

NAFC 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 only to amateurs. Teachers or other professionals cannot compete in the category in which they major. All dancers must be pupils of a person currently registered with An Coimisiun as a Dancing Teacher of any category.
- 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 Feisanna for a period of one year beginning at the date of the occurrence.
- 4) Competitions will 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 situation where competitors are involved in stage conflicts.
- 5) Solo competitors in Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice or Open (Prizewinner) competitions: a.) Must compete in their own age group. The Standard Age Groups, all levels are contained in the handbook. b.) Must be prepared to perform two steps in each event. c.) Cannot change competition on the day of the Feis. d.) Feis committee may have dancers under 12, dance 3 @ a time.
- 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. Modest attire is encouraged when the competitor is not dancing.
- 7) Competitor's number must be worn and visible to adjudicators when performing in all competitions, except in Championships.
- 8) Awards will be determined in proportion to the number of entries in each competition and to the degree of proficiency shown.
- 9) Complaints 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 O'Keefe School Feis Committee, Mountainside 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) 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 postmarked on or before the closing date or they will be subject to a late fee of \$10.
- 13) Entrants in any Championship event may not enter in any other solo events or traditional set but may enter in figure dances. Entrants in Open Championships should specify, on the entry form their choice of set dance. Entrants cannot change competition or category on the day of the Feis. a) Standard Age Groups for Open Championship, b.) Boys & girls must be advertised separately if less than 5 boys per competition Feis organizers will combine with 1 age group up. If this cannot be done and there is 1 boy then they will ask the boy if he would prefer to be combined with the girl competition of his age or dance alone. The status of a dancer does not change unless there are 5 or more dancers in a competition.
- 14) Preliminary Championships are open to those who, at any NAFC recognized Feis: a.) Have placed 1st in light and heavy shoe in the Open (Prizewinner) solo categories and b.) Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open Championship. A dancer who wins two First 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 Feisanna (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. Preliminary Championship competitions may be combined (Boys and Girls). Standard Age Groups for Preliminary Championships – see Handbook.
- 15) Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
 - 16) 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 may move from Open to Prelim if he/she did not legitimately place in Open after dancing for two years in Open status.
 - 17) The status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in a competition.
 - 18) Grade Categories: Competitors have the option to remain in the same category for the remainder of the Feis year.
Beginner Grade: A beginner is a competitor who has not 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.
 - 19) 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.
 - 20) Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.
 - 21) In matters pertaining to adjudication, the decision of the adjudicators are final.
 - 22) Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.
 - 23) Any form of photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means, e.g. mobile phones, standard camera, video camcorder, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is expressly forbidden in competition. The only authorized use of still or motion photography is for press use or Feis Committee documentation.
 - 24) As of September 1, 2005, that no block, en pointe, stationary or moving may be performed by any ages up to and including under 12 age group.

NAFC Senior Irish Dancing Championship
Memphis, Tenn. – May 25, 2008

NAFC Junior Irish Dancing Championship
Putnam County, New York – May 18, 2008

NAFC Minor Irish Dancing Championship
Petri Feis, New York – September 27, 2008,

From Connecticut:

Stamford ~ 60 min.

95 North to 91. Follow 91 North to Exit 15 or Merritt Parkway (15) North to Exit 54. Cross over to 95. Take 95 North to 91. Follow 91 North to Exit 15.

Danbury ~ 60 min.

84 East to 691 East to 91 South. Follow 91 South to Exit 15.

New London ~ 60 min.

95 South to 9 North to 91 South. Follow 91 South to Exit 15.

Torrington ~ 60 min.

8 South to 84 East to 691 East to 91 South. Follow 91 South to Exit 15.

Waterbury ~ 20 min.

84 East to 691 East to 91 South. Follow 91 South to Exit 15.

From New York & New Jersey:

New York ~ 90 min.

95 North to 91. Follow 91 North to Exit 15 or Merritt Parkway (15) North to Exit 54. Cross over to 95. Take 95 North to 91. Follow 91 North to Exit 15.

From Massachusetts:

Worcester ~ 90 min / Boston ~ 2 hrs.

Mass Pike to 84 West to 91 South. Follow 91 South to Exit 15

Springfield ~ 60 min.

91 South to Exit 15.

From Rhode Island:

Providence ~ 90 min.

95 South to 9 North to 91 South. Follow 91 South to Exit 15.

Directions from Exit 15

(North or South) off of Interstate 91

Only 2 miles from Exit 15

From Exit 15 Heading South

Exit 15 off 91. At light at end of exit ramp go left. At 2nd light take left onto Research Parkway. At first stop sign go right onto Carpenter Lane. At next stop sign go left onto High Hill Road. Continue straight to Mountainside.

From Exit 15 Heading North

Exit 15 off 91. At light at end of exit ramp go right. At next light take left onto Research Parkway. At first stop sign go right onto Carpenter Lane. At next stop sign go left onto High Hill Road. Continue straight to Mountainside

Area Hotel

Sheraton Four Points Hotel
(203) 238-2380

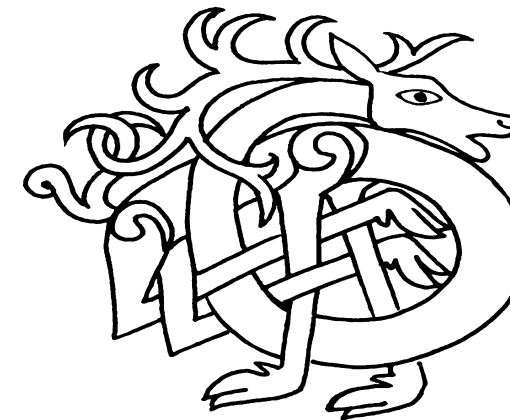
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Of

IRISH DANCE

Connecticut State Feis



Sunday, April 27, 2008

****Feis limit 800 Entries****

****Prelim/Open limited first 400 Entries****

MOUNTAINRIDGE WALLINGFORD, CT

COMPETITIONS COMMENCE AT

8:30AM

(Doors open 7:30 am)

This Feis registered, sanctioned and governed by rules of An Coimisiún, North American Feis Commission & New England Region

Harry Costello, Pres. NAFC.

E-Mail Okefedancer@gmail.com

**NO COOLERS OR ALCOHOL
ARE PERMITTED**

**ALL SOLOS WILL DANCE
TWO STEPS, TWO AT A TIME**

Pre Beginner – Dance 1 at a time, 1 step. Start 2:30PM

Girls & Boys	Reel	Lt.Jig
Under 6	601	602

Beginner – A competitor who is taking dancing lessons for less than 12 months.

Start 2:30PM

Girls	Reel	Lt.Jig
Under 5	1	2
Under 6	3	4
Under 7	5	6
Under 8	7	8
Under 9	9	10
Under 10	11	12
Under 11	13	14
Under 12	15	16
12 and Over	17	18

Boys	Reel	Lt. Jig
Under 7	19	20
Under 9	21	22
Under 11	23	24
11 and Over	25	26

Advanced Beginner – A dancer who has completed one year in Beginner and has not won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in this category.

Start 2:00PM

Girls	Reel	Lt. Jig	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	Trad.HP
Under 6	101	102	103	104	105
Under 7	106	107	108	109	110
Under 8	111	112	113	114	115
Under 9	116	117	118	119	120
Under 10	121	122	123	124	125
Under 11	126	127	128	129	130
Under 12	131	132	133	134	135
Under 13	136	137	138	139	140
13 and Over	141	142	143	144	145

Boys	Reel	Lt. Jig	Heavy Jig	Trad. HP
Under 7	146	147	148	149
Under 9	150	151	152	153
Under 11	154	155	156	157
11 and Over	158	159	160	161

Novice Grade – A competitor who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Adv. Beg. category and never placed 1st in Novice. Dancers may enter all dances.

Start time 10:00AM

Girls	Reel	Lt. Jig	Slip Jig	Heavy Jig	HP
Under 6	201	202	203	204	205
Under 7	206	207	208	209	210
Under 8	211	212	213	214	215
Under 9	216	217	218	219	220
Under 10	221	222	223	224	225
Under 11	226	227	228	229	230
Under 12	231	232	233	234	235
Under 13	236	237	238	239	240
Under 14	241	242	243	244	245
14 and Over	246	247	248	249	250

Boys	Reel	Lt. Jig	Heavy Jig	HP
Under 7	260	261	262	263
Under 9	264	265	266	267
Under 11	268	269	270	271
11 and Over	272	273	274	275

Prizewinner – A competitor who has placed 1st in a particular dance in Novice will advance to Prizewinner in that dance.

Start 12:00 Noon

Girls	Reel	Slip Jig	Hvy Jig	HP
Under 6	301	302	303	304
Under 7	305	306	307	308
Under 8	309	310	311	312
Under 9	313	314	315	316
Under 10	317	318	319	320
Under 11	321	322	323	324
Under 12	325	326	327	328
Under 13	329	330	331	332
Under 14	333	334	335	336
14 and Over	337	338	339	340

Boys	Reel	Heavy Jig	HP
Under 7	350	351	352
Under 9	353	354	355
Under 11	356	357	358
11 and Over	359	360	361

Preliminary Championship

SEE RULES #14 & #15

Start times will be announced 1 week before.

A = Jig / Reel B = HP / Reel
C = Jig / Slip Jig D = HP / Slip Jig

Preliminary Championships				
Under 8	400A	400B	400C	400D
Under 9	401A	401B	401C	401D
Under 10	402A	402B	402C	402D
Under 11	403A	403B	403C	403D
Under 12	404A	404B	404C	404D
Under 13	405A	405B	405C	405D
Under 14	406A	406B	406C	406D
Under 15	407A	407B	407C	407D
Under 16	408A	408B	408C	408D
16 and Over	409A	409B	409C	409D

Open Championships

Three (3) Rounds

SEE RULES #15 & #16

Girls may dance Reel/Slip Jig, Hornpipe/Jig and choice of Set
Boys will dance Reel, Hornpipe/Jig and choice of Set.

Start times will be announced 1 week before

A = Reel/Jig B = Reel/HP
C = Slip Jig/Jig D = Slip Jig/HP

Girls				
Under 9	501A	501B	501C	501D
Under 10	502A	502B	502C	502D
Under 12	503A	503B	503C	503D
Under 14	504A	504B	504C	504D
Under 16	505A	505B	505C	505D
Under 18	506A	506B	506C	506D
18 and Over	507A	507B	507C	507D
Boys				
Under 9	508A	508B		
Under 10	509A	509B		
Under 12	510A	510B		
Under 14	511A	511B		
Under 16	512A	512B		
16 and Over	513A	513B		

Traditional Set (own choice) for Novice and Prizewinner
Not Before 12:00PM

Under 8	700
Under 10	701
Under 12	702
Under 14	703
14 +	704

Irish Soda Bread Competition #800

No entry fee, but Irish bread becomes property of Feis Committee

Entries to be submitted on 3 x 5 card & include:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Phone #
4. E-mail address
5. Date of Birth
6. Age as of 1/1/08
7. Competition #(s)
8. Dance School
9. Teacher Name
10. Parent's Signature

ENTRIES CLOSE ON April 6, 2008.

**Entries postmarked after April 4th and received no later than April 11, 2008, will be accepted with a \$10 late fee.
No entries will be accepted after April 11th.**

Make checks payable to:
O'Keefe School of Irish Dance

Mail entries to: John O'Keefe
193 Dover Street
New Haven, Ct. 06513

All Solo Dances \$ 7.00 per dance
Prelim & Open Championships \$ 28.00
Traditional Sets \$ 10.00
Change fee per change \$ 5.00
Maximum Family Fee \$ 85.00
(not including any late fees or change fees)

There will be no refund of entry fees