

53RD ANNUAL  
**BUFFALO FEIS 2018**

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**THE IRISH CULTURAL & FOLK ART ASSOCIATION OF W.N.Y.**

Feis IS REGISTERED, SANCTIONED and will be governed by the rules of An Coimisiun ( [www.clrg.ie](http://www.clrg.ie) )  
and the North American Feis Commission ( [www.northamericanfeiscommission.org](http://www.northamericanfeiscommission.org) ) (Patricia Watkins-President)  
[www.mid-atlanticregion.com](http://www.mid-atlanticregion.com)

**Saturday June 2, 2018**

**Event Center  
5820 South Park Avenue  
Hamburg, NY 14075**

**Feis Will Be Held Rain Or Shine.**

**Facility is Air-Conditioned with AMPLE Free Parking**

**Food and beverages will be available for purchase — No outside food or beverages will be allowed.**

**Alcoholic Beverages May Not Be Brought On The Grounds But May Be Purchased There.**

**No Coolers! Picnic sets are not allowed. No Videotaping Allowed**

**Competitors must show their competitor number to pick up awards.**

**Competitors must be in FULL costume to receive their award at the Presentation Stage.**

**Buffalo Feis Website: [www.buffalofeis.org](http://www.buffalofeis.org)**

**All entries to be made through [www.feisweb.com](http://www.feisweb.com) — No Mailed or Email Entries will be accepted.**

**PayPal payments only — No mail in payments will be accepted.**

**Doors open Feis day at 7:00 AM**

**Beginner Competitions, non-prize winner, kinder fun and figures will start at 8:30 AM  
followed by Specials and Solos.**

**Chairperson: Mary Heneghan — [Buffalofeischair@gmail.com](mailto:Buffalofeischair@gmail.com)  
Co – Chairperson Randy McPhee**

**Registrar: Brian Little — [Buffalofeis@hotmail.com](mailto:Buffalofeis@hotmail.com)**

The ICFAA or the Erie County Event Center or any other organization affiliated with same will not be  
Responsible for personal injury, Property Loss or Damage.

*Adjudicators and Musicians will be added to the Feis website  
as they are confirmed*

**ADJUDICATORS:**

Eleanor Kelly, CAN  
Orla Kelly, CAN  
Myra Watters, FL  
Terry Gillan, FL  
Fiona McCafferty, AR  
Philp Owen, FL  
Mary Bryan, CAN  
Gary Healy, IL  
Debbie Lynch-Webber, NY  
Jackie O'Leary, CAN  
James Early, NJ  
Eileen Henry, PA

**MUSICIANS:**

Owen Shaeffer  
Richard Moore  
Tony Rutherford  
Linda Marino Hartter  
Marty Kilroy  
Mike Shaeffer  
David Yates

**2018 NAFC Music Scholarships Championships**

15 and over James Brennan Music Championship

**Rochester Feis July 14, 2018** (alternate is Hotlanta Feis 11/18/18)

Under 15 Edward Callaghan Music Championship

**Flower City Feis October 7, 2018** (alternate is ATL Feis 11/17/18)

**2018 NAFC Championships**

Will be held on February 24, 2018  
Arizona Grand, Phoenix, Arizona

**Directions To Feis: Event Center 5820 South Park Avenue  
Hamburg N.Y. 14075**

(A) From Rochester and points East. Take 90 West to Exit 56 or

(B) From Erie, PA and points West & South Take 90 East to Exit 56 or

(C) From Canada Take 190S (or 290E) TO 90W to Exit 56.

**FROM EXIT 56**—After exit, turn Right onto Milestrip Road (Rte 179). At the next  
light turn left onto South Park Ave (Rte 62). Travel

Through 4 traffic lights, approx. 3 miles; the AgriCenter will be on your LEFT. There  
is a :Buffalo Raceway" sign in front of the Building.

# Buffalo Feis 2018

Entries Limited To Paid 825

Championship Entries Limited To Paid 285

**Refund Policy:**  
Absolutely no refunds for any reason of funds received.

Entry Fees:	
ALL SOLO COMPETITIONS	\$9.00
PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP SET PIECE	\$7.00
PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP	\$30.00
OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	\$35.00
FIGURE DANCE — EACH DANCER	\$7.00
MUSIC, LANGUAGE, ART	\$7.00
GATE FEE — Must be paid with entry	\$21.00
MAXIMUM FAMILY FEE: <i>(does not include late fees, or family entry fee)</i>	\$100.00

## Online Entries Only

[www.feisweb.com](http://www.feisweb.com)

**No mailed or email entries will be Accepted**

For Entry changes or questions please email

[Buffalofeis@hotmail.com](mailto:Buffalofeis@hotmail.com)

Please put Buffalo Feis in the subject line.

**PayPal payments only**

**No mail in payments will be accepted**

## Important Entry Dates and Late Fees:

On time entry cutoff — **May 14th**. Entries may close sooner if cap is reached.

Entries made or paid after **May 14th** require \$10 per dancer late fee per dancer.

**Note:** On time entries not **Paid** by **May 14th** will be charged \$10 late fee per dancer.

No new entries after **May 20th**, even if cap is not reached.

Entry changes made **May 21st** and **22nd** will be charged a \$10 change fee per dancer. No changes after **May 22nd**.

## Dancer Marks:

Dancer marks reports included with entry fees: Preliminary and Championship marks will be available for pickup

Entries will only be available via [www.feisweb.com](http://www.feisweb.com) —See Entry Details Below:

**BUFFALO FEIS SPECIAL COMPETITIONS ARE ON PAGE 5!**

## BEGINNERS:

Beginner is a competitor who has not taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher prior to September of the previous year. Dancer must move into Advanced Beginner in the following year.

Beginners are only permitted to wear a school costume or a skirt and Blouse for Girls.

Slacks and shirt for Boys.

Expect 2 steps — 2 dancers at a time for all age groups.

	Reel / Speed 122	Jig	Slip Jig / Speed 115	Single Jig / 124
Under 5	001	002	003	004
Under 6	005	006	007	008
Under 7	009	010	011	012
Under 8	013	014	015	016
Under 9	017	018	019	020
Under 10	021	022	023	024
Under 11	025	026	027	028
Under 12	029	030	031	032
12 & Over	033	034	035	036

## ADVANCED BEGINNERS:

An advanced beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance the next year.

Advanced beginners are only permitted to wear a school costume or a skirt and blouse for Girls.

Slacks and shirt for Boys.

Expect 2 steps — 3 dancers at a time in the Under 14 age groups only.

	REEL Speed 122	JIG	SLIP JIG Speed 122	SINGLE JIG Speed 124	T JIG Speed 92	HP Speed 138	St. Patrick's Day
Under 6	100	101	102	103	104	105	106
Under 7	107	108	109	110	111	112	113
Under 8	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
Under 9	121	122	123	124	125	126	127
Under 10	128	129	130	131	132	133	134
Under 11	135	136	137	138	139	140	141
Under 12	142	143	144	145	146	147	148
12 & Over	149	150	151	152	153	154	155

## NOVICE:

A Novice who wins 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance the following year.

Novice dancers must choose either TJ speed 92 or TJ speed 73. This also applies to HP. *Please note speed choices before choosing the competition number.*

Expect 2 Steps— 3 dancers at a time in the Under 14 age groups only. Expect 2 Steps — 2 dancers at a time in the over 14 age groups.

	REEL Speed 113	JIG	Slip J Speed 113	SINGLE J Speed 124	T JIG Speed 92	T JIG Speed 73	HP Speed 138	HP Speed 113	Traditional Set
Under 7	200	201	202	203	204F	204S	205F	205S	206
Under 8	207	208	209	210	211F	211S	212F	212S	213
Under 9	214	215	216	217	218F	218S	219F	219S	220
Under 10	221	222	223	224	225F	225S	226F	226S	227
Under 11	228	229	230	231	232F	232S	233F	233S	234
Under 12	235	236	237	238	239F	239S	240F	240S	241
Under 13	242	243	244	245	246F	246S	247F	247S	248
Under 14	249	250	251	252	253F	253S	254F	254S	255
Under 16	256	257	258	259	260F	260S	261F	261S	262
Under 18	263	264	265	266	267F	268S	269F	270S	271
18 & Over	272	273	274	275	276F	277S	278F	279S	280

**PRIZEWINNER:**

A dancer who does not qualify for Beginner, Advanced Beginner or Novice Levels.  
 Prizewinner dancers must choose either TJ speed 92 or TJ speed 73. This also applies to HP.  
 Please note speed choices before choosing the competition number.  
 Expect 2 Steps— 3 dancers at a time in the Under 14 age groups  
 Expect 2 Steps— 2 dancers at a time in the over 14 age groups.

	REEL Speed 113	SLIP JIG Speed 113	Treble Jig Speed 92	Treble Jig Speed 73	Hornpipe Speed 138	Hornpipe Speed 113	Traditional Set
Under 8	300	301	302F	302S	303F	303S	304
Under 9	305	306	307F	307S	308F	308S	309
Under 10	310	311	312F	312S	313F	313S	314
Under 11	315	316	317F	317S	318F	318S	319
Under 12	320	321	322F	322S	323F	323S	324
Under 13	325	326	327F	327S	328F	328S	329
Under 14	330	331	332F	332S	333F	333S	334
Under 16	335	336	337F	337S	338F	338S	339
Under 18	340	341	342F	342S	343F	343S	344
18 & Over	345	346	347F	347S	348F	348S	349

**Preliminary Championship:**

Expect all age groups under 14 will dance 3 at a time.  
 Expect all age groups Over 14 will dance 2 at a time.  
 Hard Shoe will be danced first  
 (Choice of 1 Softshoe and 1 Hardshoe)  
**SEE RULES 13A and 15B**

Under 8	408
Under 9	409
Under 10	410
Under 11	411
Under 12	412
Under 13	413
Under 14	414
Under 15	415
Under 16	416
Under 17	417
Under 18	418
18 & Over	419

**Preliminary Set Piece:**

Under 9 (Trad Set)	450
Under 10	451
Under 12	452
Under 14	453
Under 16	454
16 & Over	455

### OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP:

All Competitors Under 9 will dance a Traditional Set  
 All competitors will dance soft shoe, hard shoe and set  
 Expect all age groups under 14 will dance 3 at a time  
 Expect all age groups over 14 will dance 2 at a time  
 Hardshoe will be danced first  
**SEE RULES 13A and 15B**

Girls	AGE GROUP	Boys
509	UNDER 9	609
510	UNDER 10	610
511	UNDER 11	
512	UNDER 12	612
513	UNDER 13	
514	UNDER 14	614
515	UNDER 15	
516	UNDER 16	616
517	UNDER 17	
518	UNDER 18	618
519	18 & OVER	619

### Adult Competitions

An Adult Beginner is a competitor who never took Irish dancing lessons as a juvenile and is over 18 years of age.

	Adult Beginner	Adult Advanced
Reel	850	860
Lt Jig	851	—
Slip Jig	852	862
Treble Jig	853	863
Hornpipe	854	864
Traditional Set	—	865

### Team Dances:

Open Figure Dance – IF Non - Traditional limited to 64 bars			NON PRIZEWINNER FIGURE UNDER 12, 3 HAND REEL— 720 Those who have never won in Figure Dancing
UNDER 7	3HR — 701	2HR — 702	
UNDER 9	3HR — 703	4HJ — 704	
UNDER 11	4HR — 705	2HR — 706	
UNDER 13	4HR — 707	2HR — 708	
UNDER 15	3HR — 709	4HJ — 710	
15 & OVER	2HR — 711	4HR — 712	

### Special Dance Competitions:

<b>Kinder Fun— 800</b>	<b>Special Child Reel — 805</b>	<b>TREBLE REEL</b>  <b>Under 14 — 830</b> <b>14 &amp; Over — 831</b>
Children 7 & Under with no formal training	Open to all with special needs	
<b>First Feis:</b> A dancer who takes lessons from a registered teacher and is competing for the first time. 1 step, 1 dancer at a time. Girls may not wear solo costumes. Only class costumes or a skirt & blouse. Dancer may enter First Feis or Beginner competitions not both.		
	<b>Reel</b>	<b>Jig</b>
Under 7	<b>801</b>	<b>802</b>

**SPECIALS :** Open to advanced beginner, novice and prizewinner **ONLY!**  
*(one step down the line)*

Girls Slip Jig      Under 12 comp. # 810      12& over comp. # 811  
 Boys Reel      Under 12 comp # 820      12 & over comp # 821

## Non—Dance Competitions:

### Irish Bread Competition:

Bread entered for competition will be in lieu of Entry fee and will be the property of the Feis Committee

Judging will be between 11AM and 1PM

White Soda Bread	900
Brown Soda Bread	901
Fancy or Special Bread	902

### ART- COMPETITIONS (Expo-Center Hall)

Art submitted may be in any medium but must have an Irish Theme. Only 2 entries from each individual. No glass-framed pieces. Name and address of artist should be on the back of each piece. Entries must be submitted at art tables between 9AM and 11AM. Results & Rewards will be available at the Art Area after 1:00PM. Entries must be picked up no later than 2PM General Art-Irish Theme.

Under 12—905	Under 16 — 906	16 & Over —907
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### VOCAL

Songs in Irish or English. Traditional songs only.  
No Accompaniment

	IRISH	ENGLISH
<b>BEGINNER</b>	1 Tune	
Under 11	910	911
Under 14	912	913
14 & Over	914	915
<b>OPEN SOLO</b>	2 tunes / contrasting tempo	
Under 11	916	917
Under 14	918	919
14 & Over	920	921

### Music

	Flute	Tin Whistle	Fiddle	Accordion	Bodhran	Misc
<b>Beginner:</b>						
Under 11	950	951	952	953	954	955
Under 14	956	957	958	959	960	961
14 & Over	962	963	961	965	966	967
<b>Open:</b>						
Under 11	968	969	970	971	972	973
Under 14	974	975	976	977	978	979
14 & Over	980	981	982	983	984	985

# NAFC Dancing Competitions Rules

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

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: 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) 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.

## Mid- Atlantic Region Rule:

**Preliminary dancers who win 3 first places in a calendar year, must move to Open Championship the following calendar year.**

**When a third 1<sup>ST</sup> place win is achieved over several calendar years, the dancer moves up immediately after the 3rd win is achieved.**

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; however, a competitor may compete in only one age group.

**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.

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 to 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.



