



Southern Connecticut State Feis

*Member of the North American Feis Commission
Chairman: John Glynn President: Joan Preece
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*North American Feis Commission - Dancing Awards Venues
North American Minor Irish Dance Championship
for the George Sweetnam Memorial Trophy
Badger State Feis, Milwaukee, WI July 15, 2006
North American Junior Irish Dance Championship
for the Robert Gabor Perpetual Trophy
Syracuse Feis, Syracuse, NY September 16, 2006
North American Senior Irish Dance Championship
for the Jerry Campbell Perpetual Belt
Emerald Assoc. of Putnam County Feis, Carmel, NY May 21, 2006*



*SUNDAY
November 5, 2006*



Limited to first 800 entries received.

***Stratford High School
45 North Parade Street
Stratford, CT 06497***

School is located behind Town Hall, look for the gold dome.
Parking & entry will be at the back entrance of the school.

DIRECTIONS FROM I95 North

Exit 32, go around the rotary to your left & back under I95.
Take a right onto Linden Ave & follow directions below.

DIRECTIONS FROM I95 South

Exit 32, right off exit onto Linden Ave, left onto Church St,
(becomes King St). Follow to back of school, on the right.



*** SOLO COMPETITIONS ***

BEGINNER (Two steps, two at a time.) Start Time 2:30
 For dancers who have not taken Irish Dance instruction from a registered teacher prior to September of the previous year.
 Music speed: All dances - 115

GIRLS	REEL	JIG	SJ	BOYS	REEL	JIG
Under 5	101	102	N/A	Under 7	127	128
Under 6	103	104	105	Under 9	129	130
Under 7	106	107	108	Under 11	131	132
Under 8	109	110	111	11 & Over	133	134
Under 9	112	113	114			
Under 10	115	116	117			
Under 11	118	119	120			
Under 12	121	122	123			
12 & Over	124	125	126			

ADVANCED BEGINNER Start Time 1:30
 (Two steps, two at a time.) For dancers who have completed one year in Beginner and who have not already won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Advanced Beginner.
 Music Speed: R,LJ, SJ - 115, HJ - 92, HP - 138.

GIRLS	REEL	LJ	SJ	HJ	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
13 & Over	241	242	243	244	245

BOYS	REEL	LJ	HJ	HP
Under 7	246	247	248	249
Under 9	250	251	252	253
Under 11	254	255	256	257
11 & Over	258	259	260	261

NOVICE Start Time 12:00
 (Two steps, two at a time.) For dancers who have placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Advanced Beginner.
 Music Speed: R, SJ - 113, LJ - 115, HJ - 73 or 92, HP - 113 or 138

GIRLS	REEL	LJ	SJ	HJ	HP
Under 6	301	302	303	304	305
Under 7	306	307	308	309	310
Under 8	311	312	313	314	315
Under 9	316	317	318	319	320
Under 10	321	322	323	324	325
Under 11	326	327	328	329	330
Under 12	331	332	333	334	335
Under 13	336	337	338	339	340
Under 14	341	342	343	344	345
14 & Over	346	347	348	349	350

BOYS	REEL	LJ	HJ	HP
Under 7	351	352	353	354
Under 9	355	356	357	358
Under 11	359	360	361	362
11 & Over	363	364	365	366

PRIZEWINNER Start Time 10:00
 (Two steps, two at a time.) Any dancer who has won a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in Novice competition.
 Music Speed: R, SJ - 113, HJ - 73 or 92, HP - 113 or 138

GIRLS	REEL	JIG	SJ	HP	BOYS	REEL	JIG	HP
Under 6	401	402	403	404	Under 7	441	442	443
Under 7	405	406	407	408	Under 9	444	445	446
Under 8	409	410	411	412	Under 11	447	448	449
Under 9	413	414	415	416	11 & Over	450	451	452
Under 10	417	418	419	420				
Under 11	421	422	423	424				
Under 12	425	426	427	428				
Under 13	429	430	431	432				
Under 14	433	434	435	436				
14 & Over	437	438	439	440				

*** TRADITIONAL SET ***

St. Patrick's Day, Garden of Daisies, Job of Journey Work, Blackbird, Jockey to the Fair, King of the Fairies. Entrants in Preliminary and Open may not compete in Traditional Set.

GIRLS AND BOYS

Under 8	511	Under 12	515
Under 9	512	Under 13	516
Under 10	513	Under 14	517
Under 11	514	14 & Over	518

Traditional Set Competitions will begin following Prizewinner Competitions.

*** FIGURES ***

4 HAND DANCE (By the Book) Start Time 8:30AM

GIRLS	MIXED
Under 9	Under 9
Under 12	Under 12
Under 15	Under 15
15 & Over	15 & Over

*** CHAMPIONSHIPS ***

Prelim & Open Championships will begin at 9:15 on multiple stages. Dance choices must be indicated on entry form.

All changes will be subject to a \$5.00 fee, and will be accepted only until Oct 18, except where there is a valid change in the dancer's status after Oct 18. No changes will be allowed the day of the Feis. Rotation numbers will be pre-assigned.

PRELIMINARY

Dancers will perform Reel or Slip Jig and Jig or Hornpipe. Hard shoe round will be danced first. Please indicate choices on entry form.

GIRLS & BOYS	Under 8	Under 13	605
	Under 9	Under 14	606
	Under 10	Under 15	607
	Under 11	Under 16	608
	Under 12	16 & Over	609

OPEN

Dancers will perform 3 rounds. Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe and Set Piece of choice. Please indicate light & heavy choices on entry form. Hard shoe round will be danced first.

Boys competitions with less than 5 entries may be combined with the the next higher age group.

GIRLS	BOYS
Under 10	Under 10
Under 12	Under 12
Under 14	Under 14
Under 16	Under 16
Under 18	Under 18
18 & Over	18 & Over

NON-DANCE COMPETITION Competition #1001
 Original Celtic Design Needlepoint Judging at 1:00 PM.

*** TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ***

ALL START TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE.

Please have dancers at the assigned stages, ready to dance at start times posted. Every effort will be made to adhere to the schedule.

Schedule will be posted at www.lenihanirishdance.com as soon as it is available.

- 8:30 FIGURES
- 9:15 PRELIMINARY AND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 10:00 PRIZEWINNER
 TRADITIONAL SET (Follows Prizewinner)
- 12:00 NOVICE
- 1:30 ADVANCED BEGINNER
- 2:30 BEGINNER

Patricia Lenihan, Lenihan School of Irish Dance, the Feis Committee, Stratford High School, and/or Stratford Board of Education will not be held responsible for injury, loss of property, damage, or other claims.

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ENTRY FORM

All entries must be **received** by October 13.

Entries received Oct 14 through Oct 18 will be accepted with a \$10 late fee. (One late fee per family.)

No entries will be accepted after October 18.

Please complete a separate entry form for each competitor.
Please indicate choice of dances for all Championship entries.
All changes will be subject to a \$5.00 fee, and will <u>only</u> be accepted until Oct 18. No changes will be made after Oct 18 except for valid changes in Championship status.
No changes will be made the day of the Feis.

Entry Fees: \$6.00 per Dancer for Figures
 \$7.00 per Solo Dance
 \$8.00 per Traditional Set
 \$22.00 per Preliminary Championship
 \$28.00 per Open Championship
 \$80.00 Maximum per Family

Make checks payable to: Patricia K. Lenihan

No refunds will be given after entries are received.

Mail To: Patricia K. Lenihan
 25 Crestwood Road
 Monroe, CT 06468

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Age as of 1/1/06: _____

Competition # _____

Please make all entry selections carefully to avoid change fees.

Prelim and Open Competitors - Please Circle Choices			
Preliminary	Reel	or	Slip Jig
	Jig	or	Hornpipe
Open	Reel	or	Slip Jig
	Jig	or	Hornpipe

Dance School _____

Location _____

Entry Fee Enclosed _____

Parent's Signature _____

RULES GOVERNING THE FEIS

1. In the case of all solo and team competitions in all grades, the age of a competitor on Jan 1st 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 Jan 1 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 who is 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 and 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 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.
 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 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 competitors entered 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 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, or 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 or else the entry will be rejected. Entries must be postmarked on or before the closing date or they will be subject to a late fee of \$10.00.
 13. Entrants in any championship event may not enter any other Grade event, 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. Standard age groups for Open championships: See Handbook. **In the case of back-to-back Feiseanna, the second Feis shall use the alternate set of age groups.
 - B. Open Championship competitions for boys and girls must be held separately. Boys and girls must be advertised separately, if less than 5 boys per competition feis organizers can combine with the girls competition in the same age group ON THE DAY OF THE FEIS.
 14. Preliminary Championships are open to those who, at any NAFC recognized Feis: A. Have placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in each of the open (prizewinner) solo categories, and B. Have never won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in Open Championships.

A dancer who wins two first place awards in one calendar year will move on to 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 - the dancer's choice.

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. 1st, 2nd or 3rd 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.
 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. Figure Dancing: 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, however, a competitor may compete in only one age group.
 22. In matters pertaining to adjudication, the decision of the adjudicators is final.
 23. Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.
 24. The use of flash, video, digital or motion picture cameras is prohibited during a dance competition except for press use or Feis Committee documentation.
 25. Figure Dancing Competitions are optional. Should a Feis offer Figure Dancing Competitions, the Standard Age Groups and Categories contained in the Handbook are required.
 26. The Feis Committee reserves the right to combine competitions.
 27. There will be no coolers allowed on the premises. Refreshments will be available at the Feis.
 28. Entry fee for Championship dances includes marks, which will be given out following the announcement of awards, if time permits.
 29. Other competition scores will be made available by mail for a \$2.00 fee, to be paid at the Feis. Please fill out an envelop, found at the Awards table.
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