 48 bars of the treble jig.

Preliminary Championship will be judged and scored by all 3 judges. In addition, awards will also be posted for each solo round (light and heavy round) based on the scores of one judge (different judges scores for light and heavy).

	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	O17
Preliminary Championship	609PC	610PC	611PC	612PC	613PC	614PC	615PC	616PC	617PC	618PC
Set Dance *	609SD	610SD	611SD	612SD	613SD	614SD	615SD	616SD	617SD	618SD
Treble Reel *	See table below									

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A dancer who wins two First Place awards in one calendar year will move on to Open Championship the following year, or as soon as the second win is achieved, in any age category, in the following years. Only in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna (successive days), in which case the first win in the first Feis will not change the dancer's status for the second Feis. Placing in a Regional or National Oireachtas does not change the status of a competitor.

Dancers will perform: 48 bars of reel or 40 bars of slip-jig, 40 bars of the hornpipe or 48 bars of the treble jig, and a Set Dance. A Feis may elect to have a recall of 50% of the competitors for the set-dance round if there are over 20 dancers in the competition.

Open Championship will be judged and scored by all 3 judges. In addition, awards will also be posted for each solo round (light, heavy, and set) based on the scores of one judge (different for each round).

	GIRLS / LADIES						BOYS / MEN				
	U10	U12	U14	U16	U18	O18	U11	U13	U15	U17	O17
Championship	710OC	712OC	714OC	716OC	718OC	719OC	761OC	763OC	765OC	767OC	768OC
Treble Reel *	See Table below										

NOTE: A dancer who has not received a legitimate placing (sufficient competitors within the normal placing scale) along with a dancer who has not placed in Open Championships for two consecutive years, may return to their previous competition level. For example, an Open Championship dancer that does not place in two consecutive years may return to Preliminary Championships, the same as a Preliminary dancer who does not place can return to Prizewinner.

Blind Treble Reels			
Novice and Prizewinner		Open/Prelim Championship	
U11	TR1	U11	TR4
U14	TR2	U14	TR5
O14	TR3	O14	TR6

The competition will be judged by only the sound of the dancer. The judge will face away from the competitors.

MUSIC								
	ACCORDION	FLUTE	TIN WHISTLE	VIOLIN	OTHER INSTRUMENT	SINGING ENGLISH	SINGING GAELIC	BODHRAN
U14	A1	F1	TW1	V1	K1	SE1	SG1	B1
O14	A2	F2	TW2	V2	K2	SE2	SG2	B2

Only traditional music will be accepted.

Music classifications are reels (double, slip and single), hornpipes, airs, marches and polkas.

Electronic or amplified instruments will not be permitted.

For instruments - play two Irish dance tunes of contrasting tempos. 2 minutes maximum per tune.
 For vocals - perform one song. 3 minutes maximum.

ADULT		
<p>Beginner 1 & 2 hard shoe dances will be at traditional speeds. Novice /Prizewinner hard shoe dances can be done at either traditional or slow speeds.</p>		
<p>A dancer over the age of 18 who has not danced in the above described competitions for a period of five years. Dancers who are in the Adult categories cannot enter any competition other than Adult specified competitions. A dancer who wishes to return to any category other than Adult must remain out of Adult competitions until they retire from dancing for five consecutive years.</p>		
	BEGINNER 1 AND 2	NOVICE/PRIZEWINNER
REEL	835RL	855RL
LIGHT JIG	835LJ	855LJ
SLIP JIG	835SJ	855SJ
TREBLE JIG	835TJ	855TJ
HORNSPIPE	835HP	855HP

FIGURES				
	2 HAND REEL	3 HAND REEL	4 HAND REEL/JIG	8 HAND CEILI
Under 7	921	931	941	
Under 9	922	932	942	981
Under 11	923	933	943	982
Under 13	924	934	944	983
Under 15	925	935	945	
Under 16				984
Over 15	926	936	946	
Over 16	927	937		985
PARENT AND CHILD	928	938		

Figure Dancing: Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced. Competitors may compete in the next higher age group; however, a competitor may compete in only one age group, with the exception of 8 hands (see Rule 23).

GENERAL FEIS RULES:

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, regardless of their domicile, and where applicable, 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Steel taps or “bubble” heels on dancing shoes, display of awards, wearing of shorts or other unconventional dress is prohibited. Authentic Gaelic dress is desired. First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner, aka 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.
7. Competitor's number must be worn and visible to adjudicators when performing in all competitions, except in Championships. Use of 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 \$25.00 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 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 enclose the entry fee when mailing. Failure to do so may 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.
14. The status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in a competition.
15. 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. 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).
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.

GRADE LEVEL RULES:

1. Solo competitors in First Feis (if offered), 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.
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. Combining male and female dancers in any age category is left to the discretion of each region of the IDTANA. Competitions may be combined with the next higher age group if there are less than 5 competitors entered. Competitions can only be combined up (or down) one age group.
4. Boys and girls CANNOT be combined EXCEPT according to the following:
 - (a) All boys' competitions below Preliminary Championships shall be initially entered in single year age groups;
 - (b) If there are less than 5 entries in any one age group, combination of the competitions shall be done according to the following rules, in order of preferential application:
 - (1) Into double age groups, all boy or all girl; and
 - (2) If a double age group does not create 5 or more entries, the boys shall instead be combined into the corresponding single year girls' age group; and
 - (3) Any competitions so combined shall be run as a single competition.
5. Each region may determine the system for moving dancers from one grade to another, as they see appropriate for their region. The syllabus is to contain all grade categories. A Feis Committee may combine two consecutive age categories into the higher of the two categories within that grade when less

than five (5) competitors are entered (see Rule 2, above). Competitors have the option to remain in the same category for the remainder of the Feis year. 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).

Grade Levels

Beginner 1 (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.

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.

Novice Grade: A novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance.

Open Prizewinner Grade: A competitor who does not qualify as a beginner, advanced beginner or as a 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.

6. 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.
7. All regions in North America will follow this common set of speeds for all grade competitions at feiseanna in North America (IDTANA, 1/1/17).

	First Feis	Beginner	Advanced Beginner	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

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8. The Mid-America syllabus is to contain all grade categories. A Feis Committee may combine two or three consecutive age categories in the highest of the age categories within that grade when less than five (5) competitors are entered. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)
9. First Feis, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 perform only basic steps to coincide with the Grade Exam Syllabus.(IDTAMA, 1/1/17)
10. Dancers competing in the First Feis category are limited to participating in the First Feis Category only. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)

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. Entrants in Championships should specify, on the entry form, their choice of soft shoe, hard shoe, and set dance. Entrants cannot change competition or category on the day of the competition.
 - (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
 - (c) The regional syllabus where the Feis is being held may have different qualifications for entry.
3. Preliminary Championships are open to those who, at any NAFC recognized Feis:
 - (a) A dancer who wins 1st place in each of the Open Prizewinner dances (reel, slip-jig, treble jig, and hornpipe) can move into Preliminary Championships with teacher's permission (IDTAMA).
 - (b) Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open Championship. A dancer who wins two first place awards will move on to Open Championship at the next Feis they enter, or as soon as the second win is achieved, in any age category, in the following years. Only in the case of back-to-back feiseanna (successive days), in which case the first win in the first Feis will not change the dancer's status for the second Feis. A dancer is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel or 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.
 - (c) The regional syllabus where the Feis is being held may have different qualifications for entry.
4. A Mid-America 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. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)

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. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)
6. Any competitor in Preliminary or Open Championship must have a minimum of 8 rotations or 10 minutes between their rounds. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)

FIGURE/CEILI TEAM RULES:

1. Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced.
2. There are no restrictions on figure age groups. (Effective 12/2014)
3. Figure age groups will be determined by the oldest dancer. (Effective 12/2014).
4. 8 hand teams are allowed to repeat dancers at all Mid-America feiseanna in accordance with the world and regional Oireachtas rules.

5. The length of 2 hand and 3 hand dances in competition are to be 48 bars of music plus an 8 bar introduction.

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 on 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.
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 girl's 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 and blouse.