



Blackout (Costumes Optional) Feis
Sponsored by The Gray Foundation and the Gray School of Irish Dance
Sunday October 29, 2023

Mystic Marriott • 625 North Rd • Groton, CT 06340
Perpetual Cups for Preliminary and Open Championships and
First Place Crystal Replacements for Open Championships

The Feis is registered and sanctioned by the rules of
An Coimisiun le Rincí Gaelacha,
IDTANA and the New England Region - IDTANA

Feis Chairpersons: Iris Gray Sharnick, ADCRG and Maura Gray, ADCRG
Final Stage Schedule and the number entered in each competition will be posted on the
website www.grayschool.com on or before October 21, 2023
Adjudicators are listed at the end of the syllabus and on our website.

Watch for updates posted on our website and school and feis FaceBook pages as well as
instagram - @grayschoolct and on twitter site - @ctdancechamp.

No food or beverages may be brought into the hotel; however an assortment of
refreshments will be on sale all day.
Entry and tabulation by Feisweb.
Stages will be provided by
Entry Cap is 700

All dancers in preliminary and Open Championship competitions will dance 2 at a time.
Rotations will be computer-generated by Feisweb.
A dancer who misses his/her rotation will not be permitted to dance.
Hard shoe round will be danced first in both Preliminary and Open Championships
Schedule will **not** run in age order.

PLEASE NOTE: Solo costumes are not permitted in PreBeginner, Beginner and
Advanced Beginner categories.
For Girls - Only class costumes or skirts and blouses are allowed.
For Boys - slacks and shirt

All other categories - Blackout Attire or Costumes Optional

PRE BEGINNER - AFTER LUNCH – TBA WITH FINAL SCHEDULE

Open to boys and girls under 6. Will dance one step one at a time. Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.
 Music speeds: Reel-122 and Light Jig-115.

Boys & Girls	R	J
Under 6	1	2

**BEGINNER - AFTER LUNCH
 TBA WITH FINAL SCHEDULE**

A competitor who has not taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher prior to Sept. 1st of the previous year (2022). A beginner must move into the Advanced Beginner category the next year. Dancers will dance two steps two at a time. Boys will be separated if there are 5 or more boys. Music speeds: Reel/Slip Jig at 122, Light Jig at 115
 Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.

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

Girls & Boys	R	Lt J	SJ
Under 5	3	4	5
Under 6	6	7	8
Under 7	9	10	11
Under 8	12	13	14
Under 9	15	16	17
Under 10	18	19	20
Under 11	21	22	23
Under 12	24	25	26
12 and Over	27	28	29
Adult 25+	30	31	32

**ADVANCED BEGINNER - AFTER LUNCH
 TBA WITH FINAL SCHEDULE**

An Advanced Beginner who wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance. Dancers will dance two steps two or three at a time.

Boys will be separated if there are 5 or more boys. Music speeds: Reel/Slip Jig at 122 and Light Jig at 115, Heavy Jig at 92, Hornpipe at 138.
 Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.

Girls & Boys	R	SJ	Lt J	HJ	H
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
Adult 25+	146	147	148	149	150

NOVICE - Starting after PW – TBA with final Schedule

A student who has won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place as an Advanced Beginner. A novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance. Only move in the dance you have won in.

Dancers will dance two steps two at a time. Traditional Sets will be danced 3 at a time.

Boys will be separated if there are 5 or more boys.

Music speeds: Reel /Slip Jig at 113, Light Jig at 115, Heavy Jig at 73 or 92, Hornpipe at 113 or 138.

Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.

Girls & Boys	R	SJ	Lt J	HJ	H	TSet
Under 6	201	202	203	204	205	206
Under 7	207	208	209	210	211	212
Under 8	213	214	215	216	217	218
Under 9	219	220	221	222	223	224
Under 10	225	226	227	228	229	230
Under 11	231	232	233	234	235	236
Under 12	237	238	239	240	241	242
Under 13	243	244	245	246	247	248
Under 14	249	250	251	252	253	254
14 & Over	255	256	257	258	259	260
Adult 25+	261	262	263	264	265	266

PRIZEWINNER - Starting at 8:30 am

A student who has won a 1st place in Novice.

Dancers will dance two steps two at a time. Traditional Sets will be danced 3 at a time.

Boys will be separated if there are 5 or more boys.

Music speeds: Reel /Slip Jig at 113, Heavy Jig at 73 or 92, Hornpipe at 113 or 138. Entry fee = \$15.00 per dance.

Girls & Boys	R	SJ	HJ	H	TSet
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
Adult 25+	351	352	533	355	356

Special Competitions

“Future Stars” Three Rounds for Novice and Prizewinner Level Dancers Only.

Girls and Boys - Must dance 2 steps of the Reel, Light Jig, and Heavy Jig.

Entry Fee - \$20 - Not included in the family fee.

Competition #400 - Under 7 Competition #402 - Under 9

Competition #401 - Under 8 Competition #403 - Under 10

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS - Starting at 8:30 am

Open to those dancers who have placed first in Prizewinner Solo light dance (Reel or Slip Jig) and Heavy dance (Jig or Hornpipe). A dancer who wins two first place preliminary championships in one calendar year must move on to open championship the following year or as soon as the second win is achieved in any age category in the following years. First second or third place winners in open championship in the past two years must compete in open championship.

Solo awards will be presented for light and heavy rounds.

Dancers will perform A) Reel/Jig or B) Reel/Hornpipe or C) Slip Jig/Jig or D) Slip Jig/Hornpipe. Reel/Jig will be danced for 48 bars of music and Slip Jig/ Hornpipe will be danced for 40 bars of music.

There will be a change fee of \$20.00 for changes made after Sept.9, 2022 but before Sept.14, 2022.
Entry fee = \$50.00. Two Solo rounds will be awarded.

Girls & Boys	Preliminary Championships	Perpetual Cup
Under 8	700 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 9	701 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 10	702 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 11	703 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 12	704 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 13	705 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 14	706 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 15	707 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 16	708 (A, B, C or D)	
16 and Over	709 (A, B, C or D)	

SECOND CHANCE PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS - 3 DIFFERENT ADJUDICATORS - TBA with Final Schedule

Dancers must register for the regular preliminary competition in order to enter the Second Chance Preliminary.

Open to those dancers who have placed first in Prizewinner Solo light dance (Reel or Slip Jig) and Heavy dance (Jig or Hornpipe). A dancer who wins two first place preliminary championships in one calendar year must move on to open championship the following year or as soon as the second win is achieved in any age category in the following years. First second or third place winners in open championship in the past two years must compete in open championship. Solo awards will be presented for light and heavy rounds.

Dancers will perform A) Reel/Jig or B) Reel/Hornpipe or C) Slip Jig/Jig or D) Slip Jig/Hornpipe.

Reel/Jig will be danced for 48 bars of music and Slip Jig/ Hornpipe will be danced for 40 bars of music.

ALL CHANGES MADE after SEPT.9TH BUT BEFORE SEPT. 14 TH WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$20.00 CHANGE FEE. Entry fee = \$40.00. Two Solo rounds will be awarded.

Girls & Boys	Preliminary Championships
Under 8	710 (A, B, C or D)
Under 9	711 (A, B, C or D)
Under 10	712 (A, B, C or D)
Under 11	713 (A, B, C or D)
Under 12	714 (A, B, C or D)
Under 13	715 (A, B, C or D)
Under 14	716 (A, B, C or D)
Under 15	717 (A, B, C or D)
Under 16	718 (A, B, C or D)
16 and Over	719 (A, B, C or D)

PRELIMINARY SET DANCE COMPETITIONS

TIME TBA on final schedule

Set Dance for Under 8 and Under 9 must dance a traditional set dance

Entry fee = \$15.00 per person per dance. Trophies will be awarded.

Boys & Girls	SET	Boys & Girls	SET
Under 8	720*	Under 13	725
Under 9	721*	Under 14	726
Under 10	722	Under 15	727
Under 11	723	Under 16	728
Under 12	724	16 and Over	729

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS – Starting at 8:30 am

Dancers will perform three rounds. Dancers will perform A) Reel/Jig /Set or B) Reel/Hornpipe/Set or C) Slip Jig/Jig/Set or D) Slip Jig/Hornpipe/Set. Under 9 must dance a traditional set.

Solo awards will be presented for light, heavy and set rounds.

There will be a change fee of \$20.00 for changes made after Sept.9, 2022 but before Sept.14, 2022.

Entry fee = \$60.00. Three Solo rounds will be awarded.

Girls	Open Championships	Perpetual Cup
Under 9	800 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 10	801 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 11	802 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 12	803 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 13	804 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 14	805 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 15	806 (A, B, C or D)	
Under 16	807 (A, B, C or D)	In Memory of Siobhan Moore
Under 17	808 (A, B, C or D)	In Memory of Robert F. Gray
Under 18	809 (A, B, C or D)	
18 and Over	810 (A, B, C or D)	

Boys	Open Championships	Perpetual Cup
Under 9	811 (A or B)	
Under 10	812 (A or B)	
Under 12	813 (A or B)	
Under 14	814 (A or B)	
Under 16	815 (A or B)	
16 and Over	816 (A or B)	

Special Competitions

**“Future Stars” Three Rounds for Novice and Prizewinner Level Dancers
Girls and Boys - Must dance 2 steps of the Reel, Light Jig, and Heavy Jig.
Entry Fee - \$25 - Not included in the family fee.**

**Competition #400 - Under 7
Competition #401 - Under 8
Competition #402 - Under 9
Competition #403 - Under 10**

**Irish Art Competition - Competitor must submit a free hand drawing of an Irish Scene.
Requirements: size 9” by 12” - Pastels only. Entry Fee - \$15 - Not included in the family fee.
Must be handed in at the entry table TBA**

**Competition #900 - Under 12
Competition #901 - Under 16
Competition #902 - 16 and Over**

**Competition #903 Hope for Hatti - Charity Traditional Set Competition
Entry Fee - \$15 - no included in the family fee.**

DIRECTIONS: The Mystic Marriott • 625 North Rd • Groton, CT 06340

- From I-95 North take Exit 88, and turn LEFT at the bottom of the exit ramp. The Mystic Marriott is on the RIGHT hand side.
- From I-95 South take Exit 88, and make a RIGHT at the bottom of the exit ramp. The Mystic Marriott is on the RIGHT hand side.
- Visit the hotel website to get exact directions from your home.

RESERVATIONS:

Special rates are available for the CT Irish Dance Championships for Thursday Sept. 15th, Friday Sept. 16th, Saturday Sept. 17th, Sunday Sept.18th and Monday Sept.19th.

The special rate is \$249 which is the discounted daily rate.

Please click on this link: [Book your group rate for CT Irish Dance Championships](#)

- **The hotel block is now open and will close on Friday August 19th.**
- Complimentary On-Site Parking
- Electric Car Charging Station

ENTRY INFORMATION:

REGISTRATION:All Entries must be completed online at [FeisWeb.com](#)

PAYMENT: After registering on FeisWeb all fees must be paid online.

FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE. If all fees are not paid at the time of registration the entry will be deleted to free a spot for another dancer - **no exceptions.**

By submitting an online entry, Parent or Legal Guardian agrees to abide by the rules governing the feis.

Family Admission Fee - No Door Fee the day of.	\$30.00 per family (must be included with all entries)
Feis Web registration fee -	\$6.00 (must be included with all entries)
All solo dances(including traditional set)	\$15.00 per solo dance & Trad Set Dance
Preliminary championships and 2 solo rounds results	\$50.00
Second Chance Preliminary Championships and 2 solo rounds results	\$40*
Must have entered the regular preliminary competition.	
Open championships and 3 solo rounds results	\$65.00
Special Art Competitions*	\$15.00*
Special Dance Competition for Novice and Prize Winners	
“Future Stars” *	\$25.00*
Hope for Haiti - Charity Traditional Set Competition	\$15.00*
CT Irish Dance Championship Mascot “Fidler the Fox” *	\$20.00*

* Not included in the family admission fee

- Maximum Family Entry Fee \$225.00 (immediate family - brothers / sisters) - This does not include family admission fee or late/change fees.
- **Feis Closing Date** – October 20th (or when 700 entry cap is reached).
- **Late Entry Fee** is \$20.00 per family if entered between Oct. 20, 2023 and on or before Oct. 25, 2023. No entries will be accepted after October 25, 2023.
- **There will be a change fee of \$20.00 for changes made after Oct.20, 2023 but before Oct.25, 2023.**

- Payment must be made on line when entering. _
- **NO REFUNDS of any 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 cancelled for any reason, refunds will be issued to all competitors minus the family admission fee and Feis Web fee. We will not respond to any requests for refunds.
- Competitor numbers will be available to print directly from the Feisweb website on the Wednesday or Thursday before the Feis. No Numbers will be given out at the feis.
- The solo marks will be made available to the dancers under the "my Grade Results" link on the FeisWeb home page.
- Prelim/Open Championships marks will be available following award ceremony.

Direct all questions to Iris at: feis@grayschool.com

The Gray Foundation, LLC, Gray School of Irish Dance, LLC, and /or Mystic Marriott are not responsible for any loss or injury, which may occur the day of the Feis

ADJUDICATORS

Joan Cass - NY

Sandra Connick - NC

Brenda Giroux - MA

Maureen Green O'Leary - MA

Maura Masterson - MA

Kathleen McGinty - NY

Mary McGinty - TN

Kate O'Neill Wosczyzna - PA

Joe Seletski - NY

TBA

MUSICIANS

Michael Fitzpatrick – MA

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Niall O'Leary – NY

TBA