



Mattierin Spring FEIS IN THE WEST

APRIL 20-21st, 2024

The Westin Hotel | Edmonton, AB



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Saturday April 20

- First-Feis to Prizewinner Solos
- First Feis Reel Trophy & Tir Na Nog Special!
- Beg/Adv-Beg Trophy
- Nov-PW Trophy
- Treble Reel/Slip Jig Specials
- Preliminary and Open Championships (A)
- Teams and Adults

Sunday April 21

- Beg/Adv-Beg Trophy (blackout optional)
- Nov-PW Trophy (blackout optional)
- Preliminary and Open Championships (B)
- Championship Slip Jig and Treble Reel Specials
- Best in the West Championship Belt Special
- Madonna Nixon Slip Jig Special
- Boys Championship Cup

Please note that this schedule is tentative and subject to change based on registration.

PRESENTED BY THE EMERALD ISLE DANCERS ASSOCIATION

Welcome!

Mattierin Irish Dance and the Emerald Isle Dancers' Association are very pleased to invite you to the **19th Annual Mattierin Spring Feis in the West.**

The Mattierin Spring Feis in the West is coming your way and we can't wait to see all your smiling faces at our FEIS! We will be doing everything in our power to give all the dancers and their family and friends a fantastic weekend they deserve.

The Mattierin Spring Feis in the West is registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha, the North American Irish Dance Teachers' Association and the Western Canadian Irish Dance Teachers' Association.

The Mattierin Spring Feis in the West is offering dancers many chances to dance on stage such as:

- DOUBLE Preliminary Championships
- DOUBLE Open Championships
- DOUBLE Beg/Adv Beg Reel Trophy competitions
- DOUBLE Nov/Prz Treble Jig Trophy competitions
- Best in the West Championship Belt Special
- Madonna Nixon Slip Jig Special and Boys Championship Cup
- Tir Na Nog Special
- TEAMS

There will be Perpetual Trophies awarded to all Championship and Trophy competitions. Preliminary Championships will be single year from U10 through U16. Based on minimum five competitors for each age group.

The annual Music Competitions times will be published in the final schedule.

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

Feis in the West Art and Soda Bread Competitions!



General Information

Registration, Accommodation, Vendors, Sponsorship

Register at feisworx.com

Closing date for entries is March 22nd, 2024.

Entry Fees

• Family Admission Fee	\$45 /family*
• Solo Competitions	\$7 /dance per competitor
• Figure Dancing	\$5 /competitor per team
• Beg/Adv. Beg Trophy	\$20 /each per competitor
• 2nd Chance Beg/Adv. Beg Trophy	\$20 /each per competitor*
• Nov/Prz Trophy	\$20 /each per competitor
• 2nd Chance Nov/Prz Trophy	\$20 /each per competitor*
• First Feis Trophy	\$20 /each per competitor*
• Slip Jig & Treble Reel Trophy	\$20 /each per competitor*
• Tir Na Nog	\$10 /each per competitor*
• Prelim and Open Champ A (Sunday)	\$50 /each per competitor
• Prelim and Open Champ B (Saturday)	\$50 /each per competitor*
• Choreography	\$45 /dancer per team
• Family Maximum	\$150**

* Not included in family max

** Excluding competitions noted above with an *

***Second chance Beg/Adv Beg and Nov/PW Trophy Sunday – blackout is optional

Payments by E-transfer or Cheque

Payment can be made via e-transfer or cheque using the payment information notes below. Please include your dancer's name and dance school in the memo or comments.

Interac E-Transfer	Cheque
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Email: payments@feisinthewest.ca• Question: What is the password?• Answer: west2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payable to: EIDA• Address: c/o Erie Melnychuk 9227 190 Street Edmonton, Alberta Canada

Late Entries & Cancellations

Payment must be received prior to the feis, or late fees will apply. Entries after March 22nd are subject to a \$25 late fee. Your entry on Feisworx is your commitment to pay. If you decide not to attend the feis, please withdraw your entry prior to the closing date. No substitutions, or changes accepted after the closing date, with the exception of updates to dancer status.

There are no refunds after the closing date.

Accommodation

We have secured a fantastic group rate of **\$149/night** for a standard room at the beautiful **Westin Downtown Edmonton**. The block is under EIDA-Mattierin Spring Feis in the West. Rooms are ready to be booked – to secure your room at the block rate please book by Tuesday, March 19th, 2024. Online booking is now available at: <https://www.mattierin.com/feisinthwest>

Vendors

Vendor tables are available at the feis for \$100 for the first table plus \$50 for each additional table. Tables are limited, so please book as soon as possible. Please contact info@feisinthwest.ca to reserve a table.

Deadline: April 3, 2024

Program Advertising and Sponsorships

Program adverts are available at the following rates:

- Full page: \$100
- Half page: \$50
- Quarter page: \$25

We also have a wide variety of sponsorship and advertising opportunities available, for more information, please contact info@feisinthwest.ca (780-984-7638) for more information.

Program Ad Deadline: April 3, 2024

Schedule

Saturday April 20

- First-Feis to Prizewinner Solos
- First Feis Reel Trophy Special
- Tir Na Nog Special
- Beg/Adv-Beg Trophy & Treble Reel/Slip Jig Specials
- Novice-PW Trophy & Treble Reel/Slip Jig Specials
- Teams and Adults
- Preliminary and Open Championships
- Soda Bread, Music and Art Competitions

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Championship Specials

Madonna Nixon Memorial Slip Jig Special

First place winners in the Championship Slip Jig specials perform one step down the line.

The "Best in the West" Perpetual Belts

- Minor Belt (U13)
- Junior Belt (U16)
- Senior Belt (16&O)

The first place winners from both Preliminary and Open Championships in each age group qualify to dance – one soft shoe and one hard shoe step down the line.

Boys Championship Cup

All boys who dance in championships qualify to dance - one hard shoe, one soft shoe.



Tir Na Nog

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 a medal at the end.

Perpetual Trophies

Reel & Treble Jig Trophy, Slip Jig Specials, All Championships

Perpetual trophies are provided for all Championships and Reel, Treble Jig, and Slip Jig Trophy competitions, including Perpetual Belts for the “Best in the West” Minor, Junior, and Senior Belt championship specials, a Perpetual Cup for the Boys Championship Special, and a Perpetual for the Madonna Nixon Memorial Slip Jig Special.

Sashes

Provided for Preliminary and Open Championships 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Music Competitions

Non-Dancer entrants who are not officially part of a dance school may enter as well at the Feis on Saturday. **Music competitions are open to all - dancers and non-dancers alike.** Performances are limited to 2.5 min wherein competitors can play one or more Irish tunes of their choice. Ages as of January 1, 2024. You can enter (\$20/entrant) on Feisworx.com or at the feis.

Art Competition

Non-Dancer entrants who are not officially part of a dance school may enter as well at the Feis on Saturday. **The Art competition is open to all - dancers and non-dancers alike.** Entry is \$10/art piece. All art must be submitted by 11:00 AM at the feis on Saturday, April 20th and must be taken home after the awards. Be sure art is labelled clearly with name, age, and phone number. Art must have Irish cultural theme (legends, celtic knots, etc.) and can be created with any art medium (paint, sketch, crayon, sculpture, etc.).

Soda Bread Competition

Non-Dancer entrants who are not officially part of a dance school may enter as well at the Feis on Saturday. **The soda bread competition is open to all - dancers and non-dancers alike.** Entry is \$10/loaf. Entries will be judged on appearance, texture and taste. Soda Bread must be submitted by 11:00 AM at the feis on Saturday, April 20th. The winner will be announced after lunch. All entries are property of the feis once submitted.

Feis Rules

1. Competitions are open only to amateurs. Only students of teachers registered in good standing with The W.C.I.D.T.A., The I.D.T.A.N.A., and An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha may compete.
2. Competitor's ages will be determined as of January 1, 2024.
3. Music shall be in accordance with regulation metronome speeds.
4. Costumes must follow the guidelines established by the IDTANA and CLRG.
5. Categories
 - **Beginner** - A dancer who has not qualified for Adv. Beginner for that dance.
 - **Advanced Beginner** - A dancer who has received qualifying place in that particular dance in the Beginner level but has not yet qualified to move on to Novice in that particular dance.
 - **Novice** - A dancer who has received qualifying place in that particular dance in the Advanced Beginner level but has not yet qualified to move on to Prizewinner in that particular dance.
 - **Prizewinner** - A dancer who has received qualifying place in that particular dance in the Novice level but has not yet qualified to advance to Preliminary Championships.
 - **Beginner / Advanced Beginner Trophies** – Open to dancers who dance the majority of their dances in the Beg / Adv. Beginner level in solos. A dancer must advance to Novice/Prizewinner trophy if they receive two first place trophies, or if they advance in the majority of their solo levels.
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- **Novice / Prizewinner Trophies** – (Treble Jig 32 bars, choice of two speeds) Open to dancers who dance the majority of their dances in the Novice or Prizewinner level in their solos. Also open to dancers who have previously won two first place trophies in the Beg/Adv Beginner Trophy competitions. Dancers in ALL age groups dance the Treble Jig.
- **Preliminary Championships** – Open to dancers who have won two first place trophies in the Novice/ Prizewinner Trophy competition, and who have not previously won two first place Preliminary Championships.
- **Open Championships** – Open to dancers who have previously won two first place Preliminary Championships.

Competitors may only dance each dance once. Competitors entered in First Feis may repeat the Reel & Light Jig in Beginner.

6. A competition may be cancelled or moved up to the next age category if there are fewer than three entries. If there is a large entry (as per W.C.I.D.T.A .rules), the competition will be split at the discretion of the feis committee.

7. All Competitors must be in the hall 60 minutes before their competition is scheduled

8. All dancers must be in complete dance costume, including shoes, to receive any award.

9. Under no circumstances are the adjudicators or the musicians to be approached during the feis. The decision of the adjudicator is final.

10. No steel taps or bubble heels allowed. Shoes may be subject to inspection by adjudicators. Costumes must be in accordance with the I.D.T.A.N.A. and An Coimisiún guidelines.

11. The Emerald Isle Dancers Association, Mattierin Spring Feis in the West, Mattierin School of Irish Dance, the W.C.I.D.T.A., the Westin Downtown Edmonton and the City of Edmonton or any organization affiliated with the same will not be held responsible for any personal injury, property loss or damage during the event.

12. Protest against breach of rules will be considered if made in writing and signed by the objector. The objection must also be accompanied by a \$25 fee and reach the Feis Committee before prizes are presented. If the complaint is justified, the \$25 fee will be refunded.

13. All feis committees must award a minimum of 30% of competitors in Preliminary and Open Championships.

14. Competitors may only compete in Trophy or Championship competition, but not both. Treble Reel trophy and "Specials" do not apply.

15. Any form of unauthorized photo/video which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means is expressly forbidden in competition. Photo/video is permitted on a limited basis during Tir Na Nog, First Feis and Beginner categories ONLY. No video equipment will be allowed in the hall. This is an An Coimisiún rule.

16. Dancers will be required to dance two steps (32 bars) only in the regular Solo and Trophy competitions but will be required to perform the mandatory number of bars in Preliminary and Open Championships - i.e. 48 bars in the Reel and Treble Jig and 40 bars in the Slip Jig and Hornpipe.

17. Notwithstanding any other conditions specified herein, the Feis Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and to alter or cancel any rule or condition as it may be deemed necessary in the best interest of the Feis. All teachers will be advised. 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.

18. Dancers shall advance in each individual solo dances as follows:

- <5 Dancers No placing advances
- 5 - 9 dancers 1st place moves up
- 10 - 19 dancers 1st, 2nd & 3rd move up
- 20 – 29 dancers 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th move up
- 30 or more dancers 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th move up

19. Dancers shall advance in Trophy competitions and Championship as follows:

- A dancer who wins two first-place trophies in Beginner/Advanced Beginner Trophy advances to Novice/Prizewinner Trophy
- A dancer who advances to Novice or Prizewinner for the majority of their solo levels (hard shoes in particular) automatically advances to the Novice/Prizewinner Trophy.
- A dancer who wins three first-place trophies in Novice/Prizewinner Trophy advances to Preliminary Championships.
- A dancer who wins two first-place Prelim Championships advances to Open Championships.

20. Should a dancer win a Preliminary Championship competition that qualifies them to move to Open, no refund will be offered for the second Preliminary Championship (if registered). However the dancer may substitute the second entry credit for an entry in an Open Championship which is upcoming in the schedule.

21. By entering the Mattierin Spring Feis in the West, dancers, teachers, and all spectators agree to be respectful and polite to all volunteers, competitors and their families. Disrespectful and abusive behaviour will absolutely not be tolerated. The Feis committee reserves the right to remove anyone from the event at their discretion.

22. All other Feis rules as per the An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha, the I.D.T.A.N.A. and the W.C.I.D.T.A.

Competition Numbers

Grades

First Feis	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	10&O
Reel	3	5	7	9	11	13
Light Jig	4	6	8	10	12	14

Beginner	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	12 & O
Reel	107	114	121	128	135	142	149	163
Light Jig	108	115	122	129	136	143	150	164
Single Jig	109	116	123	130	137	144	151	165
Slip Jig	110	117	124	131	138	145	152	166
Treble Jig		118	125	132	139	146	153	167
Hornpipe		119	126	133	140	147	154	168
Trad Set		120	127	134	141	148	155	169

Adv. Beginner	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	12 & O
Reel	214	221	228	235	242	249	263
Light Jig	215	222	229	236	243	250	264
Single Jig	216	223	230	237	244	251	265
Slip Jig	217	224	231	238	245	252	266
Treble Jig	218	225	232	239	246	253	267
Hornpipe	219	226	233	240	247	254	268
Trad Set	220	227	234	241	248	255	269

Novice	U9	U10	U12	U14	14&O
Reel	328	335	349	363	377
Light Jig	329	336	350	364	378
Single Jig	330	337	351	365	379
Slip Jig	331	338	352	366	380
Treble Jig	332	339	353	367	381
Hornpipe	333	340	354	368	382
Trad Set	334	341	355	369	383

Prizewinner	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U16	16&O
Reel	428	435	442	449	456	463	477	491
Light Jig	429	436	443	450	457	464	478	492
Single Jig	430	437	444	451	458	465	479	493
Slip Jig	431	438	445	452	459	466	480	494
Treble Jig	432	439	446	453	460	467	481	495
Hornpipe	433	440	447	454	461	468	482	496
Trad Set	434	441	448	455	462	469	483	497

First Feis Reel Trophy	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U12	12&O
Girls		900	901	902	903	904	907
Boys						919	922



Reel Trophy	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	12&O
Beg/Adv Beg	931	932	933	934	935	936	937
Second chance Beg/ Adv Beg	941	942	943	944	945	946	947

Treble Jig Trophy	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	14&O
Nov/Prz	948	949	950	951	952	953	954
Second chance Nov/Prz	958	959	960	961	962	963	964

Championship

Preliminary	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U18	18&O
Prelim A	703	704	705	706	707	708	709	711	712
Prelim B	713	714	715	716	717	718	719	721	722

Open	U10	U12	U14	U16	U18	18&O
Open A	723	725	727	729	731	732
Open B	733	735	737	739	741	742

Trophy Specials

Treble Reel Trophy	U9	U10	U12	12&O
Beg/Adv Beg	999	1000	1001	1003

	U10	U11	U12	U14	14&O
Nov/Prz	1006	1007	1008	1010	1012

	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	16&O
Prelim/Open	1014	1015	1016	1017	1018	1019	1020

Slip Jig Trophy	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	12&O
Beg/Adv Beg	1099	1100	1101	1102	1103	1105

	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U15	15&O
Nov/Prz	1110	1111	1112	1113	1114	1116	1119

	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	16&O
Prelim/Open	1121	1122	1123	1124	1125	1126	1127	1129

Trophy Dance Eligibility & Requirements

- **Beg/Adv-Beginner Trophy**: Majority of a dancer' solo competitions (at least 4) must be must in the Beginner or Advanced Beginner Solo Category - 32 bars (two steps) Reel
- **Novice/Prizewinner Trophy** : 32 bars (two steps) Treble Jig with choice of speed
- **Slip Jig Special** : Dancers must dance in the same category as their Solo Slip Jig
- **Treble Reels** : 16 bars (one step down the line) Dancers must dance in the same category as their highest Hardshoe Solo

Teams/Figures

Beg-Prz Teams	U7	U9	U11	U13	U16	16&O
2 - Hand	800	805	810	815	820	826
3 - Hand	801	806	811	816	821	827
4 - Hand	802	807	812	817	822	828
6 - Hand	803	808	813	818	823	829
8 - Hand	804	809	814	819	824	830

Champ Teams	U7	U9	U11	U13	U16	16&O
2 - Hand	850	855	860	865	870	875
3 - Hand	851	856	861	866	871	876
4 - Hand	852	857	862	867	872	877
6 - Hand	853	858	863	868	873	878
8 - Hand	854	859	864	869	874	879

Other Teams	U13	13&O
Figure Choreography	890	891
Progressive	892	893

Adult Solos

Adult	Beg	Nov	Prz	Teams	Treble Reel
Reel	540	547	554	2 - Hand 780	1130
Light Jig	541	548	555	3 - Hand 781	
Single Jig	542	549	556	4 - Hand 782	
Slip Jig	543	550	557	6 - Hand 783	
Treble Jig	544	551	558	8 - Hand 784	
Hornpipe	545	552	559		
Trad Set	546	553	560		

Music

Music Competition	10&U	11-14	15&O
Fiddle	A	B	C
Voice	D	E	F
Any Instrument	G	H	I

All Ages

Duet/Group	J
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Thank you!

MATTIERIN SPRING FEIS IN THE WEST

**The Emerald Isle Dancers Association and
Mattierin Irish Dance look forward to seeing you
at our 19th annual feis this April!**

Please contact us with any questions you might have, we are happy to help.

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