

The 18th Annual Grand Canyon State Feis

May 30th, 2026

Dear Families, Teachers, and Dancers,

The Michael Patrick Gallagher School of Irish Dance and the Phoenix Irish Heritage Association are pleased to announce the 18th annual Grand Canyon State Feis on Saturday, May 30th, 2026, and the 7th annual Scottsdale Feis on Sunday, May 31st, 2026!

Welcome to our venue, the beautiful Hilton DoubleTree Resort Paradise Valley-Scottsdale. The feis rate is \$153 per night (singles & doubles) and will encompass a few days before and after the feiseanna (May 26th to June 2nd). Please see our website at www.grandcanyonfeis.com for further information. Rooms at the feis rate are limited so book now! The feis rate is only available until the block sells out or until May 8th, whichever comes 1st!



Registration deadline is May 15th, 2026. Our two feiseanna are listed individually on Feisworx and will require separate registrations and entry fees. Remember that **a dancer is not considered registered until fees are paid.**

We look forward to seeing you in May for a fun feiseanna weekend! Follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for updates!

Sincerely,

The Grand Canyon State Feis Committee & The Phoenix Irish Heritage Association

2026 Grand Canyon State Feis Syllabus

REGISTRATION & RESULTS available through Feisworx - Entry Deadline: May 15, 2026 - late fee \$30/dancer

The Grand Canyon State Feis is a member of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha, Dublin, Ireland.

Location	The DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Paradise Valley - Scottsdale 5401 N. Scottsdale, AZ 85250 Resort Website: www.paradisevalley.doubletree.com Room rate only available until the block sells out or May 8th, whichever comes first!
Contact Information	grandcanyonstatefeis@gmail.com
Website and Social Media	www.grandcanyonfeis.com Facebook: Grand Canyon State Feis Instagram: grandcanyonstatefeis

Registration/Fees	Registration can be found at www.feisworx.com Registration deadline is May 15, 2026 .	
	Soft shoe dances are \$20 flat fee	Hard shoe dances are \$20 flat fee
	Prelim, Open & Adult Championships are \$55 Dance Specials \$10 each	Team competitions are \$10 per dancer Music Competition & Art Special \$10
	Future Champ Special \$50	Registration Fee is \$25 per family
	Family Maximum is \$150 (excludes family registration fee, specials, and late fees)	Late entry (payment made after the May 16th deadline) requires a \$30 late fee per dancer.
No refunds at any time, for any reason.		

Adjudicators	Laura Cass-Barrington, Texas Karl Drake, Georgia Lexa Hickey, New Jersey Joseph Manning, Kansas TBA TBA	Musicians	Eric Crone, Arizona Rio Navarro, California
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Schedule Please follow our Facebook or Instagram page for updates!
The final feis schedule will be published as soon as possible after the registration deadline.

First Feis **Entry fee \$20**

First feis competitions are open only to dancers who have never competed at a feis. Requirement: 32 bars

First Feis	U7	U9	9&O
Reel	15	25	35
Light Jig	16	26	36

Solo Competitions

Beg 1	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	11&O	Beg 2	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	11&O
Reel	100	110	120	130	140	150	Reel	200	210	220	230	240	250
Light Jig	101	111	121	131	141	151	Light Jig	201	211	221	231	241	251
Slip Jig	102	112	122	132	142	152	Slip Jig	202	212	222	232	242	252
Single Jig	103	113	123	133	143	153	Single Jig	203	213	223	233	243	253

Treble Jig	104	114	124	134	144	154	Treble Jig	204	214	224	234	244	254
Hornpipe	105	115	125	135	145	155	Hornpipe	205	215	225	235	245	255
St. Pat's Day	106	116	126	136	146	156	St. Pat's Day	206	216	226	236	246	256

Novice	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	13&O	Prize winner	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	320	330	340	350	360	370	Reel	420	430	440	450	460	470	480
Light Jig	321	331	341	351	361	371	Light Jig	421	431	441	451	461	471	481
Slip Jig	322	332	342	352	362	372	Slip Jig	422	432	442	452	462	472	482
Single Jig	323	333	343	353	363	373	Single Jig	423	433	443	453	463	473	483
Treble Jig	324	334	344	354	364	374	Treble Jig	424	434	444	454	464	474	484
Hornpipe	325	335	345	355	365	375	Hornpipe	425	435	445	455	465	475	485
Trad Set	326	336	346	356	366	376	Trad Set	426	436	446	456	466	476	486

Grade Specials

Beginners	U7	U9	U11	11&O	Novice/Prizewinner	U9	U11	11&O	13&O
Beginner 1 & 2 Reel <i>One step down the line.</i>	912	914	916	918	Future Champs Special <i>(Judged by 3 Judges)</i> <i>2 steps each of a Reel & Treble Jig & a Trad Set.</i>	934	936	938	
Treble Reel Special (All grade levels) <i>One step down the line.</i>						940	942	944	946

Championships

Preliminary Championship	U9*	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	17&O
*U9 must dance a Trad set.	700	701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709

Open Championship	U9*	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	U18	18&O
*U9 must dance a Trad set.	750	751	752	753	754	755	756	757	758	759	760

Adult Championship	790
3 rounds: Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe, Traditional set.	

Advance Adult Championship	791
3 rounds: Reel or Slip Jig, Treble Jig or Hornpipe, choice of set.	

Champ Specials	U11	U13	13&O
Preliminary Champion Reel or Slip Jig	950	952	954
Open Champion Reel or Slip Jig (<i>Anne A. McCarthy Memorial Perpetuals</i>)		960	962
Prelim/Open 2-Hand Reel (<i>Will be danced during the figure competitions</i>)	All Ages		968

Adult Solos	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Single Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe	St. Pat's Day	Trad. Set
Beginner	600	601	602	603	604	605	606	
Novice/PW	630	631	632	633	634	635		636

Adult Specials	Treble Reel	970	Traditional Sets	974

Beginner Figures					Open Figures				Adults
	U7	U9	U11	11&O	U11	U13	U16	16&O	
2-Hand Reel	800	802	804	806	850	852	854	856	890
3-Hand Reel	808	810	812	814	858	860	862	864	892
4-Hand *					866	868	870	872	894
6-Hand*					874	876	878	880	896
8-Hand*	* Must be taken from <i>Ár Rincí Céilí.</i>				882	884	886	888	898

Iris Turner Memorial Family Special

990

2 or more family members dancing together. Groups of 2 or 3 will perform 48 bars of reel or jig. Groups of 4 or more must perform a book dance. Only one dancer/family member per team will register for the special. Will be danced during the figure competitions.

Art Special (\$10)

995

Western Art Special – Create an art piece using art materials, such as duct tape, watercolor paint, etc. Maybe 3-D or a drawing. Piece must incorporate at least one Irish dance related item or theme. Open to dancers and non-dancers, including parents or siblings. The artwork and \$10 entry fee must be submitted to the registration table no later than 12:00 pm on Saturday listing name and contact information.

Tir Na Nog (Tiny Tots)

The Tir Na Nog competition gives our youngest (U6), non-competitive dancers a chance to hit the stage and show off their dancing skills. All entrants will receive an award.

Please enter at the registration table Saturday morning or by sending an email to grandcanyonstatefeis@gmail.com

George O'Brien Memorial Music Competition \$10

Vocal/Instrumental (All Ages)

910

1. Electronic and amplified music may not be used in any competition.
2. Competitions will be held for vocals in English and Gaelic.
3. Tunes are to be selected from among the following classes: air, reel, polka, hornpipe, jig (single, double, or slip), slide, set dance and march.
4. Competitors shall play each tune twice through. In the case of a reel, which is played singly, a competitor shall play the reel three times through.
5. Instrumental: A competitor shall play one tune from two classes in rule 4.
6. Vocal: In competitions for solo traditional singing, in both Irish and English, the competitor shall sing two songs of contrasting tempo (i.e. one slow and one fast) unaccompanied. All tunes and songs shall be traditional in character.

<p>Competition Rules</p>	<p>Grand Canyon State Feis is registered with and will follow the rules of the Western US Regional Council and the Irish Dance Teachers' Association of North America.</p> <p>The dancer's age is determined as of January 1st.</p> <p>Competitors must be in the hall, prepared to dance, one hour prior to the scheduled beginning of their event.</p> <p>Dancers who appear in competitions in which they are not entered and paid will not be eligible for placement or awards.</p> <p>The feis committee reserves the right to combine or split competitions following the guidelines of the IDTANA and the Western US Regional Council. All efforts will be made to combine competitions where there are fewer than 5 competitors entered.</p> <p>The Michael Patrick Gallagher School of Irish Dance, The Phoenix Irish Heritage Association, The Grand Canyon State Feis, The Scottsdale Feis, and The DoubleTree Resort will not be held responsible or liable for personal injury, illness, property loss, and/or damage. By entering this feis, the entrant and/or the entrant's parent or legal guardian agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the above-mentioned parties from any liabilities or personal injury as a result of the entrant's participation. All entrants and attendees further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above-mentioned parties from any illness, personal injury, or death.</p> <p><u>LEVEL ADVANCEMENT & DEFINITION</u></p> <p>First Feis is not per dance. It is the first Feis ever for the dancer. Dancers may only enter First Feis once, even in case of back-to-back Feiseanna.</p> <p><u>Beginner 1, 2 & Novice:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-9 Dancers - 1st place will advance to the next grade level 10+ Dancers - 1st and 2nd place will advance to the next grade level <p><i>*Please note: Dancers may not stay in a level at Teacher discretion. Dancers must advance based on the placement awarded.</i></p> <p><u>Prizewinner:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Advancement from Prizewinner to Preliminary Championship is at teacher's discretion. <p><u>Preliminary to Open Championship:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Must have 3 overall wins with 5 or more dancers, not at teacher discretion. -Upon winning their 3rd overall win in Preliminary Championships, a dancer must move immediately to Open, even in the case of back-to-back Feisanna. <p><u>Adults:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dancers who started after the age of 18 or have not competed for 5 years. <p><u>Advanced Adults:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -An Advanced Adult dancer is defined as anyone age 18 or older who has previously placed in the top 3 of a Prelim Championship or competed in Open Champ levels in the youth & over levels regardless of when the competitor was active. -An Advanced Adult dancer has opted to leave Youth & Over categories and once the dancer begins competing in Advanced Adult, the dancer may not return to Youth & Over categories.
<p>Awards</p>	<p>Only Championship & Specials awards will be announced and given in-person. Competitors must be in costume including dance shoes to receive their awards. Results for Grades will be posted & available on Feisworx. There will be a designated area to pick up awards for Grades. Awards will not be mailed.</p>
<p>Level Advancement</p>	<p>If a dancer moves up level(s), there will be no fee if changed by 6:00 p.m. or within two hours of the conclusion of Grade competitions on Saturday. Otherwise, changes made on Sunday will be subject to a \$10 fee change. If advancement is from Grades to Preliminary Champ, the \$15 difference in entry fees will be due regardless.</p> <p>NOTE: If you are a Preliminary Champ and receive your 3rd first place win on Saturday, you must move to Open Championship to compete on Sunday at the Scottsdale Feis.</p>



SYLLABUS APPROVAL

GRAND CANYON STATE FEIS 2026

IS REGISTERED WITH THE
WESTERN U.S. REGIONAL COUNCIL

SYLLABUS APPROVED BY:

Annie Darlington

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FEBRUARY 18, 2026

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LEVEL DEFINITIONS AND ADVANCEMENT RULES

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In **Beginner 1, Beginner 2 and Novice** the following advancement rules will apply:

- Competitions with 5 - 9 dancers: 1st place will advance to the next grade.
- Competitions with 10 or more dancers: 1st and 2nd places will advance to the next grade.
- Dancers may not stay in level at teacher discretion, with the exception of back-to-back feiseanna.

Prizewinner: Advancement from Prizewinner to Preliminary Championship is at teacher discretion.

Preliminary to Open Championship:

- Dancer must have 3 overall wins in competitions with 5 or more dancers. Advancement to Open is not at teacher discretion.
- Upon winning 3rd overall win in Preliminary Championships, a dancer must move immediately to Open, even in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna. This includes 2-round and 3-round Preliminary Championships.

Adults: Dancers who started after the age of 18, or who have been out of Youth/&over competition for 5 years.

Advanced Adults: Dancers age 18 or older who previously placed in the top 3 of a Preliminary Championship or competed at the Open Championship level in the youth/&over levels, regardless of when the competitor was last active.

- Advanced Adults do not need to be out of competition for 5 years before moving from the youth/&over categories to Advanced Adults.
- Dancers who have already been competing in the regular Adult categories do not need to move to Advanced Adults, regardless of their level or placements achieved when competing in youth/&over.
- An Advanced Adult dancer has opted to leave Youth/&over categories, and once the dancer begins competing in Advanced Adult, the dancer may not return to Youth/&over categories.

Beginner Figures: Open only to dancers in beginner for at least one solo dance.

Open Figures: Open to all grade levels.