

2017 Grades Exams at  
Chicago Pat Roche Feis  
Friday, October 6

Sponsored by the **Trinity Booster Club** in association with the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance

Grade Exams will take place on Friday, October 6, 2017 beginning at approximately 4:30 p.m. Each dancer will be contacted with their specific start time once Registration closes.

We will be limiting the offering to Grades 1 - 10.

Cost:

Grades 1 through 3 - \$25 per grade exam

Grades 4 through 6 - \$35 per grade exam

Grades 7 through 10 - \$45 per grade exam

**Examiner: Michael Fitzpatrick, TCRG, ADCRG, BG**

**GRADES AND REQUIRED DANCES**

(Ceili Dances are underlined and in Italics)



Grade	Dances/Speed
1	Easy Reel (122-124) and Light Jig (116)
2	Basic Slip Jig (124) and Basic Single Jig (124)
3	Primary Reel (116-118) and Basic Heavy Jig (96)
4	Primary Slip Jig (120) and St Patrick's Day (94)
5	Advanced Reel (Intermediate/Primary/Open) (113), Basic Hornpipe (144) and <u>Walls of Limerick</u>
6	Advanced Slip Jig (Intermediate/Primary/Open) (113), The Blackbird (144) and <u>Siege of Ennis</u>
7	Advanced Heavy Jig (73) Garden of Daisies (138) <u>Four Hand Reel</u>

8	Advanced Hornpipe (113) Job of Journeywork (138) <u>Humours of Bandon</u>
9	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time, and <u>The High Cauleed Cap</u>
10	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time <b>(different from those in Grade 9)</b> , and <u>The Eight Hand Jig</u>

**St Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork Garden of Daisies, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional manner.**

**40 bars of music must be danced to for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes.**

**Music Speeds as per CLRG Rules.**

**Dance costumes should not be worn.**

## Grade Examination Rules:

1. A dancer may only take 3 grades at any one exam.
2. A three month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
3. Grade exams must be examined by at least 4 examiners up to grade 10 plus two different full examiners for grades 11 and 12.
4. A choice of examiners by the teacher is allowed up to grade 6, using a minimum of 2 examiners through these grades.
5. The same examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of 3 years.
6. From grade 7-10 the examiner is appointed by the Udaras from the rotation list.
7. A dancer would be permitted to retake any grade for a better score upon submission of a specific written request to the Udars Scrudaithe, with the understanding that the second result would replace the earlier one and that the dancer would be required to pay the usual fee for the grade being taken.
8. All 12 Grade exams must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG examination effective from January 1st 2018.
9. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades.  
**Please bring to the exam.**

10. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per “Ár Rincí Foirne” as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12 inclusive. **The candidates must not be asked to teach these dances.**

### **General Information:**

Please note that the exams are designed to build on each other and are not based on competition level; therefore, dancers should perform basic steps in grades 1, 2 and 3 regardless of competition status. (For example, even though a dancer may be an Open Champion, at Grade 1 they should perform their school's beginner reel instead of their typical competition steps.)

Grade exams are separate from competitions and do not count towards moving up competitively at a subsequent feis.

PLEASE NOTE: kindly ask your teacher before registering to ensure you are eligible to take our grade exams, especially if you have taken grade exams in the past.

There is a strictly enforced policy that No Refunds will be provided for any reason.

Spectators are not allowed to observe Grade Examinations, only the Examiner, Examinees and assistants from the sponsoring organization are permitted into Exams.

What to Wear:

Shirt without name or School identifying information, dark colored bottoms (shorts or skirt) and tights or socks. Wigs and Solo or School Costumes are not permitted.

For more information and a complete list of the official rules, click here:

<https://www.clrg.ie/images/downloads/exams/Grade%20Syllabus%202015.Pdf>

Registration payments are accepted via credit card on [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com).