

BFOC GRADE EXAMS

Sunday March 7th, 2021

Grade Examiner: TBD



BFOC Irish Dance

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BFOC Irish Dance is proud to offer Grade Examinations 1-6 on Sunday March 7th, 2021 at BFOC studios in Laguna Hills.

Registration: www.Feisworx.com

Closing Date: Saturday, February 27th

General Information:

The purpose of the Grade Examinations is to provide a structured framework within which dancers can progress towards an achievable goal. The syllabus has been designed to provide a strong foundation in Irish Dance by developing a candidate's physical skills, stamina, expression, musicality and an appreciation and knowledge of the traditional dances and culture. It provides a worthwhile sense of achievement for individuals whether they dance solely for health, recreation or competitive reasons or hope to pursue a career in Irish Dancing.

Grade examinations are unlike competitions in that each candidate is individually examined and receives a detailed written assessment of their performance and knowledge of the grade being attempted. They are open to both male and female candidates regardless of age and ability.

The scheme consists of an optional Preliminary Grade followed by a further 12 grades with each grade becoming increasingly more demanding on the candidate's skill, knowledge and ability. Each Grade must be passed and certificate awarded before a candidate may attempt the next level. A dancer who successfully completes all Grades will be awarded "The Diploma of the Irish Dancing Commission".

Schedule: TBD, schedule will be released closer to exam date. Each exam takes approximately 30 minutes.

Exam Fees:

Preliminary*: \$24

Grade 1: \$31

Grade 4: \$40

Grade 2: \$31

Grade 5: \$40

Grade 3: \$31

Grade 6: \$40

**Preliminary grade not required*

What to wear:

No costumes. BFOC dancers should wear uniform tops and bottoms. No wigs or hair accessories.

General Rules:

- Only Basic Steps may be danced in Preliminary grade and Grades 1 & 2.
- 40 bars of music must be danced to for all reels, single jigs, light jigs, slip jigs, hornpipes and heavy jigs.
- 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.
- A dancer must take all grades in order, beginning with grade 1 – the Preliminary grade is optional. A candidate may only attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one sitting.*
- Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per "Ár Rincí Céilí" as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5-12 inclusive.
- Dance costumes should not be worn.
- All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Reports must be presented at examinations.
- Full payment must be made at time of registration.
- No refunds for any reason.

GRADE	PRICE	REQUIRED DANCES
Prelim	\$24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy Reel <u>OR</u>• Light Jig
1	\$31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy Reel• Light Jig
2	\$31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basic Slip Jig• Basic Single Jig
3	\$31	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary Reel• Basic Heavy Jig
4	\$40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Primary Slip Jig• St. Patrick's Day
5	\$40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Reel• Basic Hornpipe• The Walls of Limerick
6	\$40	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advanced Slip Jig• The Blackbird• The Siege of Ennis

*COVID-19 Concessions:

- Dancers may sit grades 1-6 at one sitting instead of the current restriction of the limit of just 3 grades at one sitting.
- One grade examiner will be permitted to grade all six exams at that sitting.