

Dance Competitions

First Feis Grade

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.

Girls	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Boys	Reel	Light Jig
U5	105RL	105LJ	105SJ	U5	155RL	155LJ
U6	106RL	106LJ	106SJ	U6	156RL	156LJ
U7	107RL	107LJ	107SJ	U7	157RL	157LJ
U8	108RL	108LJ	108SJ	U8	158RL	158LJ
U9	109RL	109LJ	109SJ	U9	159RL	159LJ
U10	110RL	110LJ	110SJ	U10	160RL	160LJ
U11	111RL	111LJ	111SJ	U11	161RL	161LJ
11/O	112RL	112LJ	112SJ	11/O	162RL	162LJ

Beginner 1 Grade

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.

All hard shoe dances at traditional speeds.

Girls	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Boys	Reel	Light Jig
U5	205RL	205LJ	205SJ	U5	255RL	255LJ
U6	206RL	206LJ	206SJ	U6	256RL	256LJ
U7	207RL	207LJ	207SJ	U7	257RL	257LJ
U8	208RL	208LJ	208SJ	U8	258RL	258LJ
U9	209RL	209LJ	209SJ	U9	259RL	259LJ
U10	210RL	210LJ	210SJ	U10	260RL	260LJ
U11	211RL	211LJ	211SJ	U11	261RL	261LJ
U12	212RL	212LJ	212SJ	U12	262RL	262LJ
12/O	213RL	213LJ	213SJ	12/O	263RL	263LJ

Beginner 2 Grade

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

All hard shoe dances will be at traditional speeds.

Girls	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe	St. Pat Set	Boys	Reel	Light Jig	Treble	Hornpipe	St. Pat Set
U6	306RL	306LJ	306SJ	306TJ	306HP	306PD	U6	356RL	356LJ	356TJ	356HP	356PD
U7	307RL	307LJ	307SJ	307TJ	307HP	307PD	U7	357RL	357LJ	357TJ	357HP	357PD
U8	308RL	308LJ	308SJ	308TJ	308HP	308PD	U8	358RL	358LJ	358TJ	358HP	358PD
U9	309RL	309LJ	309SJ	309TJ	309HP	309PD	U9	359RL	359LJ	359TJ	359HP	359PD
U10	310RL	310LJ	310SJ	310TJ	310HP	310PD	U10	360RL	360LJ	360TJ	360HP	360PD
U11	311RL	311LJ	311SJ	311TJ	311HP	311PD	U11	361RL	361LJ	361TJ	361HP	361PD
U12	312RL	312LJ	312SJ	312TJ	312HP	312PD	U12	362RL	362LJ	362TJ	362HP	362PD
U13	313RL	313LJ	313SJ	313TJ	313HP	313PD	U13	363RL	363LJ	363TJ	363HP	363PD
13/O	314RL	314LJ	314SJ	314TJ	314HP	314PD	13/O	364RL	364LJ	364TJ	364HP	364PD

Novice Grade

A dancer moves into Novice as a result of placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in that dance as indicated above in Beginner 2. A dancer who wins a 1st in Novice must move into Prizewinner 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 shoe dances can be done at either traditional speed or slow speed.

Girls	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Treble	Hornpipe	Trad. Set	U11	411RL	411LJ	411SJ	411TJ	411HP	411TS
U7	407RL	407LJ	407SJ	407TJ	407HP	407TS	U12	412RL	412LJ	412SJ	412TJ	412HP	412TS
U8	408RL	408LJ	408SJ	408TJ	408HP	408TS	U13	413RL	413LJ	413SJ	413TJ	413HP	413TS
U9	409RL	409LJ	409SJ	409TJ	409HP	409TS	U14	414RL	414LJ	414SJ	414TJ	414HP	414TS
U10	410RL	410LJ	410SJ	410TJ	410HP	410TS	U15	415RL	415LJ	415SJ	415TJ	415HP	415TS
							15/O	416RL	416LJ	416SJ	416TJ	416HP	416TS
							Boys	Reel	Light	Slip	Treble	Hornpipe	Trad.

	Jig	Jig	Jig	Set						
U7	457RL	457LJ		457TJ	457HP	457TS	U12	462RL	462LJ	462TJ 462HP 462TS
U8	458RL	458LJ		458TJ	458HP	458TS	U13	463RL	463LJ	463TJ 463HP 463TS
U9	459RL	459LJ		459TJ	459HP	459TS	U14	464RL	464LJ	464TJ 464HP 464TS
U10	460RL	460LJ		460TJ	460HP	460TS	U15	465RL	465LJ	465TJ 465HP 465TS
U11	461RL	461LJ		461TJ	461HP	461TS	15/O	466RL	466LJ	466TJ 466HP 466TS

Prizewinner Grade

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

All hard shoe dances can be done at either traditional speed or slow speed.

Girls

	Reel	Light	Slip	Treble	Hornpipe	Trad.
	Jig	Jig	Jig	Set		
U7	507RL	507LJ	507SJ	507TJ	507HP	507TS
U8	508RL	508LJ	508SJ	508TJ	508HP	508TS
U9	509RL	509LJ	509SJ	509TJ	509HP	509TS
U10	510RL	510LJ	510SJ	510TJ	510HP	510TS
U11	511RL	511LJ	511SJ	511TJ	511HP	511TS
U12	512RL	512LJ	512SJ	512TJ	512HP	512TS
U13	513RL	513LJ	513SJ	513TJ	513HP	513TS
U14	514RL	514LJ	514SJ	514TJ	514HP	514TS
U15	515RL	515LJ	515SJ	515TJ	515HP	515TS
15/O	516RL	516LJ	516SJ	516TJ	516HP	516TS

Boys

	Reel	Light	Treble	Hornpipe	Trad.
	Jig		Jig	Set	
U7	557RL	557LJ	557TJ	557HP	557TS
U8	558RL	558LJ	558TJ	558HP	558TS
U9	559RL	559LJ	559TJ	559HP	559TS
U10	560RL	560LJ	560TJ	560HP	560TS
U11	561RL	561LJ	561TJ	561HP	561TS
U12	562RL	562LJ	562TJ	562HP	562TS
U13	563RL	563LJ	563TJ	563HP	563TS
U14	564RL	564LJ	564TJ	564HP	564TS
U15	565RL	565LJ	565TJ	565HP	565TS
15/O	566RL	566LJ	566TJ	566HP	566TS

Preliminary Championships

A dancer who wins 1st place in each of the Prizewinner 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).

Under 9	609PC	Under 10	610PC
Under 11	611PC	Under 12	612PC
Under 13	613PC	Under 14	614PC
Under 15	615PC	Under 16	616PC
Under 17	617PC	17/Over	618PC

Open Championships

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 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 the reel or 40 bars of the slip-jig and 40 bars of the hornpipe or 48 bars of the treble jig, and a Set Dance. A Feis may elect to have a recall of 50% of the competitors for the set dance round if there are over 20 dancers in the competition.

Open Championship will be judged and scored by all 3 judges. In addition, awards will also be posted for each solo round (light, heavy, and set) based on the scores of one judge (different for each round).

May be combined with next higher age group.

<u>Girls/Ladies</u>	<u>Boys/Men</u>		
Under 10	710OC	Under 10	760OC
Under 12	712OC	Under 12	762OC
Under 14	714OC	Under 14	764OC
Under 16	716OC	Under 16	766OC
Under 18	718OC	Under 18	768OC
18/Over	719OC	18/Over	769OC

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

A dancer over the age of 18 who has not danced in the above described competitions for a period of five years. Dancers who are in the Adult categories cannot enter any competition other than Adult specified competitions. A dancer who wishes to return to any category other than Adult must remain out of Adult competitions until they retire from competitive dancing for five consecutive years.

	<u>Beginner 1 and 2</u>	<u>Novice</u>	<u>Prizewinner</u>
Reel	835RL	845RL	855RL
Light Jig	835LJ	845LJ	855LJ
Slip Jig	835SJ	845SJ	855SJ
Treble Jig	835TJ	845TJ	855TJ
Hornpipe	835HP	845HP	855HP
Traditional Set	835TS	845TS	855TS

Figure Dancing

Figure Dancing: Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced.

- There are no restrictions on figure age groups. (Effective December 2014)
- Figure age groups will be determined by the oldest dancer. (Effective December 2014).
- 8 hand teams are allowed to repeat dancers at all Mid-West feisanna in accordance with the world and regional Oireachtas rules
- Feiseanna are encouraged to add additional cultural, family, and dance competitions at their discretion, in addition to the one non-dancing competition required by the North American Feis Commission.

	<u>2 Hand Reel</u>	<u>3 Hand Reel</u>	<u>4 Hand Reel/Jig</u>
Under 7		931	941
Under 9		932	942
Under 11		933	943
Under 13		934	944
Under 15		935	945
15/Over	926	936	946

	<u>8 Hand Ceili Dance</u>
Under 9	981
Under 11	982
Under 13	983
Under 16	984
16/Over	985
Adult	986

Parent/Child

Under 10	501FD
Under 14	502FD
Over 14	503FD

Treble Reel

<u>Novice/Prizewinner</u>	<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Open Championships</u>
U12 – 512TR	U12 – 612TR	U12 – 712TR
12/O – 513TR	12/O – 613TR	12/O – 713TR