

Feis at the Falls

Saturday, August 12, 2017

Feis will start at 8:30 AM with Figures

Doors open at 7:30am

Cap limited to the first 1150 entries



The Conference Center Niagara Falls,
101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY

www.niagarafalls-cc.com

(Located directly across the street from the Seneca-Niagara Casino
and within walking distance to *the Falls*.)

****Please Note: No outside food or beverages will be allowed in the building.****

This will be strictly enforced. Thanks for your cooperation! Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE-NO COMPETITOR LISTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEIS

IF YOU'D LIKE ONE, PLEASE PRINT ONE FROM THE WEBSITE

Adjudicators:

Terry Gillan, FL * Philip Owens, FL * Myra Watters, FL * Mary Bryan, Can
Eleanor Kelly, Can * Orla Kelly, Can * Darren McGuire, AZ * Kathy Dennehy, IL
James Early, NY * Sean Flynn, NY * Maura Kilkenny Glynn, SC * Edward Murphy, NY

Musicians:

Linda Harter * Tony Rutherford * Brian Glynn * Owen Schaffer * Mike Schaffer * Ena O'Brien
Marty Kilroy

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FEIS IS REGISTERED, SANCTIONED and will be governed by the rules
of An Coimisiun (www.clrg.ie) And the North American Feis Commission
(www.northamericanfeiscommission.org) (Patricia Watkins-President)
www.mid-atlanticregion.com

ALL ENTRIES to be made through www.feisweb.com and paid with **PAYPAL ONLY**

Entry Registrar Brian Little Feisatthefalls@gmail.com

No Phone Entries- No Email Entries- No Mail-in Entries

GATE FEE—\$15.00 per family —must be paid with entry

Pre-Registration pickup

Friday, August 11th from 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM at The Conference Center Niagara Falls

Feis at the Falls 2017

Entries Limited To Paid 1150

Entries will only be available via www.feisweb.com — See Entry Details Below:

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| ALL SOLO COMPETITIONS | \$8.00 |
| PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP SET PIECE | \$8.00 |
| PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP | \$30.00 |
| OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP | \$35.00 |
| FIGURE DANCE — EACH DANCER | \$7.00 |
| MUSIC, LANGUAGE, ART | \$7.00 |
| MAXIMUM FAMILY FEE: (Does not include Gate Fee of Late Fees) <u>Immediate Family Only</u> | \$95.00 |
| Gate Fee: Payable with entry, not included in family max | \$15.00 |

July 30 th is the payment deadline without late fee.

July 31st - August 4th entries accepted only with a \$10.00 Late Fee per dancer.

Changes made to entry from Aug 5th – Aug 6th
\$10.00 per dancer Fee

No changes to entries after 8/06/17 nor on Feis Day

No new entries after 8/4/17 or when cap is reached

Whichever comes first.

Absolutely No Refunds For Any Reason Of Funds Received

Feis Hotel
300 Third Street, Niagara Falls NY
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Sheraton At The Falls
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Online Entries Only

www.feisweb.com

Paypal is only form of payment accepted

Directions:

FROM THE AIRPORT Buffalo-Niagara International Airport (BUF) Turn slight left onto NY33 W. Merge on I-90 E/New York State Trwy E toward I-290/ Niagara Falls/Albany. Merge onto I-290 W/ Youngman Exwy via exit number 50 toward Niagara Falls. Merge onto New York State Trwy/I-190 N toward Niagara Falls (Portions Tolls). Take the R. Moses Pkwy exit- exit number 21 toward Niagara Reservation/State Park. Merge onto Robert Moses State Pkwy N. Take exit "City Traffic". At the 2nd light make a left onto Rainbow Blvd. Turn right onto Third St. (Old Falls Street is a pedestrian walk on the left hand side, adjacent to the (Sheraton At The Falls.) Total Est. Time: 28 minutes Total Est. Distance: 24.62 miles.

FROM TORONTO: Take the Gardiner Expressway to the QEW South. Enter USA via the Rainbow Bridge on to Niagara Street. Make a right on to Third Street.

FROM CLEVELAND: Take the I-90 East to I-290 West to I-190 North. Merge onto the Robert Moses Parkway North Exit - Exit #21. Stay in the right hand lane on the Robert Moses Parkway and exit towards "City Traffic". At the second traffic light, turn left onto Rainbow Blvd. Turn right onto Third Street (Sheraton At The Falls On the Corner).

The area surrounding The Conference Center Niagara Falls offers accommodations to suit every need. Choose from more than a dozen Hotels, Motels and Inns ranging from luxury full-service hotels to moderately priced limited service motels, to quaint bed and breakfasts, all located within close proximity to the The Conference Center Niagara Falls, shopping, dining and entertainment.

Feis Parking

There is parking at three locations in close proximity to the Conference Center, ie, flat lot next to the Conference Center, flat lot next to the Crowne Plaza Hotel, as well as the Rainbow Parking Ramp.

The Seneca Niagara Casino offers complimentary parking to their guests only.

Neither the Conference Center nor the Feis Committee is responsible for the consequences should you choose to park in the Casino lots.

2017 NAFC Music Scholarships

Under 15 Edward Callaghan Music Championship: NW Jersey Feis 9/10/17

15 and over James Brennan Music Championship Music Championship: Detroit International Feis 6/03/17

2017 NAFC Championships

Will be held jointly on January 14, 2017 at the Sheraton New Orleans 1/14/17

Beginners:

Beginner is a competitor who has not taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher prior to September of the previous year. Dancer must move into Advanced Beginner in the following year.

Beginners are only permitted to wear a school costume or a skirt and Blouse for Girls.

Slacks and shirt for Boys.

Expect 2 steps — 2 dancers at a time for all age groups.

| | Reel / Speed 122 | Jig /Speed / 115 | Slip Jig / Speed 122 | Single Jig / Speed 124 |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Under 5 | 001 | 002 | 003 | 004 |
| Under 6 | 005 | 006 | 007 | 008 |
| Under7 | 009 | 010 | 011 | 012 |
| Under 8 | 013 | 014 | 015 | 016 |
| Under 9 | 017 | 018 | 019 | 020 |
| Under 10 | 021 | 022 | 023 | 024 |
| Under 11 | 025 | 026 | 027 | 028 |
| Under12 | 029 | 030 | 031 | 032 |
| Under 13 | 033 | 034 | 035 | 036 |
| Under 14 | 037 | 038 | 039 | 040 |
| 14 & over | 041 | 042 | 043 | 044 |

ADVANCED BEGINNERS:

An advanced beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance the next year.

Advanced beginners are only permitted to wear a school costume or a skirt and blouse for Girls.

Slacks and shirt for Boys.

Expect 2 steps — 3 dancers at a time in the Under 14 age groups only.

| | REEL Speed 122 | JIG Speed/115 | SLIP JIG Speed 122 | SINGLE JIG Speed 124 | T JIG Speed 92 | HP Speed 138 | St. Patrick's Day |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Under 6 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 | 104 | 105 | 106 |
| Under 7 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 110 | 111 | 112 | 113 |
| Under 8 | 114 | 115 | 116 | 117 | 118 | 119 | 120 |
| Under 9 | 121 | 122 | 123 | 124 | 125 | 126 | 127 |
| Under 10 | 128 | 129 | 130 | 131 | 132 | 133 | 134 |
| Under 11 | 135 | 136 | 137 | 138 | 139 | 140 | 141 |
| Under 12 | 142 | 143 | 144 | 145 | 146 | 147 | 148 |
| Under 13 | 149 | 150 | 151 | 152 | 153 | 154 | 155 |
| Under 14 | 156 | 157 | 158 | 159 | 160 | 161 | 162 |
| 14 & Over | 163 | 164 | 165 | 166 | 167 | 168 | 169 |

Novice:

A Novice who wins 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance the following year.

Novice dancers must choose either TJ speed 92 or TJ speed 73. This also applies to HP.

Please note speed choices before choosing the competition number.

Expect 2 Steps— 3 dancers at a time in the Under 14 age groups only.

Expect 2 Steps — 2 dancers at a time in the over 14 age groups.

| | REEL Speed 113 | JIG Speed/115 | SLIP J Speed 113 | SINGLE J Speed 124 | T JIG Speed 92 | T JIG Speed 73 | HP Speed 138 | HP Speed 113 | Traditional Set |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Under 7 | 200 | 201 | 202 | 203 | 204F | 204S | 205F | 205S | 206 |
| Under 8 | 207 | 208 | 209 | 210 | 211F | 211S | 212F | 212S | 213 |
| Under 9 | 214 | 215 | 216 | 217 | 218F | 218S | 219F | 219S | 220 |
| Under 10 | 221 | 222 | 223 | 224 | 225F | 225S | 226F | 226S | 227 |
| Under 11 | 228 | 229 | 230 | 231 | 232F | 232S | 233F | 233S | 234 |
| Under 12 | 235 | 236 | 237 | 238 | 239F | 239S | 240F | 240S | 241 |
| Under 13 | 242 | 243 | 244 | 245 | 246F | 246S | 247F | 247S | 248 |
| Under 14 | 249 | 250 | 251 | 252 | 253F | 253S | 254F | 254S | 255 |
| 14 & Over | 256 | 257 | 258 | 259 | 260F | 260S | 261F | 261S | 262 |

PRIZEWINNER:

A dancer who does not qualify for Beginner, Advanced Beginner or Novice Levels.
 Prizewinner dancers must choose either TJ speed 92 or TJ speed 73. This also applies to HP.
Please note speed choices before choosing the competition number.
 Expect 2 Steps— 3 dancers at a time in the Under 14 age groups
 Expect 2 Steps— 2 dancers at a time in the over 14 age groups.

| | REEL Speed 113 | SLIP JIG Speed 113 | Treble Jig Speed 92 | Treble Jig Speed 73 | Hornpipe Speed 138 | Hornpipe Speed 113 | Traditional Set |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Under 8 | 300 | 301 | 302F | 302S | 303F | 303S | 304 |
| Under 9 | 305 | 306 | 307F | 307S | 308F | 308S | 309 |
| Under 10 | 310 | 311 | 312F | 312S | 313F | 313S | 314 |
| Under 11 | 315 | 316 | 317F | 317S | 318F | 318S | 319 |
| Under 12 | 320 | 321 | 322F | 322S | 323F | 323S | 324 |
| Under 13 | 325 | 326 | 327F | 327S | 328F | 328S | 329 |
| Under 14 | 330 | 331 | 332F | 332S | 333F | 333S | 334 |
| Under 15 | 335 | 336 | 337F | 337S | 338F | 338S | 339 |
| 15& Over | 340 | 341 | 342F | 342S | 343F | 343S | 344 |

Preliminary Championship:

All age groups under 14 will dance 3 at a time.
 All age groups Over 14 will dance 2 at a time.
 Hard Shoe will be danced first
 (Choice of 1 Softshoe and 1 Hardshoe)
SEE RULES 13A and 15B

*All placers receive crystal award
 *sashes for Top 3
 *U18 perpetual trophy & cash

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| Under 8 | 408 |
| Under 9 | 409 |
| Under 10 | 410 |
| Under 11 | 411 |
| Under 12 | 412 |
| Under 13 | 413 |
| Under 14 | 414 |
| Under 15 | 415 |
| Under 16 | 416 |
| Under 17 | 417 |
| Under 18 The Eric Fuller Trophy | 418 |
| 18 & Over | 419 |

The James Brennan Memorial Award

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of Preliminary Championship Dancers
 will dance a treble reel. Dance off (one step down the line right and left foot)
Dance Off will be held at the end of the day

Preliminary Set Piece:

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| Under 9 (Trad Set) | 450 |
| Under 10 | 451 |
| Under 12 | 452 |
| Under 14 | 453 |
| Under 16 | 454 |
| 16 & Over | 455 |

Adult Competitions

An Adult Beginner is a competitor who never took Irish dancing lessons as a juvenile and is over 18 years of age.

| | Adult Beginner | Adult Advanced |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Reel | 850 | 860 |
| Lt Jig | 851 | — |
| Slip Jig | 852 | 862 |
| Treble Jig | 853 | 863 |
| Hornpipe | 854 | 864 |
| Traditional Set | | 865 |

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP:

The Berney Ryan Memorial Award

All Competitors Under 9 will dance a Traditional Set
 All competitors will dance soft shoe, hard shoe and set
 All age groups under 14 will dance 3 at a time
 All age groups over 14 will dance 2 at a time
 Hardshoe will be danced first
SEE RULES 13A and 15B

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of Open Championship
 Dancers will dance a treble reel.
 Dance off (one step down the line right and left foot
Dances will be at the end of the day)

| Girls | Girls Awards Perpetual trophy & sash given for most 1st places (509, 510 & 512 receive crystal in lieu of perpetual trophy). All placers receive crystal. Top 3 get sashes! | AGE GROUP | Boys | Boys Awards |
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| 509 | | UNDER 9 | 609 | All Girl & Boy placers receive crystal awards. Sashes to Top 3! Awards will be given for hardshoe and softshoe rounds for both the girl and boy open championship competitions OPEN CHAMP MENS TROPHY— 1st place U18 or Over 18 The Papiernik Trophy –trophy, sash & cash award |
| 510 | | UNDER 10 | 610 | |
| 511 | The Aby Marks Trophy | UNDER 11 | | |
| 512 | The Mary C. Heneghan Trophy | UNDER 12 | 612 | |
| 513 | The Mary Ann Shaloiko Trophy | UNDER 13 | | |
| 514 | The Patricia Mahoney Trophy | UNDER 14 | 614 | |
| 515 | The Francis & Helen Horgan Trophy | UNDER 15 | | |
| 516 | The Heneghan Trophy | UNDER 16 | 616 | |
| 517 | The Trish Hardner Trophy | UNDER 17 | | |
| 518 | The Helen & David Kerins Trophy | UNDER 18 | 618 | |
| 519 | The Rutherford Family Trophy | 18 & OVER | 619 | |

Team Dances:

| Open Figure Dance Choose ONE FIGURE or ONE 8 HAND CEILI ONLY. Non - Traditional limited to 64 bars | | | NON PRIZEWINNER FIGURE UNDER 12, 3 HAND REEL— 720 Those who have never won in Figure Dancing |
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| UNDER 7 | 3HR — 701 | 2HR — 702 | |
| UNDER 9 | 3HR — 703 | 4HJ — 704 | |
| UNDER 11 | 4HR — 705 | 2HR — 706 | |
| UNDER 13 | 4HR — 707 | 2HR — 708 | |
| UNDER 15 | 3HR — 709 | 4HJ — 710 | |
| 15 & OVER | 2HR — 711 | 4HR — 712 | |

Special Dance Competitions:

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| Kinder Fun — 800 | Special Child Reel — 805 | TREBLE REEL Under 14 — 830 14 & Over — 831 |
| Children 7 & Under with no formal training | Open to all with special needs | |
| First Feis: A dancer who takes lessons from a registered teacher and is competing for the first time. 1 step, 1 dancer at a time. Girls may not wear solo costumes. Only class costumes or a skirt & blouse. | | |
| | Reel / Speed 122 | Jig / Speed 115 |
| Under 7 | 801 | 802 |

TROPHY SPECIALS (one step down the line)

Open to advanced beginner, novice and prizewinner ONLY!

Girls Slip Jig Under 12 comp. # 810 12& over comp. # 811 Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

Non-Dance Competitions:

| VOCAL | | |
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| Songs in Irish or English. Traditional songs only. No Accompaniment | | |
| | IRISH | ENGLISH |
| BEGINNER | 1 Tune | |
| Under 11 | 910 | 911 |
| Under 14 | 912 | 913 |
| 14 & Over | 914 | 915 |
| OPEN SOLO | 2 tunes / contrasting tempo | |
| Under 11 | 916 | 917 |
| Under 14 | 918 | 919 |
| 14 & Over | 920 | 921 |
| CHAMPIONSHIP | 3 tunes / 1 must be slow air | |
| Under 11 | 922 | |
| Under 14 | 923 | |
| 14 & Over | 924 | |
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| Music | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------------|--------|-----------|---------|------|
| | Flute | Tin Whistle | Fiddle | Accordion | Bodhran | Misc |
| Beginner: | | | | | | |
| Under 11 | 950 | 951 | 952 | 953 | 954 | 955 |
| Under 14 | 956 | 957 | 958 | 959 | 960 | 961 |
| 14 & Over | 962 | 963 | 961 | 965 | 966 | 967 |
| Open: | | | | | | |
| Under 11 | 968 | 969 | 970 | 971 | 972 | 973 |
| Under 14 | 974 | 975 | 976 | 977 | 978 | 979 |
| 14 & Over | 980 | 981 | 982 | 983 | 984 | 985 |

| ART- COMPETITIONS | | |
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| <p>Art submitted may be in any medium but must have an Irish Theme. Only 2 entries from each individual. No glass-framed pieces. Name and address of artist should be on the back of each piece. Entries must be submitted at Art Tables between 9AM and 11AM. Results & Rewards will be available at the Art Area after 1:00PM. Entries must be picked up no later than 2PM General Art-Irish Theme.</p> | | |
| Under 12—905 | Under 16 — 906 | 16 & Over —907 |

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| <p>Irish Language: Irish National Anthem Competition— “Amhra’an na bhFiann” Competitors will be judged on Irish enunciation, singing, and by a panel of three judges: Language - Singing - Harmony</p> | |
| <p>Competitions: NO FEE</p> | |
| Solo Under 12 - 990 | Solo 12 & Over - 991 |
| Duet Under 12 - 992 | Duet 12 & Over - 993 |
| Trio Under 12 - 994 | Trio 12 7 Over - 995 |
| <p>Chorus - 6 or more members - 996</p> | |



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NAFC Dancing Competitions Rules

**Adopted By The North American Feis Commission,
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017**

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 Coimisiún, regardless of their domicile, and where applicable, 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 NAFC – 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. May not pertain to a situation where competitors are involved in stage conflicts.
5. 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.
 - c) Cannot change competition on the day of the Feis.
6. Steel taps or “bubble” heels on dancing shoes, display of awards, wearing of shorts or other unconventional dress is prohibited. Authentic Gaelic dress is desired. First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner, aka Beginner I and II, must wear a class costume, or a skirt and blouse. 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. Awards will be determined in proportion to the number of entries in each competition and to the degree of proficiency shown.
9. Complaints regarding the running or rules of a Feis must be in writing, stating names and other factual information and signed by the complainant. A ten-dollar 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 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 enclose the entry fee when mailing. Failure to do so will result in a rejected entry. Entries must be received on or before the closing date or they will be subject to a late fee of _____ (Determined by the Feis).
14. Entrants in any Championship event may not enter in any other (Grade) events, but may enter in Figure Dances. Entrants in Championships should specify, on the entry form, their choice of set dance. Entrants cannot change competition or category on the day of the competition.
 - 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
 - c) The regional syllabus where the Feis is being held may have different qualifications for entry.
15. Combining male and female dancers in any age category is left to the discretion of each region of the IDTANA.
16. Preliminary Championships are open to those who, at any NAFC recognized Feis:
 - a) Have won 1st place in both an open/prizewinner light and heavy shoe competition, and
 - 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.
 - c) The regional syllabus where the Feis is being held may have different qualifications for entry.
17. Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
18. 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. The regional syllabus where the Feis is being held may have different qualifications for entry.
19. The status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in a competition.
20. Each region may determine the system for moving dancers from one grade to another, as they see appropriate for their region. The syllabus is to contain all grade categories. A Feis Committee may *combine two consecutive age categories into the higher of the two categories within that grade* when less than five (5) competitors are entered.

21. 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 Advanced Beginner category the next year.

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.

Novice Grade: A novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance.

Open Grade (Prizewinner): A competitor who does not qualify as a beginner, advanced beginner or as a novice.

Adult Beginner: An adult beginner is a competitor who never took Irish dancing lessons as a juvenile and is over 18 years of age.

22. 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.

23. Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.

24. Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced. Competitors may compete in the next higher age group; however, a competitor may compete in only one age group.

25. In matters pertaining to adjudication, the decision of the adjudicators is final.

26. Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.

27. First Feis (if offered), Beginner, and Advanced Beginner dancers are required to dance at traditional speeds. Novice and Open/Prizewinner dancers may choose between traditional and Oireachtas speeds. Adult dancers are allowed to dance traditional or Oireachtas speed dances in the novice and prizewinner grade levels, but this does not apply to contemporary set dances.

28. The length of 2 hand and 3 hand dances in competition are to be 48 bars of music plus an 8 bar introduction

29. In consideration of safety and in fairness to dancers performing at a Feis, photography of any kind which has the capability of capturing a dancer's image while in motion is strictly forbidden.

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.

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: (a) away from the dancing stages and, (b) requested by a consenting parent, guardian, or dancer (over the age of 18).

30. 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.

31. Make up is prohibited on a dancer in the first three grades (First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advance Beginner or their equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group.

32. 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.

33. Each Feis is required to list their adjudicators on their syllabus and/or website. If adjudicators are not listed on the syllabus, they must be posted on the Feis website a minimum of three weeks prior to the Feis. Once the Feis has closed for entries the adjudicators names may be removed from the Feis website. One third of the adjudicators are to be from outside the region where the Feis is being held.

34. Competitors in girl's competitions at the First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner Grade will wear only the competitor's dancing School costume or a skirt and blouse.

35. No substance that can become airborne should be used on any dance floor in an attempt to improve traction.