

Cherokee Capital Feis

Presented by Encore Performing Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
& McCafferty Academy of Irish Dance

Saturday, April 26th 2026

Location:

Chota Conference Center
3307 Seven Clans Ave.
Tahlequah, OK 74464

The Cherokee Capital Feis is a recommended T-Shirt Feis. Dancers are invited to compete wearing the official 2026 Feis T-shirt paired with black pants or a black skirt. Join us in showing your Feis spirit while enjoying a fun and unified competition experience!

Accommodations:

True by Hilton
3457 Cherokee Springs Rd.
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Room Block Code: IDC - [Irish Dance](#)

Holiday Inn Express
2142 Mahaney Ave.
Tahlequah, OK 74464

Room Block Code: Irish Dance 2026 - [Irish Dance 2026](#)

Register via www.feisworx.com

Schedule:

Dancing Competition starts at 8:00 AM
Championship dancers will compete from oldest to youngest.

ENTRY DEADLINE WITHOUT LATE FEE: April 10th, 2026

LATE ENTRY DEADLINE WITH ADDITIONAL \$25 FEE: Until Noon on April 21th, 2026

**This syllabus has been approved by Areleen Ni Bhaoill TCRG, on behalf of the Southern Region
IDTANA on 02/20/2026.**

Fees			
Event Fee (per family)	\$25	Late Fee	\$25
Solos/competitor competition	\$15	Feis Weekend Late Fee	\$50
Preliminary Championships	\$55	Feis Worx Service Fee	\$8.50
Open Championships	\$65	Changes Day of Feis	\$25
Adult Championships	\$65		
Figure Dancing - per competitor	\$15		

Family Max \$150.00 does not include Second Chance Competitions, Specials, Figure/Ceili Dancing, Event Fee, Feisworx Service Fee, or Late Fees

First Feis:

The First Feis level has been established for dancers who are competing in their very first Feis. Once a dancer competes in the First Feis category, the dancer must move into Beginner I or Beginner II. AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed)

Dancers competing in the First Feis category are limited to participating in the First Feis Category ONLY

	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	O11
Reel	105RL	106RL	107RL	108RL	109RL	110RL	111RL	112RL
Light Jig	105LJ	106LJ	107LJ	108LJ	109LJ	110LJ	111LJ	112LJ
Single Jig	105SN	106SN	107SN	108SN	109SN	110SN	111SN	112SN
Slip Jig	105SJ	106SJ	107SJ	108SJ	109SJ	110SJ	111SJ	112SJ

Beginner I:

A dancer who has been dancing for less than one year. A Beginner I must move to Beginner II no later than January 1st of the dancer's second year of instruction, or may move to Beginner II earlier with teacher's permission and provided that the Feis has not closed to changes. Note: a Beginner II dancer who starts in September, may continue as a Beginner I until December of the following year (16 months) before moving into Beginner II.

AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed)

	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	O12
Reel	206RL	207RL	208RL	209RL	210RL	211RL	212RL	213RL
Light Jig	206LJ	207LJ	208LJ	209LJ	210LJ	211LJ	212LJ	213LJ
Single Jig	206SN	207SN	208SN	209SN	210SN	211SN	212SN	213SN
Slip Jig	206SJ	207SJ	208SJ	209SJ	210SJ	211SJ	212SJ	213SJ

Advanced Beginner/Beginner II:

A dancer who has been dancing for more than one year and who has not won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place as a Beginner II dancer. A dancer who has won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in a Beginner II dance must move into Novice in that

dance no later than January 1st of the next calendar year or with teacher's permission as soon as the next Feis (if said Feis has not closed to changes).

AT THIS LEVEL, DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN SOLO COSTUMES (only school costumes are allowed) ALL HARD SHOE DANCES AT TRADITIONAL SPEEDS

	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	O13
Reel	306RL	307RL	308RL	309RL	310RL	311RL	312RL	313RL	314RL
Light Jig	306LJ	307LJ	308LJ	309LJ	310LJ	311LJ	312LJ	313LJ	314LJ
Single Jig	306SN	307SN	308SN	309SN	310SN	311SN	312SN	313SN	314SN
Slip Jig	306SJ	307SJ	308SJ	309SJ	310SJ	311SJ	312SJ	313SJ	314SJ
Treble Jig	306TJ	307TJ	308TJ	309TJ	310TJ	311TJ	312TJ	313TJ	314TJ
Hornpipe	306HP	307HP	308HP	309HP	310HP	311HP	312HP	313HP	314HP
Traditional Set	306TS	307TS	308TS	309TS	310TS	311TS	312TS	313TS	314TS

Novice:

A dancer moves into Novice as a result of placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in that dance as indicated in Beginner II. A dancer who wins 1st in a Novice dance must move into Prizewinner level in that dance no later than January 1st of the next calendar year or with teacher's permission as soon as the next feis (if said feis has not closed to changes).

*ALL HARD SHOES DANCES CAN BE DONE AT EITHER TRADITIONAL SPEED OR SLOW SPEED

	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	O14
Reel	407RL	408RL	409RL	410RL	411RL	412RL	413RL	414RL	415RL
Light Jig	407LJ	408LJ	409LJ	410LJ	411LJ	412LJ	413LJ	414LJ	415LJ
Single Jig	407SN	408SN	409SN	410SN	411SN	412SN	413SN	414SN	415SN
Slip Jig	407SJ	408SJ	409SJ	410SJ	411SJ	412SJ	413SJ	414SJ	415SJ
Treble Jig	407TJ	408TJ	409TJ	410TJ	411TJ	412TJ	413TJ	414TJ	415TJ
Hornpipe	407HP	408HP	409HP	410HP	411HP	412HP	413HP	414HP	415HP
Traditional Set	407TS	408TS	409TS	410TS	411TS	412TS	413TS	414TS	415TS

Prizewinner:

A dancer moves into Prizewinner as a result of placing 1st place as indicated in Novice.

*ALL HARD SHOES DANCES CAN BE DONE AT EITHER TRADITIONAL SPEED OR SLOW SPEED

	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	O14
Reel	507RL	508RL	509RL	510RL	511RL	512RL	513RL	514RL	515RL
Slip Jig	507SJ	508SJ	509SJ	510SJ	511SJ	512SJ	513SJ	514SJ	515SJ
Treble Jig	507TJ	508TJ	509TJ	510TJ	511TJ	512TJ	513TJ	514TJ	515TJ
Hornpipe	507HP	508HP	509HP	510HP	511HP	512HP	513HP	514HP	515HP
Traditional Set	507TS	508TS	509TS	510TS	511TS	512TS	513TS	514TS	515TS

Adults:

	Beginner I	Beginner II	Novice	Prizewinner
Reel	299RL	399RL	499RL	599RL
Light Jig	299LJ	399LJ	499LJ	599LJ
Single Jig	299SN	399SN	499SN	599SN
Slip Jig	299SJ	399SJ	499SJ	599SJ
Treble Jig	299TJ	399TJ	499TJ	599TJ
Hornpipe	299HP	399HP	499HP	599HP
Traditional Set	299TS	399TS	499TS	499TS

Adult Champs/Advanced Adults:

Adult Championships	699AC
Advanced Adults Preliminary	799MP
Advanced Adults Open	799MO

Adult Championships Requirements: Choice of Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe, and Traditional Set. Adults may register for Championship and Solo competition in their respective age level.

Advanced Adult Prelim Requirements: Choice of Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe.

Advanced Adult Open Requirements: Choice of Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe, and Contemporary Set Dance

Preliminary Championships:

	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	O17
Preliminary Championship	609PC	610PC	611PC	612PC	613PC	614PC	615PC	616PC	617PC	618PC

Requirement: Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars) and Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars)

Open Championship:

	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	U19	O19
Open Championship	709OC	710OC	711OC	712OC	713OC	714OC	715OC	716OC	717OC	718OC	719OC	720OC

Requirement: Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars) and Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars) and any non-traditional set dance, *U9 dances Traditional Set.

Ceili/Figures Competitions:

Ceili Perpetual Trophy Special –

Each school receives points based on the Irish point system for each ceili competition. The school with most OVERALL points in ALL ceili competitions combined (2h, 3h, 4h, 6h, 8h, family figures) wins Ceili Perpetual trophy!

Figure Dancing	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	OVER 15
2-Hand	9207FD	9209FD	9211FD	9213FD	9215FD	9216FD
3-Hand	9307UD	9309FD	9311FD	9313FD	9315FD	9316FD

*** 8-bar introduction/48 bars of dancing

4-Hand Book	U9	U11	U13	U16	U19	OVER 19
	9409FD	9411FD	9413FD	9416FD	9419FD	9420FD
6-Hand Book	U9	U11	U13	U16	U19	OVER 19
	9609FD	9611FD	9613FD	9616FD	9619FD	9620FD
8-Hand Book	U9	U11	U13	U16	U19	OVER 19
	9809FD	9811FD	9813FD	9816FD	9819FD	9820FD

SOUTHERN REGIONAL DANCING COMPETITION RULES

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 Coimisiun and 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:
 1. Conduct unbecoming a lady or gentleman.
 2. Failure to report on time to compete. (Penalty: disqualification from said event)
 3. 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 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. This does not pertain to a situation where competitors are involved in stage conflicts, and such conflicts will be handled by the stage monitor.
5. Steel taps or “bubble” heels on dancing shoes and any display of awards is prohibited. Authentic Gaelic dress is desired.
6. First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner, aka Beginner I and II, must wear a class costume, or a skirt/pants and top. 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. The number of awards given is determined by the Feis Committee and is based on the scores and ranks given by the adjudicator(s).**
- 9. Complaints must be in writing stating names and other factual information and signed by the complainant. A \$50.00 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 and/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 include the entry fee for entry to be accepted. 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. With the exception of First Feis and Beginner I the status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in the competition.**
- 15. Photography**
 - a. With the exception of First Feis, Beginner I and Beginner II (or their equivalent), photography of any kind which has the capability of capturing a dancer's image while in motion is strictly forbidden.**
 - b. 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. These are not to be used for personal gain through commercial use or sale. Under no circumstances can they be published on any website or other areas, without the express written permission of the persons involved.**
 - c. 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:**
 - i. away from the dancing stages and,**
 - ii. requested by a consenting parent, guardian, or dancer (over the age of 18).**
- 16. 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.**
- 17. No substance that can become airborne should be used on any dance floor in an attempt to improve traction.**
- 18. Respect for fellow competitors on stage is a requirement at all times. Lack of respect or courtesy for fellow competitors by aggressive dancing on stage will be subject to penalty at the discretion of each individual adjudicator.**

GRADE LEVEL RULES

1. Solo competitors in First Feis (if offered), Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice or Open (Prizewinner), Adult and Master competitions:
 - a. Must compete in their own age group.
 - b. Must be prepared to perform two steps in each event.
2. With the exception of First Feis and Beginner I, a dancer's level is determined in each dance (Reel, Light Jig, Single Jig, Slip-Jig, Hornpipe, Treble Jig, and Traditional Set). Traditional Set Dances are limited to those dances determined by An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelacha as traditional set dances.
3. A Feis Committee may combine competitions if there are less than 5 competitors entered as follows:
 - a. Three consecutive age groups, if including the youngest or oldest multi-year age groups, or up to five consecutive single-age groups, combined into the highest age group, within that grade.
4. Each region may determine the system for moving dancers from one grade to another, as they see appropriate for their region.
5. The syllabus is to contain all grade categories.
6. Competitors have the option to remain in the same category for the remainder of the Feis year.
7. A dancer, at the discretion of the teacher, may move into the next Grade (not Open Championships) without satisfying the requirements. However, once a dancer competes in the higher level, they can never move back to a lower category, (except as outlined in Rule 1, above).
8. Grade Levels
 - a. **First Feis:** A dancer who has never competed in a Feis. A dancer can only be in this category for a single day and cannot compete at any other level in the Feis. Dancers must compete with Basic Steps that coincide with the Grade Exam Syllabus.
 - b. **Beginner I (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 Beginner 2/Advanced Beginner category the next year. Dancers must compete with Basic Steps that coincide with the Grade Exam Syllabus.
 - c. **Beginner II (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. Dancers must compete with Basic Steps that coincide with the Grade Exam Syllabus.
 - d. **Novice Grade:** A novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance. In Novice competitions with 20 or more dancers, a dancer who wins 1st or 2nd place in a dance will advance to the Open/PW category in that particular dance (Dec 2012)
 - e. **Open Prizewinner Grade:** A competitor who does not qualify as a beginner, advanced beginner or as a novice.
 - f. **Adult:** An Adult dancer is defined as any dancer who started Irish dancing at the age of 18 or older OR any dancer 18 or older who has not competed in at least five years in a youth

competition AND has never placed in the top three in a youth Preliminary championship competition of more than five competitors.

9. First Feis (if offered), Beginner I, and Beginner II are required to dance at traditional speeds.

Novice and Open/Prizewinner dancers may choose between traditional and Oireachtas speeds.

10. The following dance speeds must be adhered to:

	First Feis	Beg I	Beg II	Novice	Prizewinner
Reel	122	122	122	113	113
Light Jig	115	115	115	115	115
Slip Jig	122	122	122	113	113
Single Jig	124	124	124	124	124
Treble Jig			92	73/92	73/92
Hornpipe			138	113/138	113/138

Traditional Sets	Traditional Speed
St. Patrick's Day	94
Blackbird	144
Job of the Journeywork	138
Three Sea Captains	96
Garden of Daisies	138
Jockey to the Fair	90

11. First Feis, Beginner I and Beginner II perform only basic steps to coincide with the Grade Exam Syllabus.

12. Dancers competing in the First Feis category are limited to participating in the First Feis Category only.

CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL RULES

- 1. 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.**
- 2. Entrants in any Championship event may not enter in any other (Grade) events, but may enter in Figure Dances and Specials, i.e. Treble Reel Competition, etc.**
- 3. Dancers must qualify for Open Championship via the method now in place for Preliminary Championship, i.e. two 1st place wins.**
- 4. Dancers must compete in the Preliminary Championship competition in order to qualify for Open Championship**
- 5. Preliminary Championships**
 - a. Are open to those who at any CLRG-registered Feis:**
 - i. Have placed 1st in both an Open (Prizewinner) light and heavy shoe competitions and**
 - ii. Have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open Championship.**
 - b. A dancer who lives in the Southern Region and who wins 1st place in a second Preliminary Championship Competition in any Region MAY move up to Open Championship Competitions immediately, at the discretion of their dancing teacher.**
 - c. A dancer who lives in the Southern Region when they win 1st place in a second Preliminary Championship competition MUST move up to Open Championship Competitions no later than the one calendar year anniversary of the second Preliminary Championship win.**
 - d. Preliminary Championship competitions with 26 or more competitors may be split in half according to age. * In Preliminary Championships-Separate boys into a separate competition if there are five (5) or more boys entered in a specific competition within a single age group.**
- 6. If three (3) or more boys are entered in a specific age group in a combined Open Championship competition, the boys and girls MUST be split into separate competitions.**

7. Every competitor in Preliminary or Open Championship must have a minimum of 8 rotations or 10 minutes between each of their rounds.
8. In the event the same organization is running 2 feis' in one weekend the following must occur:
 - a. In championship competitions, 2/3 of adjudicators must be different from the previous day.
****NOTE: This rule has been rescinded for 2023, 2024 & 2025.****
 - b. 2nd chance competitions may only be offered on one feis.

FIGURE / CEILI TEAM RULES

1. Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced.
2. There are no restrictions on figure age groups.
3. Figure age groups will be determined by the oldest dancer.
4. 8 hand teams are allowed to repeat dancers at all Southern Region feiseanna in accordance with the World and Regional Oireachtas rules.
5. The length of 2 hand and 3 hand dances in competition are to be 48 bars of music plus an 8 bar introduction.
6. Dancers that meet the definition of an "Adult Dancer" may compete in Adult Ceili competitions. "Adult Dancer" includes Adult Grade Level, Adult Championship, and Advanced Adult, as defined by the qualifications found elsewhere in these rules.
7. In the event that the same organization is running 2 feiseanna in one weekend, the following may occur: Figure and Ceili competitions may be offered at only one of the feis' on that weekend.

ADJUDICATORS & MUSICIANS

1. 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.
2. Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.
3. In matters pertaining to adjudication, the decision of the adjudicators is final.
4. Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.
5. Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
6. Each Feis is required to list their adjudicators on their syllabus and/or website at least three weeks before the close of entries, one-third of which are to be from outside the region where the Feis is being held.

COSTUME RULES

- 1. Makeup is prohibited on a dancer in the first three grades (First Feis (if offered), Beginner I and Beginner 2 or their equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group. Make-up (including false eyelashes and tanner on the face) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group.
Clarification: Both make up rules refer to the age group of the competition, not the actual age of the dancer. For example, 9-year-old dancers, competing in a team that is entered Under 12, may wear make-up or at a feis where the youngest Open Championship age group is Under11, then all dancers in that competition may wear make-up. These rules must also be announced from side stage at the event. Participants should be reminded that should they be in breach of these rules and be required to remove their make-up, that they risk missing their rotation in the competition.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. Competitors in competitions at the First Feis (if offered), Beginner I and Beginner 2 Grade will wear only the competitor's dancing school costume or a skirt/pants and top.**
- 4. Costume Length: Length of costumes must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps. Adjudicators who determine a costume to be too short or to lack modesty may ask a competitor to change into black tights (of a denier not less than 70 per cent) in order for the dancer to continue in the competition.**

MODESTY RULES

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- 6.1. Changing costumes, dressing and undressing of dancers will not be acceptable in the halls or public areas. For the sake of modesty and in the interests of safety of young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the feis scantily dressed.**
- 6.2. Respect for fellow competitors on stage is a requirement at all times.**
- 6.3. Lack of respect or courtesy for fellow competitors by aggressive dancing on stage will be subject to penalty at the discretion of each individual adjudicator.**
- 6.4. Length of costume must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps. Adjudicators who determine a costume to be too short or to lack modesty may ask a competitor to wear black tights (of a denier not less than 70 percent) in order to continue in the competition. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator, all adjudicators on the panel must agree to asking the dancer to wear tights. Effective March 1, 2022.**
- 6.5. Appropriate undergarments covering the midriff must be worn. Undergarments must provide full coverage. Dancers wearing undergarments that do not cover the areas of the body as in the illustrated example will be asked to put on black tights of a denier of not less than 70%. This is monitored by the adjudicator. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator all adjudicators on the panel must agree to ask the dancer to put on tights. (Effective March 1, 2022)**

REFUND POLICY

7.1. The Feis WILL NOT give any refunds for any reason including consequences for violations of these rules.

Feis Specific rules:

Fees:

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 rejection of the entry. Payment date for the feis is the actual date of electronic payment (or postmark date if mailed). Late payments fees are as follows. None if paid on or before April 10, 2026. Late fee of \$25 per individual (\$75 max per family). Payments for corrections to an entry are not subject to late fees.

Maximum competition fee per family is \$150, *excluding specials competitions, non-dance competitions, 2nd Chance Preliminary competitions, dancer level changes, sales, late fees, and Family fee. The Family Fee for the Feis is \$25.

Personal Results are included and will be available Online only. Results will be posted after the feis. Awards must be picked up at the feis. Awards will not be mailed.