

Robert Haley Memorial Feis - 2026

Hosted by Haley Prendergast
School of Irish Dance

Sunday, July 26, 2026

This is a "Black-Out" feis. Dancers at all levels are encouraged to wear a plain black outfit rather than a School or solo costume. Please see the guidelines below.

REGISTER FOR THE FEIS VIA WWW.FEISWORX.COM

Registration closes July 10, 2026

Late Registration will incur an additional fee
Syllabus and additional information also available at
www.hpirishdance.com



Adjudicators:

Zack Warshaw, ADCRG
Annie Darlington, ADCRG
Katie Dean, ADCRG
Kelly Sullivan, TCRG
Lisa Power Steinmetz, TCRG
TBA

Musicians:

Merv Bell
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Olympia High School

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Hotel & Visitor Information

For more information on hotels and fun activities in the area visit our website at www.hpirishdance.com

Registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha

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Tentative Schedule

Sunday, July 26

Competitions will begin at 8:30 am at Olympia High School

- Ceili Dances – All ages including adult. (Note: this is the only day Ceili dances are offered)
- Open Championships – All ages
- Preliminary Championships (3 rounds) – All ages
- Solos (Grade levels) – All ages including adults
- The Robert Haley Memorial Trophy

This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change based on actual registration.

Also, join us for the Dance for Life Feis on Saturday, July 26th.

This is a standalone feis with competitions for all age groups and levels.

You must register for the Robert Haley Memorial feis separately at www.feisworx.com

2026 Robert Haley Memorial Feis Fees

Open Championship & Adult Championship	\$60.00
Preliminary Championship (3 round competition)	\$60.00
Solos, flat fee light shoe	\$25.00
Solos, flat fee hard shoe	\$25.00
Robert Haley Memorial Trophy Special (all proceeds go to charity)	\$10.00
Figures, flat fee beginner and open	\$15.00
Family Registration Fee	\$30.00
Late Fee: Entries accepted between 7/11– 7/18	\$25.00
Entries accepted after July 18	\$50.00

Please Note:

- **This feis accepts only US funds drawn on a US bank. There is no exception to this policy.** Checks should be made payable to: *“HPID/Dance for Life”*.
- The Family Registration Fee includes access to online results; **no printed results will be sold at the feis.**
- The Family Maximum is \$160. This excludes any specials, family registration, program and late fees.
- **Dancers who have moved up in level at the Dance for Life Feis, and who are registered to compete in the Robert Haley Memorial Feis the following day, have the option to change their level for the Robert Haley Memorial feis. All changes in level that Feis must be done by 5:00 on Saturday, July 25. A \$10.00 per dancer fee will be charged to process level changes.**

Beginner 1	U8	U10	U12	12 & 0		
REEL	101	108	115	122		
LIGHT JIG	102	109	116	123		
SLIP JIG	103	110	117	124		
SINGLE JIG	104	111	118	125		
TREBLE JIG	105	112	119	126		
HORNPIPE	106	113	120	127		
ST. PATRICK'S	107	114	121	128		

Beginner 2	U8	U10	U12	12 & 0		
REEL	201	208	215	222		
LIGHT JIG	202	209	216	223		
SLIP JIG	203	210	217	224		
SINGLE JIG	204	211	218	225		
TREBLE JIG	205	212	219	226		
HORNPIPE	206	213	220	227		
ST. PATRICK'S	207	214	221	228		

Novice	U10	U12	U14	U16	16 & 0		
REEL	301	308	315	322	329		
LIGHT JIG	302	309	316	323	330		
SLIP JIG	303	310	317	324	331		
SINGLE JIG	304	311	318	325	332		
TREBLE JIG	305	312	319	326	333		
HORNPIPE	306	313	320	327	334		
TRAD SET	307	314	321	328	335		

Prizewinner	U10	U12	U14	U16	16 & 0	
REEL	401	408	415	422	429	
LIGHT JIG	402	409	416	423	430	
SLIP JIG	403	410	417	424	431	
SINGLE JIG	404	411	418	425	432	
TREBLE JIG	405	412	419	426	433	
HORNPIPE	406	413	420	427	434	
TRAD SET	407	414	421	428	435	

Adult Competitions							
Adult Solos	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Single Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe	Trad Set
Beginner 1 & 2	600	601	602	603	604	605	606
Novice/PW	610	611	612	613	614	615	616
<i>Adults:</i>							
Beginner 1 & 2 (combined): Adults must dance the treble jig and hornpipe to the traditional speed and dance the St. Patrick's Day set dance for their Traditional Set.							
Novice & PW (combined): Adults may choose traditional or slow speed for Treble Jig and Hornpipe and any traditional set dance.							

Team Competitions					
Beginner Teams	U7	U9	U11	11&0	
2 Hand Reel	801	805	809	813	
3 Hand Reel	802	806	810	814	
* Rule - Each dancer on the team must be entered in at least one beginner solo at the feis.					

Open Teams	U11	U13	U16	16&0	Adult (all levels)
2 Hand Reel	835	840	845	850	855
3 Hand Reel	836	841	846	851	856
4 Hand Book	837	842	847	852	857
6 Hand Book	838	843	848	853	858
8 Hand Book	839	844	849	854	859

∅ Four, six and eight hand dances must be from Ár Rincí Céilí.

	U10	U12	U14	U16	16&O	U18	18&O	Adult
PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS (3 rounds)	701	702	703	704	705			Adult Champ. 706
OPEN & ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS	712	713	714	715		716	717	Adv. Adult Champ. 718
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Preliminary & Open Championship will dance 3 rounds: Soft Shoe, Hard Shoe & Set. Each round will be awarded separately. ☞ The combined scores for all three rounds will be calculated to award the overall Championship placement. ☞ Dancers who are under 9 and competing in the U10 open championship have the option of competing either a traditional or non-traditional set dance. ☞ Adults will dance 3 Rounds: Soft shoe, Hard shoe and traditional set of their choice. ☞ We will begin each championship with the soft shoe round. 								

Robert Haley Memorial Trophy Specials

	U13	13 & Over	Adult
Beginner 1 & 2 - Reel	908	915	
Novice / Prizewinner - Hornpipe (may choose fast or slow speed)	909	916	
Champion - Hornpipe (slow speed)	910	917	
Adult - Hornpipe (may choose fast or slow speed)			920
<p>The above trophy Specials honor Robert, his love of Irish Dance, and his impeccable focus on timing and rhythm. <u><i>Dancers will dance 8 bars of the Hornpipe & 16 Bars of the Reel.</i></u> It will be a Blind Judge special (except for the beginner reel). All proceeds from this dance will be donated to "No Kid Hungry" & St. Judes Hospital, two charities that were very special to Robert.</p>			
Blackbird Set Special - Fitting with our theme. Dancers will dance the Traditional Blackbird Set two at a time.		921	

About the Robert Haley Memorial Feis Theme

In Irish culture, crows (or blackbirds), appear in folklore, song and poetry as symbols of mystery, memory and cleverness. Their lively spirit reflects the balance found in Irish Dance which is rooted in tradition, yet full of expression and personality. Like the dance itself, the blackbird represents rhythm, resilience and a touch of playful charm.

The symbolism of the crow is especially fitting as we honor Robert and the 30th anniversary of the school he founded. Robert devoted his life to Irish Dance. He was known for his warmth, humor and ability to find joy even in difficult moments. During the COVID lockdown, Robert befriended a crow named Spotty. Spotty became a highlight of our Zoom classes, a symbol of joy and hope. This year's theme of the crow celebrates Robert's love of Irish Dance as well as the joy, humanity and hope he shared so generously.

Black-Out Costume Guidelines

We encourage dancers to compete in black-out attire. It is a great way to relax at this summer competition. (Note: this is not mandatory.)

Dancers participating in the black-out costume option are asked to follow the costume rules of the CLRG ([CLRG Costume Rules](#)).

- ⌘ Black top: Leotard, t-shirt, blouse may be long or short sleeved.
- ⌘ Black Bottoms: Skirts, skorts or pants.
- ⌘ Necklines must be at the collarbone or above (no low scoop or V-necks below the collar bone). No sleeveless or tank tops please.
- ⌘ Black skirts or skorts must meet the CLRG length guidelines which state: "Length of costumes 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 change into black tights (of a denier not less than 70 per cent) for the dancer to continue in the competition.
- ⌘ No school branded attire or large logos/designs on the solo costume. Small, discrete clothing brand logos are acceptable.
- ⌘ When wearing skirts, Black tights, or poodle socks should be worn. Dancers wearing black slacks should wear black socks.

Dancing Competition Rules

1. Rules of the Western US regional Council are included by reference.
2. Competitor's age will be determined as of January 1, 2026.
3. Dancers must be students of a certified teacher registered with CLRG and their regional council.
4. Competitors must be in the hall, prepared to dance, **one hour prior** to the scheduled beginning of their event. Competitions may start up to 60 minutes prior to the printed schedule.
5. Refer to the [CLRG Costume Rules](#) for rules about costumes, make-up, shoes, etc. **Dancers must appear in appropriate costumes for all competitions including any blind special.**
6. Dancers who appear in competitions for which they are not registered will not be eligible for placement or awards.
7. When awards are announced from the stage, competitors must be in costume, **including dance shoes**, to receive their awards.
8. When feasible, the feis committee will make every effort to combine competitions to insure 5 or more competitors in each dance. Competitions will be split if the registered number in that competition exceeds 25.
9. Haley Prendergast School of Irish Dance, The Olympia School District, the Feis Committee and anyone associated with 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.



LEVEL DEFINITIONS AND ADVANCEMENT RULES

First Feis is not per dance. It is the first Feis ever for the dancer. Dancers may only enter First Feis once, regardless of how many dances they are competing, even in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna.

In **Beginner 1, Beginner 2 and Novice** the following advancement rules will apply:

- Competitions with 5 - 9 dancers: 1st place will advance to the next grade.
- Competitions with 10 or more dancers: 1st and 2nd places will advance to the next grade.
- Dancers may not stay in level at teacher discretion, with the exception of back-to-back feiseanna.

Prizewinner: Advancement from Prizewinner to Preliminary Championship is at teacher discretion.

Preliminary to Open Championship:

- Dancer must have 3 overall wins in competitions with 5 or more dancers. Advancement to Open is not at teacher discretion.
- Upon winning 3rd overall win in Preliminary Championships, a dancer must move immediately to Open, even in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna. This includes 2-round and 3-round Preliminary Championships.

Adults: Dancers who started after the age of 18, or who have been out of Youth/&over competition for 5 years.

Advanced Adults: Dancers age 18 or older who previously placed in the top 3 of a Preliminary Championship or competed at the Open Championship level in the youth/&over levels, regardless of when the competitor was last active.

- Advanced Adults do not need to be out of competition for 5 years before moving from the youth/&over categories to Advanced Adults.
- Dancers who have already been competing in the regular Adult categories do not need to move to Advanced Adults, regardless of their level or placements achieved when competing in youth/&over.
- An Advanced Adult dancer has opted to leave Youth/&over categories, and once the dancer begins competing in Advanced Adult, the dancer may not return to Youth/&over categories.

Beginner Figures: Open only to dancers in beginner for at least one solo dance.

Open Figures: Open to all grade levels.



SYLLABUS APPROVAL

ROBERT HALEY MEMORIAL FEIS 2026

IS REGISTERED WITH THE
WESTERN U.S. REGIONAL COUNCIL

SYLLABUS APPROVED BY:

Annie Darlington

ADCRG - SERGEANT AT ARMS

MAY 2, 2026

DATE