



29th Annual Feis in the Desert

Sponsored by Damhsa Irish Dance Company in association
with the Bracken School of Irish Dance

Come join us in the Arizona Sunshine!

Feis: Saturday, January 19th, 2019

Grade Exams (Grades 1 to 10): January 18th, 2019 in the evening and
January 19th and 20th in the morning (schedules will not conflict).

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Feis Website: www.feisinthedesert.org

Register Online at <http://www.feisworx.com>

Registration Opens Nov. 1st, 2018 Registration Closes Jan. 3rd, 2018

Late Registration: January 4th, 2019-January 11th, 2019

Changes to existing Registrations-\$20 (if changed after 1/3/2019)

New registrations allowed with a \$30 late fee (if after 1/3/2019) Feis Cap: None

Social Media:

Picture Sharing & Updates on all of our Social Media:

Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FeisInTheDesert/>

Instagram page <https://instagram.com/feisinthedesert/>. #FITD2019 #DITD2019

Live Tweeting during the Feis <https://twitter.com/FeisInTheDesert>

See live broadcasts leading up to and during the event!

Note: Feis in the Desert is a Member of The North American Feis Commission, President – Lori Seeman and a
Member of Coimisiun, Dublin, Ireland, President – Seán Fegan
Syllabus is in compliance as required by IDTANA & NAFC

V e n u e

Arizona Golf Resort & Conference Center, <http://www.arizonagolfresort.com/>
425 S Power Rd, Mesa, AZ 85206

The Arizona Golf Resort offers warm hospitality, well-appointed accommodations, great dining options, picturesque golf course and lush landscaping. Enjoy spacious guestrooms with kitchenettes and outdoor gas barbeque grills amidst an amazing backdrop of one-hundred foot palms, cottonwood, and eucalyptus trees, two sparkling swimming pools and relaxing Jacuzzis conveniently located just steps from your suite.

Reservations:

Call 480-832-3202 or 800-528-8282, and ask for "Irish Dance" rate to receive our Feis Package: Standard room (1 or 2 beds) **\$109**, Casitas (1 or 2 beds with fold-out couch **\$119**—available 1/16/19 through 1/23/19. Reservations must be made by 5:00 pm on December 17th, 2018 and "**Irish Dance**" room rate must be requested

Feis Package includes: Amazing room rate for our high season, all rooms have kitchenettes (fridge, microwave, stovetop), complimentary Wifi, complimentary breakfast for 2 per room per night, waived resort fee, free parking, 20% discount on Greens Fees, Free Shuttle service to/from Mesa Gateway Airport or 10% discount on Super Shuttle to/from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport (inquire with hotel when making room reservation).

Weekend Overview

Join us for the 29th annual Feis in the Desert (FitD), and the 3rd annual Dancing in the Dust Feis (DitD). Both events will be held in Mesa, AZ, over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend, January 19th & 20th, at the Arizona Golf Resort & Conference Center. The property offers an 18-hole championship golf course, 2 sparkling pools, spa, fitness center, free parking and more. We have an amazing room rate of \$109 per night for standard rooms and \$119 for Casitas for a limited block of rooms – don't hesitate, book this rate before they are gone! The rate is available 3 days before/after should you wish to arrive early and stay late to enjoy the warm Arizona sunshine! Call and ask for "**Irish Dance**" to receive the Feis rate.

Our weekend of events begins with Grade Exams starting Friday evening and running through the weekend. Sunday will be the DitD Feis and both events will feature a recall list for champ-level dancers, 50% placement at all levels, fun specials and unique trophies.

When not participating in our scheduled activities, enjoy golf, shopping, hiking, swimming and enjoying our Arizona sunshine. If joining us from out of town, please fly into either Mesa Gateway Airport (free shuttle to/from Mesa) or Phoenix Sky Harbor. If you need transportation from the airport to the resort, there are lots of options available to you. Depending on the number of people in your party and your itinerary for the long holiday weekend, we recommend comparing Super Shuttle, services such as Uber/Lyft, and renting a car given the free parking at the resort.

Musicians:

TBD

Adjudicators:

Sheila Cloherty ~ Massachusetts, United States
Isabella Fogarty ~ Dublin, Ireland
Finnuala Irwin ~ Alberta, Canada
Dr. Sheila Dupuis Green ~ Connecticut, United States
Mary Bryan ~ Ontario, Canada
Helen O'Dwyer Lisacki ~ Massachusetts, United States

Feis Schedule:

To be released once Registration closes.

Feis Fees:

<i>Championship</i>	\$50.00	Flat fee-3 rounds
<i>Light Shoe</i>	\$20.00	Flat fee
<i>Hard Shoe</i>	\$15.00	Flat fee
<i>Figures</i> (beginner/open/adult) (All team members must register & pay competition and Registration Fees. Top gent/Team captain competitor # used to ID team.)	\$10.00	Flat fee per person
<i>Specials</i>	\$10.00	Per dancer per special
<i>Registration Fee</i>	\$25.00	Per Family (includes on-line results)
<i>Feisworx Registration Fee</i>	\$ 6.00	Per Family
<i>Family Maximum</i>	\$150.00	Excludes Specials, Late & Reg. Fees
<i>Add/Change After 1/3/2019</i>	\$20.00	Per competition
<i>New Registrations after 1/3/2019</i>	\$30.00	In addition to other fees
<i>Day of Feis Late Entry Fee</i>	\$50.00	In addition to other fees

Payments

Registration payments will be accepted on-line only via credit card at www.feisworx.com.

Late registrations on the day of the Feis are payable by cash, check (payable to "Damhsa Irish Dance Co."), or charge at Feis in the Desert Registration (late registration fee will apply). Absolutely No Refunds. NSF checks--\$25 fee.

Rules

http://www.northamericanfeiscommission.org/uploads/DANCING_COMPETITION_RULES_final.pdf

- Rules 1-35 adopted by North American Feis Commission effective 1/1/2016) are included by reference.
- All competition times are approximate. **Please be ready to dance one hour before your scheduled time.** The Feis Committee will call a missing entrant three times maximum. Competitors who fail to appear when called will forfeit their right to participate in that particular competition. We will not delay a competition for any reason.
- Competitions will be combined if the numbers warrant that decision.
- Awards will be posted in a timely manner.
- We wish to remind you Rule 29: In consideration of safety and in fairness to dancer performing at a Feis, photography of any kind which has the capacity of capturing a dancer's image while in motion is strictly forbidden.
- When awards are announced from the stage, competitors must be in costume, including dance shoes, to receive their awards.
- The Bracken School of Irish Dance, Damsha Irish Dance Company, Inc., Carefree Resort & Spa, the Feis Committee and anyone associated with the Committee in putting on the Feis, shall not be held responsible or liable for any personal injury, property loss, or damage incurred before, during or after the Feis, by any participants, or by anyone attending the event.

29th Annual Feis in the Desert Competitions

FIRST FEIS				
Open only to those dancers entered in their very first feis. Dancers can enter those dances not offered in First Feis category in Beginner 1, but cannot repeat first feis dances in higher category.				
	U7	U9	U11	11 & O
Reel	015	029	043	057
Light Jig	016	030	044	058

BEGINNER I					
Beginner I competitions are open to those who have not placed 1st in the dance entered when there were 5-9 competitors, or 1st or 2nd when there were 10 or more competitors.					
	U7	U9	U11	U13	13 & O
Reel	101	115	129	143	157
Light Jig	102	116	130	144	158
Slip Jig	103	117	131	145	159
Single Jig	104	118	132	146	160
Treble Jig	105	119	133	147	161
Hornpipe	106	120	134	148	162
Traditional Set	107	121	135	149	163

BEGINNER II					
A dancer moves into Beginner II as a result of placing 1 st when there were 5-9 competitors, or 1st or 2nd when there were 10 or more competitors.					
	U7	U9	U11	U13	13 & O
Reel	201	215	229	243	257
Light Jig	202	216	230	244	258
Slip Jig	203	217	231	245	259
Single Jig	204	218	232	246	260
Treble Jig	205	219	233	247	261
Hornpipe	206	220	234	248	262
Traditional Set	207	221	235	249	263

Novice					
A dancer moves into Novice as a result of placing 1 st when there were 5-9 competitors, or 1st or 2nd when there were 10 or more competitors. Novice competitions are open to those dancers who have not placed 1st in Novice in the dance entered when there were 5-9 competitors, or 1st or 2nd when there were 10 or more competitors.					
	U7	U9	U11	U13	13 & O
Reel	301	315	329	343	357
Light Jig	302	316	330	344	358
Slip Jig	303	317	331	345	359
Single Jig	304	318	332	346	360
Treble Jig	305	319	333	347	361
Hornpipe	306	320	334	348	362
Traditional Set	307	321	335	349	363

PRIZEWINNER

A dancer moves into Prizewinner as a result of placing 1st Place in a Novice dance when there were 5-9 competitors, or 1st or 2nd when there were 10 or more competitors.

	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	15 & O
Reel	401	415	429	443	457	471
Light Jig	402	416	430	444	458	472
Slip Jig	403	417	431	445	459	473
Single Jig	404	418	432	446	460	474
Treble Jig	405	419	433	447	461	475
Hornpipe	406	420	434	448	462	476
Traditional Set	407	421	435	449	463	477

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

Open to any dancer who has not placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an Open Championship within the previous 2 years and has not placed 1st in three Preliminaries. Requirements: Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe and any Set Dance. U9 must dance Traditional Set.

	U9	U11	U13	U15	15 & O
GIRLS & BOYS	700	702	704	706	708

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

Requirements: Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe and any Set Dance. U9 must dance Traditional Set.

	U9	U11	U13	U15	U17	17 & O
GIRLS & BOYS	750	752	754	756	758	759

ADULT *Hardshoe may be done at fast or slow speeds.

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 for five consecutive years before returning. Beginner level dancers must dance St. Patrick's for Traditional Set. Novice & Prizewinner level dancers may dance other Traditional Set dances.

	BEGINNER	NOVICE	PRIZEWINNER	ADULT FIGURES	
Reel	608	615	622	2-Hand Reel	651
Light Jig	609	616	623	3-Hand Reel	652
Slip Jig	610	617	624	4-Hand Dance *	653
Single Jig	611	618	625	6-Hand Dance *	654
Treble Jig	612	619	626	8-Hand Dance *	655
Hornpipe	613	620	627	Parent/Child 2-Hand	660
Traditional Set	614	621	628	* Must be book dances.	

SPECIALS

Beg 1 & Beg 2 Slip Jig Special	One step of a Slip Jig danced down the line	Beg 1 & 2 only U9 959	Beg 1 & 2 only U11 960	Beg 1 & 2 only 11 & O 961		
Novice & Prizewinner Slip Jig Special	One step of a Slip Jig danced down the line	Novice & PW only U11 956	Novice & PW only U13 957	Novice & PW only 13 & O 958		
C. "Mickey" Reynolds Memorial Trophy- Open Championship Slip Jig Special	Open to all ages Open Championship level- one step of a Slip Jig danced down the line				Open only All ages 955	
Eleanor Harrahy Memorial Trophy Adult Slip Jig Special	Open to all Adults - one step of a Slip Jig danced down the line					Adults only All levels 954
Michael Callaghan Memorial Trophy Boys Hornpipe Special	Open to Boys Prelim and Open all ages - one step of hornpipe danced down the line				Boys only All ages Prelim & Open 953	
PANDA Charity Treble Jig Special*	Open to all ages / all levels- one step of a slow speed Treble Jig danced down the line.				All Ages All levels 952	

FIGURES

* Must be book dances.

	Beginner					Open			
	Beginner figures open only to teams where ALL team members are in beginner for at least one solo dance.					Open figure dancing is open to anyone.			
	U7	U9	U11	11&O		U11	U13	U16	U16&O
2-Hand Reel	815	820	825	830		855	860	865	870
3-Hand Reel	816	821	826	831		856	861	866	871
4-Hand Dance *						857	862	867	872
6-Hand Dance *						858	863	868	873
8-Hand Dance *						859	864	869	874

Charity Special Organizations Info:

***PANDA** stands for "People Acting Now Discover Answers." It is the nickname for the Phoenix Women's Board of the Steele Children's Research Center at the University of Arizona. PANDA is committed to raising funds to improve treatments and develop cures for devastating childhood diseases. PANDA is proud to fund and recruit internationally recognized physician-scientists investigating a wide range of pediatric disorders. The Steele Children's Research Center at the U of A is the only pediatric research hospital in the state of Arizona, and is one of the U of A's 15 Centers of Excellence. The 2019 event proceeds will help fund the **PANDA Personalized Pediatric Medicine Project** and endowment. The objective of this project is to conduct pilot studies and establish an integrated system for personalized medical approaches to treat children suffering from complex diseases including cancer. A customized treatment approach will enable researchers to identify markers in a child's genetic sequence that influence why certain treatments work and others fail. Identifying precise genomic signatures will help provide a more direct route from diagnosis to successful treatment for each patient. This research is on the cutting edge of medical science, and PANDA looks forward to funding a project with such far-reaching potential! Thank you for your support. PANDA is a 501 ©3non-profit organization.

Debbie Johnson Memorial Trophy: The first Memorial Trophy for Feis in the Desert, the Debbie Johnson Memorial Trophy; sponsored by her mother, Margie Miranda. Margie is also the Grandmother of Brandy Johnson, former Bracken Dancer. Margie enjoyed watching Irish dancing and faithfully attended the annual Feis in the Desert. (*Novice/ Prizewinner Slip Jig Special U11*)

Michael Callaghan Trophy: Michael J. Callaghan was born in Newport, County Mayo, Ireland in 1903, the eldest of 13 children. He was a true lover of Irish dance and enjoyed doing a hornpipe at every festive occasion for as long as he lived. He married Sarah Gavin from County Mayo. Their 7 children were encouraged and trained in the ways of Irish culture. This trophy was established in Michael Sr.'s honor, as the memories and ambitions of his descendants continue to keep the spirit of our glorious traditions alive. Long may the dance live and continue to lighten our hearts and bring smiles. (*Prelim/ Open Champ Boys Hornpipe Special all ages*)

Anamarie Kelly Memorial Trophy: The Anamarie Kelly Memorial Trophy is given in memory of a loving, giving, talented and angelic sister, daughter and friend. Even at the tender age of 13, she carried herself with an unconditional love and respect for everyone and for life. She is remembered for her smile, laugh, Catholic faith and Irish spirit that was a true gift. Anamarie was a true blessing and will forever be in hearts of everyone who knew her. (*Novice/ Prizewinner Slip Jig Special 13&O*)

C. "Mickey" Reynolds Memorial Trophy: The C. "Mickey" Reynolds Trophy is in loving memory of Catherine C. Reynolds. Her father immigrated from County Mayo and was working for Universal Studios the year his daughter was born, and he nicknamed her "Mickey" after the newly created and now famous, Mickey Mouse. Mickey's proud Irish heritage was passed on to her children and grandchildren. Irish songs were sung at every family gathering. How thrilled she was when her oldest grandchild, Kirsten Hahn, of the Bracken School, took up Irish dance! The Slip Jig was always Mickey's favorite! (*Open Championship Slip Jig Special all ages*)

The following applies to all Feis in the Desert social media profiles:

Our public online presences are intended to keep supporters, sponsors, dancers and family members informed of the happenings and updates of all Feis in the Desert events and the events hosted by our organization.

Feis in the Desert is a family-friendly page that promotes sportsmanship and upholding the art of Irish Dance. Feel free to "like" "share" and "re-Tweet" postings as well as post comments, messages, links, pictures, video, etc. but understand that we do not allow graphic, obscene, explicit or racial comments or submissions nor do we allow comments that are abusive, hateful or intended to defame anyone or any organization. We will not allow our posts to be used to solicit, advertise or promote any other organization unless specifically posted by Feis in the Desert (www.feisinthedesert.org) or permissions have been given by our organization.

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