



The McTeggart Kentucky Booster Club
proudly presents the

BLUEGRASS FEIS - June 18, 2023*

**Note special schedule for cultural competitions*

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VENUE: Lexington Ice Center, 560 Eureka Springs Drive, Lexington, KY. Conveniently 6 miles from I-75.

LOOK: In keeping with the tradition of our feis, black-out/casual costume is welcomed but not required.

FEIS INFO: Registration: www.feisworx.com | Info: bit.ly/bluegrassfeis | CAP: 150 grades | 150 PC/OC

ENTRY FEES	
Family Fee	\$25
Family Max (comp entries, excl. Family Fee)	\$175
Grade Solos, Figures (per dancer), Trad Set & Cultural Specials	\$12
Adult Championship Trophy	\$55
Preliminary Championships Future Champs	\$45
Open Championships	\$55
PC Non-Trad Sets	\$10

REGISTRATION: Opens April 10 on FeisWorx.com, Closes June 2 or when "registered and paid" cap is reached. *Debit/credit payments only on FeisWorx.* **NO REFUNDS AT ANY TIME, FOR ANY REASON.** Please note FeisWorx system requires all members of a family to register at the same time for family fee to calculate correctly.

LATE FEES after June 2. We will offer same-day registration for a \$50 same-day late fee if our caps have not been met. For same-day registration, cash in exact amount or check appreciated.

CAMPING SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. We ask you to pack lightly and kindly observe the feis schedule.

SCHEDULE: Feis will begin promptly at 8am on Sunday, June 18. Due to venue capacity, there will be scheduled arrival times. Schedule will be released on FeisWorx and bit.ly/bluegrassfeis after feis registration caps are met. Competitors will be allowed in the venue 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their competitions, and are requested to leave the dance competition area after their final competition concludes. *NOTE on page 6 special schedule for music competitions.

GRADES RESULTS & AWARDS: Following the conclusion of their competitions, grade level dancers and their spectators will leave the competition area. As soon as possible, results for grade level competitions will be posted on the Feisworx website. Bluegrass Feis social media will be updated regularly to announce when results are posted. If a dancer has received an award, she/he may obtain the medals and ribbons at the awards table.

PC/OC/ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS & AWARDS: Results and awards for preliminary championship, open championship, adult, and masters championships will be conducted live in the awards area. Bluegrass Feis will post the "recall list" for each of these competitions on social media so competitors know whether to remain on premises for their competition's awards ceremony.

Bluegrass Feis Syllabus 2023

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.

AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed)

Dancers competing in the First Feis category are limited to participating in the First Feis Category ONLY.

	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
SINGLE JIG	105SN	106SN	107SN	108SN	109SN	110SN	111SN	112SN	155SN	156SN	157SN	158SN	159SN	160SN	161SN	162SN
SLIP JIG	105SJ	106SJ	107SJ	108SJ	109SJ	110SJ	111SJ	112SJ								

BEGINNER 1 (BEGINNER)

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 dancer's second year 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 1 dancer who starts in September, may continue as a Beginner 1 until December of the following year (16 months) before moving into Beginner 2.

AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed).

	GIRLS									BOYS								
	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	O12	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	O12
REEL	205RL	206RL	207RL	208RL	209RL	210RL	211RL	212RL	213RL	255RL	256RL	257RL	258RL	259RL	260RL	261RL	262RL	263RL
LIGHT JIG	205LJ	206LJ	207LJ	208LJ	209LJ	210LJ	211LJ	212LJ	213LJ	255LJ	256LJ	257LJ	258LJ	259LJ	260LJ	261LJ	262LJ	263LJ
SINGLE JIG	205SN	206SN	207SN	208SN	209SN	210SN	211SN	212SN	213SN	255SN	256SN	257SN	258SN	259SN	260SN	261SN	262SN	263SN
SLIP JIG	205SJ	206SJ	207SJ	208SJ	209SJ	210SJ	211SJ	212SJ	213SJ									

BEGINNER 2 (ADVANCED BEGINNER)

A dancer who has been dancing for more than one year and who has not won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place as Beginner 2 dancer. A dancer who has won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place 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).

AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed)

ALL HARD SHOE DANCES AT TRADITIONAL SPEEDS.

	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											
SINGLE JIG	306SN	307SN	308SN	309SN	310SN	311SN	312SN	313SN	314SN	356SN	357SN	358SN	359SN	360SN	361SN	362SN	363SN	364SN		
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

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 level 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).

*ALL HARD SHOES DANCES CAN BE DONE AT EITHER TRADITIONAL SPEED OR SLOW SPEED.

	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
SINGLE JIG	407SN	408SN	409SN	410SN	411SN	412SN	413SN	414SN	415SN	416SN	457SN	458SN	459SN	460SN	461SN	462SN	463SN	464SN	465SN	466SN
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
*HORNPIPE	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 (OPEN)

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

*ALL HARD SHOES DANCES CAN BE DONE AT EITHER TRADITIONAL SPEED OR SLOW SPEED.

	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
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
*HORNPIPE	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 CHAMPIONSHIP

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).

BOYS/MEN & GIRLS/LADIES	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	O17
PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP	609PC	610PC	611PC	612PC	613PC	614PC	615PC	616PC	617PC	618PC
SET DANCE *(OPTIONAL)	609SD	610SD	611SD	612SD	613SD	614SD	615SD	616SD	617SD	618SD

*These dances will be charged the solo fee per dance

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

A dancer who wins two 1st 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.

Competitions will be combined in groups of 5 when possible per rules (see Championship rules below). Boys will be combined with girls if needed.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	O19
GIRLS / LADIES	710OC	711OC	712OC	713OC	714OC	715OC	716OC	717OC	718OC	719OC	720OC
BOYS / MEN	760OC	761OC	762OC	763OC	764OC	765OC	766OC	767OC	768OC	769OC	770OC

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.

ADULT COMPETITIONS

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. A **Masters dancer** is anyone 25 years old or older who has previously placed in the top three of a Preliminary championship or competed in Open championship levels in the "traditional levels"... (Feb. '21)

HARD SHOES DANCES CAN BE DONE AT EITHER TRADITIONAL SPEED OR SLOW SPEED in ADULT BEGINNER 1, BEGINNER 2, NOVICE, and PRIZEWINNER. In the Bluegrass Cup Adult Trophy Special, hardshoe dances are to be danced at slow speeds.

	Beginner 1	Beginner 2	Novice	Prizewinner	Trophy Special
REEL	299RL	399RL	499RL	599RL	
LIGHT JIG	299LJ	399LJ	499LJ	599LJ	
SINGLE JIG	299SN	399SN	499SN	599SN	
SLIP JIG	299SJ	399SJ	499SJ	599SJ	
TREBLE JIG	299TJ	399TJ	499TJ	599TJ	
HORNPIPE	299HP	399HP	499HP	599HP	
TRADITIONAL SET	299TS	399TS	499TS	599TS	
BLUEGRASS CUP ADULT TROPHY SPECIAL					699AC

*The Bluegrass Feis adult championship is a 3-round special trophy competition known as the "Bluegrass Cup." All adult and masters competitors may enter, with teachers' discretion. Dancers will dance 48 bars of reel or 40 bars of slip jig, and 40 bars of hornpipe (113bpm) or 48 bars of treble jig (73bpm), with a set of choice (traditional or non-traditional). There will be 3 adjudicators for this competition. Adults currently competing at grade levels may enter grades competitions as well as the Bluegrass Cup Adult Championship.

Following registration, the BGF chairpersons will contact the Bluegrass Cup trophy entrants to ask whether a dancer falls under the "adult" or "masters" definition. The BGF chairpersons will use this information for awards. There will be overall rankings and awards for the Bluegrass Cup Trophy, as well as awards for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place "Masters" level dancer, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place "Adult" level dancer.

FIGURES AND CEILI

- There are no restrictions on figure age groups.
- Figure age groups will be determined by the oldest dancer.
- Ceili teams (8 hands) are allowed to repeat dancers at all Mid-America feiseanna in accordance with the world and regional Oireachtas rules.
- *BGF: All figures (except 4-Hand and 8-Hand ceilis) are limited to 48 bars, with an 8-bar introduction.*

	FIGURE DANCING			CEILI DANCING	
	<u>2 HAND Reel</u>	<u>3 HAND Reel</u>	<u>4 HAND Reel/Jig</u>	<u>8 Hand Ceili (Jan 1-June 30)</u>	
Under 7	9207FD	9307FD	9407FD	Under 9	9809FD
Under 9	9209FD	9309FD	9409FD	Under 11	9811FD
Under 11	9211FD	9311FD	9411FD	Under 13	9813FD
Under 13	9213FD	9313FD	9413FD	Under 16	9816FD
Under 15	9215FD	9315FD	9415FD	Over 16	9817FD
Over 15	9216FD	9316FD	9416FD	Adult	9899FD
ADULT	9299FD	9399FD	9499FD		
SPECIAL: FAMILY FIGURE					
Family Figure	9699FD				
	<i>In celebration of Father's Day, we welcome families to perform together in this special Family Figure competition. This is limited to 6 or fewer members of the same family unit.</i>				

TRADITIONAL SET SPECIALS

These trophy specials are offered in loving memory of Maureen McTeggart Hall and her sister, Peggy McTeggart, founders of the McTeggart School in Cork, Ireland in 1939. Maureen, lovingly known as "Mrs. Hall" to her students, was a pioneer of Irish dancing in the United States and served for years on An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha. She founded the Kentucky school in 1995. To learn more about the McTeggart school's history and Mrs. Hall's legacy, visit <https://www.kyirishdancers.org/history>.

Peggy McTeggart Traditional Set Special		
AGE GROUP	Non-Champ	Champ
U10	971	974
U12	972	975
U16	973	976

Maureen Hall Traditional Set Special		
AGE GROUP	Non-Champ	Champ
O16	977	979
Adult & Masters	978	
	<p>As in the Bluegrass Cup trophy special, BGF chairpersons will contact 978 competition entrants to ask if they fall under Adult or Masters definitions. There will be overall awards for 978, as well as 1st, 2nd, 3rd for Adult and 1st, 2nd, 3rd for Masters dancers.</p>	

FUTURE CHAMPS

Open to GRADES dancers 1) who are qualified/preparing to dance solos at the 2023 Oireachtas, 2) are working hard to qualify to dance solos at the 2023 Oireachtas, or 3) are in Prizewinner level working toward Preliminary Championships.

Dancers will dance two rounds before 3 judges. If there are fewer than 5 entrants in a competition, competitions may be combined.

- Round 1 – choice of either a HORNPIPE 113 BPM (40 bars) or TREBLE JIG 73 BPM (48 bars)
- Round 2 – choice of either a REEL (48 bars) or SLIP JIG (40 bars)

BOYS/MEN & GIRLS/LADIES	U10	U12	U15	O15
FUTURE CHAMP	910FC	912FC	915FC	916FC

CULTURAL COMPETITIONS

AGE GROUP	VISUAL ARTS	SODA BREAD	CAKE DANCE	SOLO MUSIC - MELODY	SOLO MUSIC - ACCOMPANIMENT	MUSIC/DANCE COMBO
U18	1000	3000	5000 (all ages)	6018	7018	8018
O18	2000	4000		6019	7019	8019

The **Soda Bread Competition** will take place at the Feis on Sunday, June 18 at the Lexington Ice Center. There will be two categories – under 18 and over 18. Entries must be handed in by 11:00 am to the tabulations room. Each entry must be accompanied by a hard-copy printed list of ingredients for allergy purposes. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive medals.

The **Visuals Arts Competition** will take place at the Feis on Sunday, June 18 at the Lexington Ice Center. There will be two categories – under 18 and over 18. Entries may be in any visual medium (watercolor, oils, pencil, ceramic, multimedia, etc.) and must feature an Irish theme or subject. Entries must be handed in by 11:00 am to the tabulations room. Each entry must be accompanied by a hard-copy printed note with title of the work and artist's statement. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will receive medals.

The **Cake Dance** event celebrates a widely documented tradition in the northwest of Ireland of "Cake Dances." Historically at a Cake Dance, dancers would step out and perform in any number of styles of Irish dancing. The winner would be chosen by the onlookers, who would indicate their appreciation for the dancers with cheers and applause. In this event, we especially welcome the Sean Nós style of dancing, as well as old-style Irish step dancing and other forms of percussive dancing. All entrants will receive a cupcake, and the winner by popular acclamation will win a larger cake. The Cake Dance will be held during the lunch break on Sunday, June 18 at the Lexington Ice Center.

Cake Dance participants may select any Irish dance tune type from the musicians (polka, slide, reel, double jig, slip jig, hornpipe, waltz, mazurka, barndance), and may perform for a maximum of 96 bars, or a traditional/fast tempo set dance – maximum length of 2 steps and 2 sets (including left legs of sets). The Bluegrass Feis will contact entrants in advance to ask what tunes they would like the musicians to prepare. Questions? Contact mcteggartdancers@gmail.com.

The **Music** competitions will be held on **Saturday night, June 17, beginning at 5:00pm at the McTeggart Studio, 3519 Lansdowne Drive**. The competitions will be adjudicated by Justin Bridges and Jeremy Wade, founders of the Kentucky Irish Music Academy and musicians for the Bluegrass Feis. Following the competitions, Justin and Jeremy will host a masterclass on Irish music for all participants.

Solo Instrumental Music

AGE GROUP	SOLO MUSIC - MELODY	SOLO MUSIC - ACCOMPANIMENT
U18	6018	7018
O18	6019	7019

Instruments: Fiddle, Button Accordion, Flute, Whistle, Piano Accordion, Concertina, Uilleann Pipes, Irish Harp, Mouth Organ, Banjo, Mandolin, Piano, Melodeon, Guitar, Bouzouki, Bodhrán, Céilí Drums.

Tune Categories: Air (slow or lively), Reel, Polka, Hornpipe, March, Jig (double, single, slip), Slide, Set Dance, Mazurka, Planxty, Fling, Barn Dance, Schottische, Clan March, and dance tunes played for céilí dances (which include *Haste to the Wedding*, *The Rakes of Mallow*, *Humours of Bandon*, *Trip to the Cottage*, *St Patrick's Day*, *The Three Tunes*, *Lannigan's Ball*, *Sweets of May*).

- Competitors shall play one tune from each of TWO tune categories listed above (e.g. one Reel and one Jig) regardless of age group.
- Competitors shall play each tune twice only. Tunes that are played singly may be played three times (i.e. AB AB AB).
- A maximum of two musicians are permitted to play for competitors in the Accompaniment competitions. Only the accompanist (i.e. registered competitor) shall be evaluated.
- Competitors are welcome to enter the Melody and Accompaniment competitions in their respective age group (e.g. Fiddle in Melody U18 and Bodhrán in Accompaniment U18), but may NOT compete with multiple instruments in the same competition (e.g. Fiddle and Banjo in Melody U18).
- Competitors must provide their own instrument(s).
- Competitors may receive written and verbal feedback following the competition.

Combined Music/ Dance

AGE GROUP	MUSIC/DANCE COMBO
U18	8018
O18	8019

- Competitors will play 32 BARS of any traditional Irish tune (e.g. Reel, Jig, etc.) at the corresponding competition tempo (e.g. Reel = 113 bpm, etc.), which will be recorded in real-time. Competitors will then dance to their own recorded tune. The first 8 bars of music may be used as a count-in for the dancing portion (e.g. 8 + 32 for a total of 40 bars).
- Competitors may choose hard *or* soft shoe steps, and may choose traditional *or* slow speed if dancing a Treble Jig or Hornpipe.
- Competitors are encouraged to choose steps that complement the selected tune musically.
- Competitors may receive written and verbal feedback following the competition.

MID-AMERICA REGIONAL DANCING COMPETITION 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 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 \$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 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.
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.

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.
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:
 1. Two consecutive age groups, combined into the higher of the two groups, within that grade.
 2. Three consecutive age groups, combined into the highest age group, within that grade.
 3. All Boys' grades competitions shall be initially entered in single year age groups within that grade.
 4. If there are less than 5 Boys entered in any one age group within that grade, competitions may be combined in the following order:
 - a. Double, All Boys, age group into the higher of the two groups within that grade
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 5. 100 and 200 level competitions may be combined as follows:
 - a. 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.
 - b. 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.
 - 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. (IDTAMA, 1/1/17)
- 12. 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.
- 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 are open to those who:

- 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.
 - 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.
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.
 5. 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.
 6. The boys' open championship age categories will match the girls' open championship age categories.
 7. Every competitor in Preliminary or Open Championship must have a minimum of 8 rotations or 10 minutes between each of their rounds.

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 Mid-America 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.

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 Under 11, 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 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/pants and top.
4. 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.
5. 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

MODESTY RULES

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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.

The Feis WILL NOT give any refunds for any reason including consequences for violations of these rules.