

## MAGNOLIA STATE FEIS GRADE EXAM SYLLABUS

Grade exams will be held at the Magnolia State Feis/ Feis New Orleans & LA State Championships Venue:

Hilton New Orleans Airport

901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062

On Friday, May 25, 2018 at approximately 5:30 p.m. grade exams will take place at the Hilton New Orleans Airport. In order to accommodate dancers traveling to the venue, we will try to schedule those exams towards the end of the exam period. We have a cap of 60 exams. If you have taken grade exams prior, please email a copy of your certificates to [ryangradeexams@gmail.com](mailto:ryangradeexams@gmail.com) by May 11, 2018.

**Grade Exam Registration opens on February 8, 2018 and closes on May 11, 2018 (grades 1 to 6 only). Late registrations not permitted.**

Cost:

Grades 1 through 3 - \$25

Grades 4 through 6 - \$32

### General Information:

Grade examinations are unlike competitions in that each candidate is individually examined and receives a detailed written assessment of their performance and knowledge of the grade being attempted. They are open to both male and female candidates regardless of age and ability. The scheme consists of an optional Preliminary Grade followed by a further 12 grades with each grade becoming increasingly more demanding on the candidate's skill, knowledge and ability. Each Grade must be passed and certificate awarded before a candidate may attempt the next level. A dancer who successfully completes all Grades will be awarded "The Diploma of the Irish Dancing Commission". All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. **All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding in higher grades. Please bring to the exam.**

Grade exams are separate from competitions and do not count towards moving up competitively at a subsequent Feis. PLEASE NOTE: **Kindly ask your teacher before**

**registering to ensure you are eligible to take our grade exams, especially if you have taken grades exams in the past.**

What to Wear:

Competition gear (i.e., wig or solo costume) is not necessary or allowed. Instead, please wear a shirt without identifying information (no name or school affiliation) with dark-colored bottoms, dark colored shorts, and tights or socks.

*Register at FeisWorx.com. Our 2018 examiner is Kevin Broesler.*

Rules & Regulations:

1. Only Basic Steps may be danced in the Preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2 & 3.
2. The number of bars of music to be danced to for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes is 40 (2 ½ steps).
3. St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Garden of Daisies, Job of Journeywork, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains, and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional style and manner.
4. The same set dance must not be performed in more than one of the Grades from 9 to 12 inclusive.
5. A dancer must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1. However, a candidate may only attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one sitting.
6. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per "Ár Rincí Céilí" as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12 inclusive.
7. Dance costumes should not be worn.
8. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. **Please bring to the exam.**
9. Grade 11 may only be attempted by candidates at least 16 years of age.
10. Grade 12 may only be attempted by candidates at least 17 years of age.
11. A special application form and certificate/diploma will apply for Grades 11 and 12.
12. All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG examination effective from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## GRADE EXAM DESCRIPTIONS

Grade	Dance 1	Dance 2	Dance 3
1	Easy (Beginner) Reel	Light Jig	
2	Basic (Adv Beg/Novice) Slip Jig	Basic (AB/N) Single Jig	
3	Primary (Prizewinner) Reel	Basic (AB/N) Heavy Jig	
4	Primary (PW) Slip Jig	St. Patrick's Day	
5	Advanced (Prelim/Champ) Reel	Basic (AB/N) Hornpipe	Walls of Limerick
6	Advanced (P/C) Slip Jig	The Blackbird	Siege of Ennis

Easy = Beginner  
 Basic = Advanced Beginner/Novice  
 Primary= Prizewinner  
 Advanced= Prelim/Champ

### Grade Examination Rules:

1. A dancer may only take 3 grades at any one exam.
2. A three-month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
3. Grade exams must be examined by at least 4 examiners up to grade 10 plus two different full examiners for grades 11 and 12.
4. A choice of examiners is allowed up to grade 6, using a minimum of 2 examiners through these grades.
5. The same examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of 3 years. This also applies where a regional authority or group of classes hold the examinations.

e.g. Applications for 2018: Examiners may not have examined in years 2017, 2016, or 2015.

6. From grade 7 – 10 the examiner is appointed by the Udaras from the rotation list.
7. A dancer would be permitted to retake any grade for a better score upon submission of a specific written request to the Udaras Scrudaithe, with the understanding that the second result would replace the earlier one and that the dancer would be required to pay the usual fee for the grade being taken.
8. All 12 grade exams must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG examination effective from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.
9. Scrudu Bell (oral Irish Exam) for grades 1-4 in Ireland.
10. **All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to exam.**