

Back-to-back with Northwest Winterfeis



Hosted by An Daire Academy

Saturday, January 17th, 2026

SHERATON PORTLAND AIRPORT

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MUSICIANS

TBA

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	2015+	2014-	
Reel	51	61	
Light Jig	52	62	

BEGINNER	U7	U9	U11	11&O	Adult
	2019+	17-18	15-16	2014-	
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CHAMPIONSHIPS	U9	U11	U13	U15	U17	17&O	Adult
	2017+	15-16	13-14	11-12	09-10	2008-	
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TROPHY SPECIALS	U9	U11	U13	13&O	Adult	Pre-recorded music may be used at the committee's discretion. All trophy competitions danced one step down the line, except Treble Jig, which is danced two steps, two at a time.
	2017+	15-16	13-14	2012-		
First Feis Reel	900	901	902	903	960	
Beg./Adv. Beg. Reel	910	911	912	913		
Nov./PW Reel	920	921	922	923		
Nov./PW Treble Jig	930	931	932	933		
Nov./PW Treble Reel	936		937	938	964	

TEAMS	U7	U9	U11	U13	U16	16&O	Adult
	2019+	17-18	15-16	13-14	10-12	2009-	
Beginner 2-Hand Reel	802	812	822	832			
Beginner 3-Hand Reel	803	813	823	833			
Open 2-Hand Reel	852			862	872	882	892
Open 3-Hand Reel	853			863	873	883	893
4-Hand Book Dance	854			864	874	884	894
6-Hand Book Dance	856			866	876	886	896
8-Hand Book Dance	858			868	878	888	898

2-Hand and 3-Hand dances are 48 bars long. Beginner teams are open to those in at least one Beginner or Advanced Beginner solo competition. Book dances are chosen from *Ar Rince Céilí*, and are performed according to the Western US Region Oireachtas syllabus.



CAROL FORD MEMORIAL SLIP JIG	
One step down the line. All proceeds to benefit the Pink Wig Project.	
990	All ages, all levels.





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"BLIND" TREBLE REEL SPECIAL

One step down the line, adjudicator facing with back to the dancers..

990	All Grades	991	All Champions
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Please note that entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Light Shoe Competitions	\$30.00	flat fee
Heavy Shoe Competitions	\$20.00	flat fee
3-Round Championships	\$60.00	incl. opens, adults, and adv. adults
Team Competitions	\$10.00	flat fee
Trophy Specials	\$10.00	incl. modern sets
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