

41st Anniversary

East Bay Feis

Proudly hosted by
McBride School of Irish Dance
Member of An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelacha, Dublin, Ireland

Friday October 20th, 2023 – Grade Exams
Saturday October 21, 2023
&
Sunday October 22, 2023

Dougherty Station Community Center
Front Row Theater & the Ridgeview Room
Adjacent to the Diablo Valley College (DVC) San Ramon Campus
17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd
San Ramon, CA 94582

Adjudicators

James Early, NJ
Jimmy Friel, NY
Christina Ryan Kilcoyne, PA
Noreen Houlihan Smith, MA
Michael Smith, MA
Russel Beaton, MD

Musicians

Chris McLoughlin, NJ
Sean Warren, FL

The East Bay Feis is registered under and will follow the rules of the Western United States Region of An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelacha, Dublin, Ireland.

ENTRY PROCEDURES & FEES

Online entry only at www.FeIsInfo.com. Payment made online via Feis Productions

Entry fees are non-refundable.

Entries and payments are due on or before October 7, 2023

Entry fees must be received by the closing date to avoid late fees.

Entry fees:

Soft shoe solos (Grades/Adult/First Feis)	\$25 (covers all soft shoe solos)
Hard shoe solos (Grades/Adult)	\$20 (covers all hard shoe solos)
Specials/Trophy Competitions	\$15 (each)
Edward McBride Memorial Special	\$15
Adult, Prelim and Open Championships	\$65 (3 rounds)
Family registration fee	\$35 per family
Late entry fee	\$50 for entries after Oct 5, 2022

There is a \$225 maximum fee per family (including adult dancers), **excluding** late fees, specials/trophy competitions, and family entry fee.

No day of feis entries.

Please email questions to eastbayfeis@gmail.com

DANCING COMPETITION RULES

1. Competitions will be combined or added as the Committee sees fit, based on the entries.
2. Competitors must be in the hall, prepared to dance, one hour prior to the scheduled beginning of their event.
3. Dancers who appear in competitions in which they are not entered and paid will not be eligible for placement or awards.
4. First Feis competitions are open only to dancers who have never competed at a feis.
5. When awards are announced from the stage, competitors must be in costume, including dance shoes, to receive their awards.
6. The McBride School of Irish Dance, or the Dougherty Station Community Center & Front Row Theater and will not be held responsible or liable for personal injury, property loss and/or damage. By entering this Feis, the entrant and/or the entrant's parent or legal guardian agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the East Bay Feis, The Feis Committee, Feis Volunteers, Vendors, Dougherty Station Community Center, Front Row Theater and the City of San Ramon, the McBride School of Irish Dance, the Western US Region, Irish Dance Teachers of North America, CLRG and Feis Productions of Irish Dance for any liabilities or personal injury because of the entrant's participation.

Recommended Nearby Hotels available on Travel Apps and within 5 or less Miles of the Venue:

1. San Ramon Marriott
2. San Ramon Hyatt House or Dublin Hyatt House
3. San Ramon Marriott Residence Inn
4. La Quinta on Dublin, Blvd
5. DoubleTree Pleasanton at the Club

Please Note: ONLY WATER ALLOWED IN THE THEATER.

COVID-19 Disclaimer

Dancers and participants are encouraged to always wear masks indoors except when performing on stage. As COVID is evolving, please check the Dougherty Station Community Center Website for updates on their policies around COVID. The East Bay Feis will communicate in advance any known changes, wherever possible.

Grade Solo Dancers - Saturday					
FIRST FEIS - \$25.00 Covers Soft Shoes					
Dance Title	U7	U9	U11	11 & O	
Reel	1	5	9	13	
Light Jig	2	6	10	14	
Slip Jig	3	7	11	15	
Single Jig	4	8	12	16	
Eligibility Rule:	<i>Never Entered a Feis for These Dances. Can only enter First Feis one Time in Feisana.</i>				
Beginner 1 (B1) \$25 Covers Soft Shoes, \$20 Covers Heavy Shoes					
Dance	U7	U9	U11	U15	15 & O
Reel	101	108	115	122	129
Light Jig	102	109	116	123	130
Slip Jig	103	110	117	124	131
Single Jig	104	111	118	125	132
Heavy Jig	105	112	119	126	133
Hornpipe	106	113	120	127	134
St. Patrick's Day	107	114	121	128	135
Beginner 2 (B2) - \$25 Covers Soft Shoes, \$20 Covers Heavy Shoes:					
Dance Title	U7	U9	U11	U15	15 & O
Reel	201	208	215	222	229
Light Jig	202	209	216	223	230
Slip Jig	203	210	217	224	231
Single Jig	204	211	218	225	232
Heavy Jig	205	212	219	226	233
Hornpipe	206	213	220	227	234
St. Patrick's Day	207	214	221	228	235
Novice - \$25 Covers Soft Shoes, \$20 Covers Heavy Shoes					
Dance Title	U9	U11	U13	U15	15 & O
Reel	309	316	323	330	337
Light Jig	310	317	324	331	338
Slip Jig	311	318	325	332	339
Single Jig	312	319	326	333	340
Heavy Jig	313	320	327	334	341
Hornpipe	314	321	328	335	342
Trad Set - Any	315	322	329	336	343
Prizewinner - \$25 Covers Soft Shoes, \$20 Covers Heavy Shoes:					
Dance Title	U9	U11	U13	U15	15 & O
Reel	409	416	423	430	437
Light Jig	410	417	424	431	438
Slip Jig	411	418	425	432	439
Single Jig	412	419	426	433	440
Heavy Jig	413	420	427	434	441
Hornpipe	414	421	428	435	442
Trad Set - Any	415	422	429	436	443
Eligibility Rule for B1, B2 & Novice & Prizewinner:	5-9 Competitors Dance - 1st Place Advances to Next Level in Each Individual Dance. 10+ Dancers Dance in Competition - 1st & 2nd Place will Advance to next grade. Prizewinner to Prelim Advancement - Teachers Discretion				

2nd Chance Grade Dancers - Sunday					
Beginner 1 (B1) - \$25 Covers Soft Shoes, \$20 Covers Heavy Shoes					
Dance	U7	U9	U11	U15	15 & O
Reel	2101	2108	2115	2122	2129
Light Jig	2102	2109	2116	2123	2130
Slip Jig	2103	2110	2117	2124	2131
Single Jig	2104	2111	2118	2125	2132
Heavy Jig	2105	2112	2119	2126	2133
Hornpipe	2106	2113	2120	2127	2134
St. Patrick's Day	2107	2114	2121	2128	2135
Beginner 2 (B2) - \$25 Covers Soft Shoes, \$20 Covers Heavy Shoes					
Dance Title	U7	U9	U11	U15	15 & O
Reel	2201	2208	2215	2222	2229
Light Jig	2202	2209	2216	2223	2230
Slip Jig	2203	2210	2217	2224	2231
Single Jig	2204	2211	2218	2225	2232
Heavy Jig	2205	2212	2219	2226	2233
Hornpipe	2206	2213	2220	2227	2234
St. Patrick's Day	2207	2214	2221	2228	2235
Novice - \$25 Covers Soft Shoes, \$20 Covers Heavy Shoes					
Dance Title	U9	U11	U13	U15	15 & O
Reel	2309	2316	2323	2330	2337
Light Jig	2310	2317	2324	2331	2338
Slip Jig	2311	2318	2325	2332	2339
Single Jig	2312	2319	2326	2333	2340
Heavy Jig	2313	2320	2327	2334	2341
Hornpipe	2314	2321	2328	2335	2342
Trad Set - Any	2315	2322	2329	2336	2343
Prizewinner - \$25 Covers Soft Shoes, \$20 Covers Heavy Shoes:					
Dance Title	U9	U11	U13	U15	15 & O
Reel	2409	2416	2423	2430	2437
Light Jig	2410	2417	2424	2431	2438
Slip Jig	2411	2418	2425	2432	2439
Single Jig	2412	2419	2426	2433	2440
Heavy Jig	2413	2420	2427	2434	2441
Hornpipe	2414	2421	2428	2435	2442
Trad Set - Any	2415	2422	2429	2436	2443

Boys Light Jig Special - \$15.00				
Dance Title		U9	U12	13&O
B1/B2		901	903	905
Nov/PW		902	904	906
Girls Reel Special - \$15.00				
Dance Title	U9	U12	U15	15&O
B1/B2	910	911	913	915
Nov/PW	N/A	912	914	916
Treble Reel Special - \$10.00				
Dance Title	U9	U11	U13	13 & O
B1/B2	931	933	935	937
Nov/PW	932	934	936	938

Adult Grades & Specials - Sunday					
Adult Grades - \$25.00 Covers Soft Shoes, \$20.00 Covers					
Dance Title	First Feis	Adv. Beg.	Nov	PW	
Reel	601	605	612	619	
Light Jig	602	606	613	620	
Slip Jig	603	607	614	621	
Single Jig	604	608	615	622	
Heavy Jig	N/A	609	616	623	
Hornpipe	N/A	610	617	624	
St. Patrick's Day	N/A	611	N/A	N/A	
Trad Set - Any	N/A		618	625	
Adult Specials - \$15.00					
Dance Title	Comp #	Requirements			
Non-Trad Set	941	Any Non Traditional Set Dance			
Hornpipe	942	Traditional Hornpipe - 32 Bars			

Championship Level Competitions										
SATURDAY CHAMPIONSHIPS - THREE ROUNDS \$65.00										
Champion Level	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	17+
Preliminary	701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	710
Open	711	712	711	712	711	712	711	712	711	712
Dance Requirements	1 Light Shoe Round (Reel or Slip Jig), 1 Heavy Shoe Round (Jig or HP) and Set Dance. U9 must perform Traditional Set Dance in line with Western US Region Oireachtas Syllabus									
Open Eligibility:	Won 3 firsts in Preliminary Championships where 5 or more competitors dance.									
Note:	Any championship with less than 5 competitors may be combined with the next highest age group at Feis									

SUNDAY - 2ND CHANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS - THREE ROUNDS - \$65.00 (Same Rules as Saturday)										
Champion Level	U9		U11		U13		U15		U17	17+
Preliminary	721		722		723		725		727	728
Open	731		732		733		734		735	736

Saturday Championship Treble Reel Specials - \$15.00							
Level	U9	U11	U13	U15	U17	17+	Any
Preliminary	950	951	953	955	957	959	
Open		961	963	965	967	969	
Requirement:	One Step Down the Line. (Finishing Step not part of Score)						
Group Treble Reel Special - \$15.00 - Saturday							
Group	2 or More Dancers - Teacher Choreography						960
Requirement:	48 Bars of Treble Reel Danced to Music						
Edward McBride Memorial Cup Special - \$15.00 - Saturday							
Level	U11		U15		U17	17+	
Jig or HP - 16 Bars	971		975		977	979	

Adult Championships - \$65.00 - Sunday		
Adult Championship:	945	Reel or Slip Jig; and,
Adult Championship Treble Reel Special	981	One Step Down the Line. (Finishing Step not part of

Team Dancing					
Beginner Teams (Figure Dancing) - \$15.00 per Dancer - Sunday					
Dance Title	U9	U10	U12	12&O	
2H Reel	801	804	807	810	
3H Reel	802	805	808	811	
6H Book	803	806	809	812	
Note:	CLRG Book Teams may do 1st or 2nd Figure in line				
Open Teams (Figure Dancing) - \$15.00 per Dancer - Sunday					
Dance Title	U8	U10	U12	U15	15&O
2H Reel	821	825	830	835	840
3H Reel	822	826	831	836	841
4H Book Girls	823	827	832	837	842
4H Book Mixed	827M		837M		
6H Book	824	828	833	838	843
8H Book Girls	825	830	835	840	845
8H Book Mixed	835M		840M		
Note:	CLRG Book Teams may do 1st or 2nd Figure in line				
Adult Teams - \$15.00 per Dancer - Sunday					
Dance Title	2H Reel	3H Reel	4H Book	6H Book	8H Book
Beginner Teams	851	852	853	854	N/A
Open Teams	856	857	858	859	890
Note:	CLRG Book Teams may do 1st or 2nd Figure in line				

Grade Exams

October 20, 2023

McBride School of Irish Dance & East Bay Feis

Grade examiner: Michael Smith, Jimmy Early and Christina Ryan

The McBride School of Irish Dance will be hosting grade examinations in conjunction with the East Bay Feis. The grade exams will be held Friday October 20th, during the late afternoon and evening. Please note this is the day before The East Bay Feis (which will be held on October 21 & 22, 2023). The exams will be held at the Doherty Station Community Center, Front Row Theater, and Ridgeview Rooms in San Ramon, CA.


We are offering Grades 1-10. Grades 7-10 will be examined by a CLRG selected Grade Examiner.

PLEASE NOTE: Dancers must provide evidence of having completed previous grade exams, where applicable.

Permission: Applicants must be part of a CLRG registered school and have consulted their respective TCRG for information and permission before applying for the Grade exams.

Grades: Exams will run from 1 through 10. You can attempt no more than three grades at a time

Dances: Please see the grid below for the required dances.

Grade	Dances
1.	Basic Reel and Light :  Jig
2.	Basic Slip Jig and Single Jig
3.	Primary Reel and Basic Heavy Jig
4.	Primary Slip Jig and St Patrick's Day
5.	Advanced Reel, Basic Hornpipe and the Walls of Limerick
6.	Advanced Slip Jig, The Blackbird and the Siege of Ennis
7.	Advanced Heavy Jig, Garden of Daisies and the Four Hand Reel
8.	Advanced Hornpipe, Job of Journeywork and Humours of Bandon
9.	Two Modern Set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time and High Cauled Cap
10.	Two modern Set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time and the Eight Hand Jig

LENGTH: Please note dances are 40 bars, which equates to 2.5 steps

EXAMINER: Michael Smith, Christina Ryan & James Early

SCHEDULE: Grade exams will be offered the day before the Feis on Friday October, 20th. We will begin exams at 1:00pm.

REGISTRATION: Register at www.feisinfo.com

FEES: Please see the grid below with fees listed for each grade. Grade exam fees are not part of the Feis family max. Nor are they subject to any discount for multiple children from the same family

Exam Fee Schedule

Grades 1, 2, 3 \$30 each, \$90 for all 3

Grades 4, 5, 6 \$35 each, \$105 for all 3

Grades 7,8,9, 10 \$50 each

ATTIRE: Do not wear Feis costumes. Candidates should wear a top and skirt or shorts or long pants, suitable for dance.

AGE: There is no maximum age limit on the grade exams. Adults may participate.

Contact: McBrideDancers@gmail.com; eastbayFeis@gmail.com; or tcrgeileen@gmail.com

Rules/Regulations for Grade Examinations Effective from January 1st 2018:

All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed for a candidate to be eligible to apply to take the TCRG examination.

All examiners must be aware of and adhere to the procedures, rules, etc. to ensure that examinations are conducted in the same manner worldwide.

1. Examiners of choice may be used for Grades 1-6, a minimum of 2 different examiners to be used through these grades.
2. The same Grade Examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of 3 years. *This also applies where a regional authority or group of classes hold the examinations.
3. Rotation lists are in operation by an tUdarás Scrúdaithe for Grades 7-10. (IRL) (U.K.) (IRL+UK =EU) (USA) (AUS) Five names are given from the rotation list. The Udarás Scrúdaithe must be notified as soon as possible of the name of the chosen examiner to ensure continuity of the rota.
4. Grade exams must be examined by at least 4 examiners up to and including grade 10 plus two different SDCRG examiners for grades 11 and 12.
5. Grades 11 and 12 are conducted by SDCRG examiners. Special application forms must be submitted for these exams. Candidates must be at least 16 years or older to take Grade 11. Candidates must be at least 17 years or older to take Grade 12.
6. A different SDCRG must examine each of Grades 11 and 12. These examiners must not have examined any of the candidate's grades from 7-10.
7. The results of Grades 11 & 12 are not given to the candidates until they have been ratified by the Udarás Scrúdaithe.
8. The candidates will receive Diplomas signed by both the examiner and Chairperson of An tUdaras Scrúdaithe for Grades 11 & 12. The Chairperson of An Coimisiún will also sign the Grade 12 Diploma.
9. Each Grade must be passed before a candidate may attempt the next grade.
10. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to the exam.
11. Grade examiners must ensure that all grades have been taken before examining the next grade. Please ensure that all grades are in order, as at a later stage the exams taken may not stand.
12. A candidate must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 - the Preliminary grade is optional.
13. A candidate must apply through a registered school.
14. A candidate may only attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one sitting.
15. A three month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.

16. A candidate would be permitted to retake any grade for a better score upon submission of a specific written request to the Udarás Scrúdaithe, with the understanding that the second result would replace the earlier one and that the dancer would be required to pay the usual fee for the grade being taken.
17. A certificate is awarded for each grade. Grade examinations are unlike competitions in that each candidate performs the dances individually and receives a detailed written assessment.
18. A grade should be awarded for each solo dance performed and averaged to achieve the overall grade. Ceilí Dances should not be included in the average grade. Comments should be noted on the theoretical knowledge.
19. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per “Ár Rincí Foirne” as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12 inclusive. The candidates must not be asked to teach these dances.
20. 40 bars of music must be danced for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes.
21. Dance costumes should not be worn.
22. Only Basic Steps may be danced in the Preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2 & 3.
23. St. Patrick’s Day, Blackbird, Garden of Daisies, Job of Journeywork, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains, and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional style and manner.
24. The same set dance must not be performed in more than one of the grades from 9 to 12 inclusive.
25. An Comhdháil Grades are accepted by An Coimisiún, proof of having taken examinations e.g. certificates or marking sheets must be submitted beforehand, and produced at the examination.