

Feis Rochester 2009

Thirty Eighth Annual

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Please Join Us At the Rochester Riverside Convention Center

123 E. Main St. Downtown Rochester
 Air Conditioned

Saturday July 11, 2009

CRYSTAL FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

FIRST PLACE

NEW FOR '09 CHAMPIONSHIP—3 ROUNDS

ALSO—SASHES FOR FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE IN PRELIM AND CHAMP COMPETITIONS

ENTRIES WILL BE CAPPED AT 1200 – NO FEIS DAY ENTRIES

Online entries only FeisWeb.com No Email or Phone Entries

Registrar: Peg Abbamonte
 Rochester@Feisweb.com
 (Must put "Feis" in subject line.)

All fees are in US Dollars. International entries must pay online or send US money orders. No personal checks marked "US Funds" can be accepted.

Additional copies of syllabus available online at:
<http://Feisweb.com/Rochester>

Chairperson: Rachel Young

Opening Ceremonies at 8:45 AM
 Figures Commencing at 9:00 AM
 Adjudicator Lunch Break Noon

On Time Entry Deadline June 20, 2009 or Until Cap Reached.

**Check <http://Feisweb.com/Rochester> for updates!
 Entries only taken as space allows.
 Late Fees Will Be Enforced.**

2009 North American Feis Commission Championships

Senior Belt (16 & Over)
 Gerry Campbell Perpetual Belt
 Etobicoke Feis
 Etobicoke, ON 6/13/2009

Junior Cup (Under 16)
 Robert Gabor Perpetual Trophy
 St Catharines Feis
 St Catharines, ON 7/25/2009

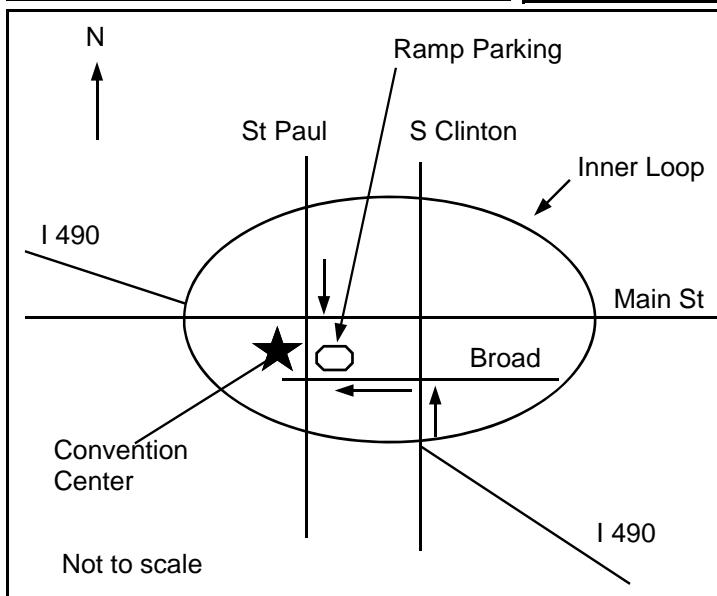
Minor Trophy (Under 13)
 George Sweetnam Memorial Trophy
 New Haven Feis
 New Haven, CT 6/28/2009

Judges as of 4/7/2009:

Ron Plummer
 Rita O'Shea
 Una Ellis
 Eleanor Kelly
 Orla Kelly
 Maureen Doyle
 Anne Marie Leonard
 Eileen McGinley

NOTE:

**Hotel Information
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From the West (Buffalo):
 I90 Exit 47 (Leroy I490). Continue I490 East to Inner Loop. (This exit is from the left lane.) Get off inner loop at St. Paul exit. Turn right on St Paul. Cross Main Street. Convention Center is on the right and South Ave Ramp garage is on the left.

From the East (Syracuse):
 I90 Exit 45 (Victor I490). Continue 490 West to S Clinton exit. Turn left on Broad St. Turn right into South Ave Ramp garage.

From the South:
 I90 Exit 46 (Corning I390). Continue 390 North to I590 North. Take I590 to I490 West to S Clinton exit. Turn left on Broad St. Turn right into South Ave Ramp garage.

Greece lodging use I90 Exit 47
 Henrietta lodging use I90 Exit 46

We reserve the right to combine competition age groups. Particularly when less than five dancers are entered.

Beginner			
Boys & Girls			
	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig
Under 5	1005	1105	1205
Under 6	1006	1106	1206
Under 7	1007	1107	1207
Under 8	1008	1108	1208
Under 9	1009	1109	1209
Under 10	1010	1110	1210
Under 11	1011	1111	1211
Under 12	1012	1112	1212
Under 13	1013	1113	1213
Under 14	1014	1114	1214
Under 15	1015	1115	1215
Under 156	1016	1116	1216
16 & Over	1066	1166	1266

Beginners and Advanced-Beginners please note:

NO SOLO COSTUMES ALLOWED. ONLY CLASS COSTUMES OR A SKIRT AND BLOUSE.

Special Needs Child – No Fee	
All Ages	9000

Figures			
	2 Hand Any	3 Hand Any	4 Hand Any
Under 7	8007	8107	8207
Under 9	8009	8109	8209
Under 11	8011	8111	8211
Under 13	8013	8113	8213
Under 15	8015	8115	8215
15 & Over	8065	8165	8265

Advanced Beginner					
Boys & Girls					
	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig (Tempo 92)	Horn Pipe (Tempo 138)
Under 6	2006	2106	2206	2306	2406
Under 7	2007	2107	2207	2307	2407
Under 8	2008	2108	2208	2308	2408
Under 9	2009	2109	2209	2309	2409
Under 10	2010	2110	2210	2310	2410
Under 11	2011	2111	2211	2311	2411
Under 12	2012	2112	2212	2312	2412
Under 13	2013	2113	2213	2313	2413
Under 14	2014	2114	2214	2314	2414
Under 15	2015	2115	2215	2315	2415
Under 16	2016	2116	2216	2316	2416
16 & over	2066	2166	2266	2366	2466

Ceili				
	2 or 3 Hand	4 Hand	6 Hand	8 Hand
Under 13				8913
13 & Over				8963

Novice					
Boys & Girls					
	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig Tempo 92 or 73)	Horn Pipe (Tempo 138 or 113)
Under 7	3007	3107	3207	3307	3407
Under 8	3008	3108	3208	3308	3408
Under 9	3009	3109	3209	3309	3409
Under 10	3010	3110	3210	3310	3410
Under 11	3011	3111	3211	3311	3411
Under 12	3012	3112	3212	3312	3412
Under 13	3013	3113	3213	3313	3413
Under 14	3014	3114	3214	3314	3414
Under 15	3015	3115	3215	3315	3415
Under 16	3016	3116	3216	3316	3416
16 & Over	3066	3166	3266	3366	3466

Non - Champ Treble Reel	
(1 Judge)	Girls & Boys
Under 13	4913
13 & Over	4963

Arts & Crafts		
	Needlework	Art
All Ages	200	
Under 16		116
16 & Over		166

Music		
	Instrument	Singing
Under 14	314	414
14 & Over	364	464

Open / Prizewinner					
Boys & Girls					
	Reel	Slip Jig	Treble Jig (Tempo 73)	Horn Pipe (Tempo 113)	Trad. Set
Under 8	4008	4208	4308	4408	7208
Under 9	4009	4209	4309	4409	7209
Under 10	4010	4210	4310	4410	7210
Under 11	4011	4211	4311	4411	7211
Under 12	4012	4212	4312	4412	7212
Under 13	4013	4213	4313	4413	7213
Under 14	4014	4214	4314	4414	7214
Under 15	4015	4215	4315	4415	7215
Under 16	4016	4216	4316	4416	7216
16 & Over	4066	4266	4366	4466	7266

Baking – No Fee		
	Soda Bread	Fancy Cakes
All Ages	Enter Feis Day ONLY	

Entry Fees (each dancer / each event)

Arts, Crafts, & Music	\$6.00 (each competitor / each event)
Special Needs Child	no charge for competition
Solo Dancing	\$8.00 (each dancer / each event)
Figures	\$6.00 (each dancer / each event)
Preliminaries	\$23.00
Championships	\$25.00
Family Max	\$80.00 (+ late fee if applicable)
(Family Max applies only to competitions entered on initial entry)	
Late Fee (After June 20, 2009)	\$10.00 per dancer / \$20.00 Family
Changes After June 22, 2009	\$10.00 per dancer
NOTE: No changes after July 3, 2009	
Family Fee	\$15.00 per family (No fee charged at door)

Program books (while supplies last) Included with door fee.

All fees are in US Dollars. No international checks marked "US Funds" can be accepted

Feis policy is NO refunds

SPECIAL NOTE: Soda Bread - no charge for competition but arena admission fee is required for adult participants!

Only online
 Entries accepted.
 No mail, phone, or email entries
 will be accepted.
 Entries taken at <http://FeisWeb.com>

Hotels:

Hyatt Regency Rochester 125 East Main Street, Rochester
 \$99.00 US per night
 800 233-1234 or 585 546-1234

Rochester Plaza 70 State Street, Rochester
 \$79.00 US per night
 800 826-2831 or 585 546-3450

Sashes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place in Preliminary and Championship.

**Prelim. and Championship competitions.
 Read choices and pick carefully.**

Preliminary Sets Please Note:

Entrants for the Preliminary Set competition should expect the competitions to be scheduled on a grade stage following the Under 5 and Under 6 competitions held on the grade stage.

Preliminary				
	Girls pick ONE of the Four Boys pick R-HP or R-TJ			
	R-HP	R-TJ	SJ-HP	SJ-TJ
Under 8	508HR	508TR	508HS	508TS
Under 9	509HR	509TR	509HS	509TS
Under 10	510HR	510TR	510HS	510TS
Under 11	511HR	511TR	511HS	511TS
Under 12	512HR	512TR	512HS	512TS
Under 13	513HR	513TR	513HS	513TS
Under 14	514HR	514TR	514HS	514TS
Under 15	515HR	515TR	515HS	515TS
Under 16	516HR	516TR	516HS	516TS
Under 17	517HR	517TR	517HS	517TS
Under 18	518HR	518TR	518HS	518TS
18 & Over	519HR	519TR	519HS	519TS

Sets for Prelim Dancers	
Girls & Boys (1 Judge)	
Under 8 (Traditional)	7008
Under 9 (Traditional)	7009
Under 10	7010
Under 11	7011
Under 12	7012
Under 13	7013
Under 14	7014
Under 15	7015
Under 16	7016
Under 17	7017
Under 18	7018
18 & Over	7068

Championship—Pick 1						
	Girls				Boys	
	R-HP-Set	R-TJ-Set	SJ-HP-Set	SJ-TJ-Set	R-HP-Set	R-TJ-Set
Under 9 (Traditional Set)	609RH	609RT	609SH	609ST	709RH	709RT
Under 10	610RH	610RT	610SH	610ST	710RH	710RT
Under 12	612RH	612RT	612SH	612ST	712RH	712RT
Under 14	614RH	614RT	614SH	614ST	714RH	714RT
Under 16	616RH	616RT	616SH	616ST	716RH	716RT
Under 18	618RH	618RT	618SH	618ST	718RH	718RT
18 & Over	619RH	619RT	619SH	619ST	719RH	719RT

Note: Under 9 must perform Traditional Set.

Adult					
	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig (Tempo 92)	Hornpipe (Tempo 138)
Beginner	1099	1199	1299	1399	1499
Advanced Beginner	2099	2199	2299	2399	2499
Novice	3099	3199	3299	3399	3499
Open	4099	4199	4299	4399	4499

Adult	
Adult Traditional Set	7299
Adult Treble Reel	5699

Prelim & Champ Treble Reel	
(1 Judge)	Girls & Boys
Under 13	5913
13 & Over	5963

Adult / Child Register CHILD only	
Child Under 10	9110
Child 10 & Over	9160

Ceili				
	2 or 3 Hand	4 Hand	6 Hand	8 Hand
Adult	8699	8799	8899	8999

NAFC Dancing Competitions Rules

These rules are effective January 1, 2009

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. All dancers must be pupils of a person 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) 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, except in Championships; use of 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 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. 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 postmarked on or before the closing date or they will be subject to a late fee of \$10 per dancer (Determined by the Feis).
13. 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. Three 1st place wins.
 - b) Dancers must compete in the preliminary championship competition in order to qualify for open championship
14. Combining male and female dancers in any category is left to the discretion of each region.
15. 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) Effective 01/01/08 for Mid-Atlantic Region. Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Open Championship. A dancer who wins three first place awards in one calendar year will move on to Open Championship the following year, or as soon as the third 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 second win will not change the dancer's status for the third 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.
16. Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
17. 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. If, after dancing for two years in Open, a dancer has not won, he/she may return to preliminary championship status.
18. The status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in a competition.
19. 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.

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.
20. 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.
21. Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.
22. 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.
23. In matters pertaining to adjudication, the decision of the adjudicators is final.
24. Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.
25. First Feis (if offered), Beginner, Advanced Beginner and Adult dancers are required to dance at traditional speeds.
26. Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image while in motion, using electronic or manual means, i.e. mobile phone, standard camera, video camera, or commercial film, with or without enhancement is expressively forbidden in competition.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. When a Feis hires Adjudicators for their event, one third of their Adjudicators (minimum) must be from outside of the region where the event is being held.
31. Competitors must be in full costume to receive an award on the presentation stage.
32. Spectators will not be allowed in areas “taped off” for safety reasons.