

HERITAGE IRISH DANCE COMPANY 6TH ANNUAL FEIS HELD IN HONOR OF PETER J SMITH

Member, An Coimisiun, Dublin, Ireland Member, NAFC: James Graven, President

Saturday, October 24, 2020 FOREST LODGE, 11 REINMAN ROAD, WARREN, NJ 07059

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 7:30 AM - ALL STAGES WILL BEGIN AT 8:30 AM.

OUTDOOR VENUE. Stages and some spectator viewing is covered, seating is provided, but you may bring your own.

ADJUDICATORS

Colleen Farrell Martin, NJ	John O'Keefe, CT
Patricia Murphy, NJ	Ann Marie Acosta, NY
Kate O'Neill Wosczyna, PA	Matt Martin, NJ

Feis Website: http://www.heritageirishdance.com/ Feis Registration Via: www.feisweb.com/

Entry Deadline: October 10, 2020

Open Championship events (500-517) will be limited to the first 100 entries,
Preliminary Championship events (400-410) will be limited to the first 50 entries,
Total registrations will be limited to the first 200 entries. Feis reserves the right to increase the overall cap to 225 or to increase cap if the New Jersey outdoor gathering limit increases.

THE FEIS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO COMBINE AGE GROUPS FOR ALL LEVELS IN
COMPETITIONS WITH LESS THAN 5 ENTRANTS

NO DOOR FEE; \$25 admission fee at the time of registration.

Any proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

ALL ATTENDESS WILL BE REQUIRED TO READ AND ACKNOWLEDGE COVID-19 SAFETY POLICIES PRIOR TO ENTERING THE VENUE

No Dress Shop, No Ceili Competitions, No "Special" Competitions

ONLY ONE SPECTATOR PER DANCER WILL BE ALLOWED ON PREMISES NO MORE THAN A TOTAL OF 500 PERSONS WILL BE ALLOWED ON PREMISES

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED from competitors who reside in states under the current New Jersey mandatory quarantine travel advisory list. See the NJ Covid-19 Dashboard for more info -

https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/which-states-are-on-the-travel-advisory-list-are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey

Wristbands will be handed out at the gate and attendees counted. No one without a wristband will be allowed entry. Limited number of VIP wristbands will be reserved for TCRGs

FEIS IS REGISTERED, SANCTIONED AND WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE RULES OF AN COIMISIUN (www.clrg.ie),

THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION (www.mid-atlanticregion.com).

and THE NORTH AMERICAN FEIS COMMISSION (www.northamericanfeiscommission.org), James Graven as President.

PLEASE REFER TO APPLICABLE WEBSITES FOR RULES GOVERNING THE FEIS.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIPS

NAFC MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP, GEORGE SWEETHAM TROPHY	Lake Geneva, WI 03/01/2020
NAFC JUNION IRISH DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP, ROBERT GABOR TROPHY	Lake Geneva, WI 03/01/2020
NAFC SENIOR IRISH DANCING CHAMPIONSHIP, GERRY CAMPBELL BELT	Lake Geneva, WI 03/01/2020

Solo Competitions

PLEASE NOTE: SOLO COSTUMES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN TINY TOTS, BEGINNER, AND ADVANCED BEGINNER CATEGORIES. CLASS COSTUMES OR SKIRTS AND BLOUSES ONLY.

TINY TOTS -This competition is open to all dancers, girls and boys, under SPECIAL NEEDS COMPETITION - Competition # 99 7 years of age. Competitors may not compete in any other dancing competitions at this Feis. (1 step) - 8:30 a.m. Speeds: Reel 122, Jig 115.

Boys and Girls. Open to All Ages. Dance of Choice.

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GIRLS AND BOYS	REEL	JIG			All Ages	99
6 years old & under	70	71				

Beginner - A beginner is a competitor who has not taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher prior to September 1st of previous year. Dancer must move into Advanced Beginner the following year. (2 steps) – 8:30a.m. Speeds: Reel 122, Light Jig 115, Hop Jig 124, Slip Jig 122.

GIRLS AND BOYS	REEL	LIGHT JIG	HOP JIG	SLIP JIG
Under 5	1	2	3	4
5 Under 6	5	6	7	8
6 Under 7	9	10	11	12
7 Under 8	13	14	15	16
8 Under 9	17	18	19	20
9 Under 10	21	22	23	24
10 Under 11	25	26	27	28
11 Under 12	29	30	31	32
12 & Over	33	34	35	36
Adult	37	38	39	40

Advanced Beginner - An Advanced Beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance the following year the next year (2 steps) Speeds: Reel 122, Light Jig 115, Hop Jig 124, Slip Jig 122, Treble Jig 92, Hornpipe 138.

GIRLS AND BOYS	REEL	LT JIG	HOP JIG	SLIP JIG	TREBLE JIG	TRAD. HORNPIPE
Under 6	101	102	103	104	105	106
6 Under 7	107	108	109	110	111	112
7 Under 8	113	114	115	116	117	118
8 Under 9	119	120	121	122	123	124
9 Under 10	125	126	127	128	129	130
10 Under 11	131	132	133	134	135	136
11 Under 12	137	138	139	140	141	142
12 Under 13	143	144	145	146	147	148
13 & Over	149	150	151	152	153	154
Adult	155	156	157	158	159	160

Novice - A novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance the next year. (2 steps) - following Beginner/Advanced Beginner. Speeds: Reel 113, Light Jig 115, Slip Jig 113, Treble Jig 73 or 92, Hornpipe 113 or 138.

GIRLS AND BOYS	REEL	LT JIG	SLIP JIG	TREBLE JIG	HORNPIPE
Under 7	201	202	203	204	205
7 Under 8	206	207	208	209	210
8 Under 9	211	212	213	214	215
9 Under 10	216	217	218	219	220
10 Under 11	221	222	223	224	225
11 Under 12	226	227	228	229	230
12 Under 13	231	232	233	234	235
13 Under 14	236	237	238	239	240
14 & Over	241	242	243	244	245
Adult	246	247	248	249	250

PrizeWinner - A competitor who does not qualify as a Beginner, Advanced Beginner or as a Novice. (2 steps) - following Novice. Speeds: Reel 113, Slip Jig113, Treble Jig 73 or 92, Hornpipe 113 or 138.

GIRLS AND BOYS	REEL	SLIP JIG	TREBLE JIG	HORNPIPE
Under 8	301	302	303	304
8 Under 9	305	306	307	308
9 Under 10	309	310	311	312
10 Under 11	313	314	315	316
11 Under 12	317	318	319	320
12 Under 13	321	322	323	324
13 Under 14	325	326	327	328
14 Under 15	329	330	331	332
15 & Over	333	334	335	336
Adult	337	338	339	340

CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

Please note: There will be a cap on entries in preliminary championship of 50 and open championship of 100.

Reel and Jig will be danced for 48 bars of music, while Slip Jig and Hornpipe will be danced for 40 bars of music. Rotation numbers will be computer generated in advance for each combination of dances – There will be no drawing of rotation numbers. CHOICES MUST BE SPECIFIED WHEN ENTERING. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES ON THE DAY OF THE FEIS.

<u>Preliminary and Open Championships will begin at 8:30am</u>. Stage schedules will be posted several days prior to the feis on the feis web site. Additional championship stages may be used.

<u>PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS</u> - Open to competitors who have placed 1st in Prizewinner solo light (Reel or Slip Jig) and heavy dance (Jig or Hornpipe) at any Feis. Dancers who win **THREE 1st** place Preliminary Championships in one calendar year must move onto Open the following calendar year. When a third 1ST place win is achieved over several calendar years, the dancer must move to Open Championship the following weekend. Dancers will perform choice of Reel or Slip Jig, and Heavy Jig or Hornpipe. Designate choice of dances when entering. Girls and boys are combined for these competitions.

GIRLS &	COMP
BOYS	#
Under 8	400
8 Under 9	401
9 Under 10	402
10 Under 11	403
11 Under 12	404
12 Under 13	405

GIRLS & BOYS	COMP #
13 Under 14	406
14 Under 15	407
15 Under 16	408
16 Under 17	409
17 and Over	410

<u>OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP</u> - Dancers will perform **3 rounds**: Reel (Boys) or choice of Reel or Slip Jig (Girls), choice of Heavy Jig or Hornpipe, and one set dance of own choice. Designate choice of soft and hard shoe dances when entering. Competitors in competitions 500 and 512 will dance traditional set. See note above about starting times.

GIRLS	COMP#
Under 9	500
9 Under 10	501
10 Under 11	502
11 Under 12	503
12 Under 13	504
13 Under 14	505
14 Under 15	506
15 Under 16	507
16 Under 17	508
17 Under 18	509
18 Under 20	510
20 and Over	511

BOYS	COMP #
Under 9	512
9 Under 11	513
11 Under 13	514
13 Under 15	515
15 Under 17	516
17 and Over	517

ADULT COMPETITIONS

Adult Competitions: Dancers will perform 3 rounds. Open to dancers 25 years or older.

Championship: Championship format. Dancers will perform Reel (Men) or choice of Reel or Slip Jig (Ladies), choice of Heavy Jig or Hornpipe, and one traditional set dance of own choice. Reel will be danced for 48 bars of

music. Slip Jig will be danced for 40 bars of music.

CHOICES MUST BE SPECIFIED WHEN ENTERING. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGES ON THE DAY

OF THE FEIS.

IRISH ART COMPETITION

<u>Irish Art Competition</u> – Comp. # 999 – Competitors of any age can enter by submitting a piece of art at the registration desk by 1pm. Artwork must be Irish in theme and must be 2-dimensional. Awards will be announced later in the afternoon and posted on. Artwork must be picked up by 4 pm.

ENTRY INFORMATION				
ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE PROPER FEES.				
Solo Dances - \$15.00 per dance				
	Preliminary Championships - \$50.00 per competitor			
Open Championships - \$60.00 per competitor				
	Adult Championship - \$45.00 per competitor			
	Art Competition - \$5.00 per entry			
	<u>FeisWeb Registration Fee</u> – \$2.00 per family			

plus any appropriate late/change fee. The fee for marks is included in each entry fee. Marks will be available after the feis and sent via email. **NOTE: There is a \$25 "Family Fee" paid at the time of registration. There will be NO DOOR fee.**

ALL ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES MUST BE SUBMITTED ON-LINE: WWW.FEISWEB.COM

ENTRY DEADLINE: Saturday, October 10, 2020.

Entries submitted or paid after October 10, 2020 and on or before October 17, 2020 will be charged a fee per family. (Payment must be made by Oct. 10th to avoid this late fee.)

No entries may be submitted after October 17, 2020.

NOTE: THERE IS A CAP of 100 ON OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES. THERE IS AN OVERALL CAP of 200

PAYMENTS: All Payments must be made via PayPal before the entry deadline or late fee(s) will be charged. Entries left unpaid may be deleted by the secretary.

The FeisWeb list of paid entries reflects only those entries which are paid in full. Please ensure your dancer is on the list prior to the feis. To avoid late fees please make sure entries are paid in full prior to the late date.

Additional Information

Changes to entries	Changes can be made on-line and will be allowed until October 10 with no charge. Changes made after October 10 and on or before October 17 will incur a charge of \$5 per change. Special competition dances may be added the day of the feis. NO CHANGES TO ENTRIES WILL BE MADE AFTER THIS DATE.
Number cards	Printable number card images will be available at www.feisweb.com several days before the feis to those without a balance. Cards will not be mailed.
Feis schedule	The schedule will be posted on the feis web site, http://www.heritageirishdance.com/ a few days prior to the feis. It will include the number of competitors entered in each event.
Marks	Marks will be available after awards are presented.
Contacts	General questions: feis@heritageirishdance.com Entry Secretary: feisentry@heritageirishdance.com
HOTELS Nearby	Embassy Suites, Berkeley Heights, NJ; Courtyard Marriott, Basking Ridge, NJ
COVID-19 INFO	All attendees, including dancers, will be required to wear masks at all times except when on stage or warming up prior to their competition. All attendees must follow the social distancing markers and delineations on site. Hand sanitizer will be available on site. Attendees will be required to sign an acknowledgement and waiver which will be emailed to paid entrants prior to the feis date. One spectator (of any age) per dancer will be allowed entrance. All attendees will need to be registered at the entrance (or prior to entering) via their e-signed waiver and acknowledgment. More information will follow.

DANCING COMPETITION RULES

Adopted By The North American Feis Commission, 2015 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016

Feis will be governed by the rules of An Coimisiun (www.clrg.ie) and the North American Feis Commission (www.northamericanfeiscommission.org) and the Mid-Atlantic Region (www.mid-atlanticregion.com) . PLEASE REFER TO APPLICABLE WEBSITES FOR RULES GOVERNING THE FEIS. If Mid-Atlantic Region and NAFC have divergent rules, the Mid-Atlantic rules prevail.

By submitting an on-line entry, dancer of adult age, parent, or legal guardian agrees to abide by rules governing the feis as listed on above websites and also listed below.

- 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: disgualification 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. A competitor may compete in no more than two different age groups for any one category (4-hand, 8-hand, etc.)
- 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 except in Beginner and Advanced Beginner competitions.
- 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 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.
- 36) All entries must be submitted via www.feisweb.com. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS October 10, 2020.
- ALL ENTRIES SUBMITTED AFTER October 10, AND ON OR BEFORE October 17 WILL BE CHARGED a \$10.00 LATE fee per family. NO ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER October 17. **ANY Changes to dances on the day of the feis will be charged \$5 per change (excluding specials).** NO TELEPHONE OR EMAIL ENTRIES at any time. NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY OF THE FEIS. 37) ENTRY FEES:
- See Entry Information. If the feis is cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions being altered, entry fees, LESS the feisweb fee and paypal fees will be refunded. Entry fees will not be refunded for any other reason.
- **38)** Payments must be made through PayPal. The FeisWeb list of paid entries reflects only those entries which are paid in full. Please check that your dancer is on the list prior to the feis. To avoid late fees please make sure entries are paid in full prior to the late date.
- 39) General questions may be directed to feis@heritageirishdance.com or feisentry@heritageirtishdance.com.
- **40)** Changes can be made on-line at www.feisweb.com and will be allowed until October 10, 2020, with no charge. Changes made on October 11 and on or before October 17 will incur a charge of \$5. NO CHANGES TO ENTRIES WILL BE MADE AFTER THIS DATE.
- **41)** Printable number card images will be available at www.feisweb.com several days before the feis. Entry cards also can be picked up the day of the Feis however entrants are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to print their number at home on plain paper.
- **42)** The fee for marks is included in each entry fee.
- **43)** Seating is provided by the venue but you may bring your own. NO COOLERS or OUTSIDE FOOD will be permitted on the premises. Food and beverages will be for sale.