

HARTFORD FEIS

Irish American Home Society, Inc.
132 Commerce St. • Glastonbury, CT • 06033



55th Annual Feis

Saturday, August 21, 2021
(rain or shine)

Gate Opens: 8:00 am • Competitions Begin: 9:00 am
Maximum 500 Entrants

• Open Champ Cap 150 • Prelim Champ Cap 150 • Grades Cap 200

Closing Date: August 15, 2021

President Bernadette Foley
Vice President Brendan McCann
Feis Chairperson Tara Anne Deveney, TCRG

The Feis schedule, list of adjudicators and musicians, vendors, hotel information, directions, COVID guidelines and refund policy will be posted to the Feis website: www.hartfordctfeis.com. Feis questions: htfdfeis@irishamericanhome.com

The most current State of Connecticut COVID protocols will be in place and strictly enforced. Check the Feis website for updates. A COVID Release Form will need to be electronically signed on feisweb upon entry.

NO NUMBER CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE FEIS. Competitors must print at home and bring with them to the Feis.

Register online at www.FeisWeb.com No telephone or email entries will be accepted. Fees must be paid at time of registration. Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Any and all unpaid entries will be deleted.

ENTRY FEES:

\$12.00 Per Solo Dance
\$12.00 Per Treble Reel
\$12.00 Preliminary Set Dance Competition
\$40.00 Preliminary Championship
\$43.00 Open Championship
\$20.00 Family Fee
\$ 6.00 Feisweb Fee
\$10.00 Celtic Art Competition
\$10.00 Essay Competition
Free Irish Bread Competition
\$15.00 Late Fee
\$120.00 Maximum Family Fee

Any entry received after 8/15/2021 will only be accepted with a \$15.00 Late Fee.

Entries after cap of 500 is achieved will be notified of rejection. No entries will be accepted after 8/18/2021.

Maximum Family Fee excludes Late Fee, Family Fee and feisweb.com fee. There is a \$15.00 change of entry fee, per competitor/per dance.

No changes will be allowed after 8/15/2021.

REFUND POLICY: If the Feis is forced to cancel due to COVID, all fees minus the Family Fee, feisweb fee and PayPal fee will be refunded. There will be **NO REFUNDS FOR ANY OTHER REASON** due to the major financial investment incurred in planning the Feis. We will not respond to requests for refunds.

Marks included in entry fee. Marks for Grades competitors will be available online at feisweb.com. Marks for Championship competitors will be distributed at the Feis. All tabulations will be completed by feisweb.

Feis is registered, sanctioned and will be governed by the rules of An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha (www.clrg.ie), Irish Dance Teachers Association of North America (www.idtana.org) & the New England Region (www.neidt.org).

Thank you for your interest in the Hartford Feis! Our committee is beyond thrilled to welcome dancers and families to the first feis in Connecticut in over a year! We appreciate your cooperation to ensure the safest experience possible for everyone in our community so our dancers can do what they love! If you have any questions please email us at htdfeis@irishamericanhome.com.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- ❖ **This is an OUTDOOR FEIS.** Bring your own chairs and/or pop-up tents and set-up 6 feet apart from others on the open field outside the stages area. 12 feet of space must be kept clear around each stage and will be clearly marked for spectators.
- ❖ **The State of Connecticut Health Department continues to recommend all unvaccinated individuals, over the age of two, wear a face mask to discourage the spread of COVID-19.** Dancers will not be penalized for wearing a mask if they choose to do so while competing. Masks worn by dancers on stage should not have any identifying markings on them. If dancers are wearing a mask except when competing, they must bring a small paper bag in which to place their mask, with their name clearly marked on it, to leave side stage while dancing. Masks must be worn correctly over the mouth and nose. A limited number of masks will be available at the Feis so any attendee that chooses to wear one should bring their own. Please no face shields, gator style masks, scarves, bandanas or masks with vents.
- ❖ **COVID Release Form required.** All attendees of the Feis must complete, sign and submit a COVID Release Form upon entry on feisweb.com.
- ❖ **Intake questions upon arrival to the Feis.** You will be asked to certify that you are COVID-symptom free and that you have quarantined at least 10 days after international or cruise ship travel.
- ❖ **Hand sanitizer will be readily available for all Feis attendees, volunteers, and IAHS staff.** Frequent hand hygiene will be encouraged but not limited to; arrival, before and after eating, before and after bathroom breaks, before and after awards presentations, side-stage on all stages, and prior to departing the Feis.
- ❖ **CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfection will be followed.** Commonly touched surfaces/areas will be cleaned and disinfected between competitions.
- ❖ **Entry Fees:** Before registering, please check your local school, work, and travel advisory rules. There will be absolutely NO REFUNDS even if you are not allowed to attend the Feis. The Feis committee has to pre-pay for much of the Feis weeks before the Feis and the funds will not be available for any refunds even for reasons due to the pandemic including illness, changes in quarantine requirements or weather. If the Feis is forced to cancel due to COVID, all fees minus the Family Fee, feisweb Fee and PayPal Fee will be refunded. There will be NO REFUNDS FOR ANY OTHER REASON due to the major financial investment incurred in planning the Feis. The Feis committee increased entry fees as little as possible to cover the additional items needed to ensure COVID-19 safety and precautions. We will not respond to requests for refunds.
- ❖ **CT Travel Guidelines:** For those that would like to attend the 2021 Hartford Feis who reside outside the State of Connecticut; it is your personal responsibility to have read all your local requirements for travel into the State of Connecticut as outlined on the TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR CONNECTICUT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC website at <https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus/travel>
- ❖ **Changes to any COVID-19 guidelines for the Feis will be posted in advance on the Feis website.**
- ❖ **Breakfast and lunch items will be available for purchase.** Please keep 6 feet apart from other groups if eating at the outdoor patio area.
 - Breakfast items including hot and cold beverages available beginning at 8:00 am.
 - Lunch items including hot and cold beverages available beginning at 12:00 pm.
 - Water, soft drinks, sport drinks and snacks available throughout the day.
 - Irish goods available for purchase; all items for sale will be posted on the Feis website and Facebook page "Hartford Feis 2021".

SOLO COMPETITIONS

PLEASE NOTE: Solo costumes are not permitted for Pre-Beginner, Beginner and Advanced Beginner competitions. Dancers in these competitions must wear school costumes, or skirt and blouse for girls or dress shirt, tie and pants for boys.

- ❖ The Feis reserves the right to combine age groups in all levels in competitions with less than 5 entrants, or cap, split or cancel competitions if registration numbers are too low to run as a separate competition in all levels.
- ❖ Two dancers on stage at one time unless otherwise noted.
- ❖ Video or digital photography of any kind that has the capability of capturing a dancer's image while in motion is strictly forbidden, except in the Pre-Beginner, Beginner and Advanced Beginner categories.

PRE-BEGINNER: One step, one at a time. Boys & Girls combined.

Music Speed: R: 122, LJ: 115

PRE-BEG	Reel	Light Jig
Under 5	990	991
Under 6	992	993

BEGINNER: A competitor who has not taken Irish dance lessons from a registered teacher prior to September 1st of the previous year. Two steps, Boys & Girls combined. **Music Speed:** R/SJ: 122, LJ: 115

BEG	Reel	Lt. Jig	Slip Jig
Under 5	1	2	3
Under 6	4	5	6
Under 7	7	8	9
Under 8	10	11	12
Under 9	13	14	15
Under 10	16	17	18
Under 11	19	20	21
Under 12	22	23	24
12 & Over	25	26	27

ADVANCED BEGINNER: A dancer remains an Advanced Beginner in each dance until s/he wins 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. The dancer will advance to Novice only for the dance(s) in which s/he has won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd. Two steps, Boys & Girls combined.

Music Speed: R/SJ: 122, LJ: 115, TJ: 92, HP: 138

ADV BEG	Reel	Lt. Jig	Slip Jig	Trbl Jig	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 & Over	141	142	143	144	145

NOVICE: A competitor who has previously won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in Advanced Beginner in a particular dance. A Novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Prizewinner category in that particular dance. Two steps, Boys & Girls combined.

Music Speed: R/SJ: 113, LJ: 115, TJ: 73/92, HP: 113/138

NOVICE	Reel	Slip Jig	Lt. Jig	Trbl Jig	HP	Trad Set
Under 6	200	201	202	203	204	205
Under 7	206	207	208	209	210	211
Under 8	212	213	214	215	216	217
Under 9	218	219	220	221	222	223
Under 10	224	225	226	227	228	229
Under 11	230	231	232	233	234	235
Under 12	236	237	238	239	240	241
Under 13	242	243	244	245	246	247
Under 14	248	249	250	251	252	253
14 & Over	254	255	256	257	258	259

PRIZE WINNER: A competitor who has previously won 1st in Novice in a particular dance. Two steps, Boys & Girls combined.

Music Speed: R/SJ: 113, TJ: 73/92, HP: 113/138

PW	Reel	Slip Jig	Trbl Jig	HP	Trad Set
Under 6	300	301	302	303	304
Under 7	305	306	307	308	309
Under 8	310	311	312	313	314
Under 9	315	316	317	318	319
Under 10	320	321	322	323	324
Under 11	325	326	327	328	329
Under 12	330	331	332	333	334
Under 13	335	336	337	338	339
Under 14	340	341	342	343	345
14 & Over	346	347	348	349	350

TRADITIONAL SET Music Speeds

St. Patrick's Day	94
Jockey to the Fair	90
Three Sea Captains	96
Blackbird	144
Job of Journeywork	138
Garden of Daisies	138
King of the Fairies	130

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Open to competitors who, at any CLRG/IDTANA approved Feis: a) have placed 1st in soft shoe and hard shoe as a Prizewinner, and b) have never placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in Open Championships. Choice of Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars); and Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars). Rotation numbers will be drawn by computer prior to the day of the Feis. Two rounds, hard shoe first. Solo awards will be given for soft and hard shoe dances. Boys & Girls combined. Absolutely NO DANCE CHANGES will be accepted day of Feis – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Prelim Champ	Comp #
Under 8	400
Under 9	401
Under 10	402
Under 11	403
Under 12	404
Under 13	405
Under 14	406
Under 15	407
Under 16	408
16 & Over	409

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP SET DANCE

This competition is for Preliminary Championship dancers only. Competitors must also be registered in a Preliminary Championship competition.

Under 8	700
Under 9	701
Under 10	702
Under 11	703
Under 12	704
Under 13	705
Under 14	706
Under 15	707
Under 16	708
16 & Over	709

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Three rounds, soft shoe first. Choice of Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars); and Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars). Set piece of own choice; Under 9 must dance a Traditional Set. Rotation numbers will be drawn by computer prior to the day of the Feis. Solo awards will be given for soft and hard shoe dances. If less than 5 boys per competition, Feis committee may combine boys with the corresponding girls age group. Absolutely NO DANCE CHANGES will be accepted day of Feis – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Open Championships			
Girls		Boys	
Under 9	500	Under 9	511
Under 10	501	Under 10	512
Under 11	502	Under 12	513
Under 12	503	Under 14	514
Under 13	504	Under 16	515
Under 14	505	Under 18	516
Under 15	506	18 & Over	517
Under 16	507		
Under 17	508		
Under 18	509		
18 & Over	510		

ADULT COMPETITION

All Adult competitions are for dancers aged 21 & over and have been out of competition for a minimum of 5 years. Two steps, Men & Ladies combined.

Music Speed: R/SJ: 113, TJ: 73/92, HP: 113/138

ADULT SOLO:

Reel	Lt. Jig	Slip Jig	Trbl Jig	HP	Trad Set
600	601	602	603	604	605

TREBLE REEL COMPETITIONS

One step, one at a time. No group dancing.

Perpetual Trophy

Novice & Prizewinner Only

Any Age	800
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In memory of **Kathleen Mulcahy Miskell** from the Duffy Academy whose love of the Treble Reel led to numerous awards. This trophy is presented in her memory.

Perpetual Trophy

Preliminary & Open Championship Only

Any Age	801
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In memory of **Kaitlyn Saunders Derr** from the Duffy Academy whose love of the Treble Reel led to numerous awards. This trophy is presented in her memory.

IRISH BREAD COMPETITION

NO CHARGE. Entries must be wrapped in plastic and handed in by 11:00 am at the Entrance Gate.

Plain Soda Bread	900
Raisin Soda Bread	901

CELTIC ART COMPETITION

Competitors may submit one piece of artwork in any medium at the Entrance Gate by 11:00 am. Art must have a Celtic theme.

Under 12	902
Under 16	903
16 & Over	904

ESSAY COMPETITION

Competitors may submit a one-page essay on 8 x11 size paper on how Irish dance has helped them get through the pandemic. Entries must be submitted to the Entrance Gate by 11:00 am.

Under 12	905
Under 16	906
16 & Over	907

Release, Waive, Hold Harmless Agreement

I acknowledge that this activity involves exertion and carries with it the potential for injury. I hereby agree to waive the right to take legal action or join in any actions against The Irish American Home Society Inc. (IAHS), its Officers, Board Members, and the Feis Committee, and/or any affiliates and associates for injuries incurred during practice and/or performance in any location. I hereby agree to indemnify, protect and save harmless the parties above or any of them from all judgments, cost and expenses whatsoever arising on account of any action, claim or demand by the minor child of mine, or any child for which I am acting in guardianship or supervisory capacity. It is understood and agreed that the participant is physically fit and prepared for participation in the activities which will be undertaken, and the participant has not been advised by any doctor or other medical person that participation in these activities should be avoided and/or limited. Participation in any competition or performance is at the sole discretion and decision of the parent or guardian. The IAHS, it's Officers, Board Members, and the Feis Committee will not be held responsible for injury, loss of property, damage or other claims.

• NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES •