



RIVER CITY GRADE EXAMS

September 20, 2019
TCU Place
Saskatoon Saskatchewan



We are excited to announce that we will be offering Grade Examinations for Grades 1-10 at the upcoming River City Feis. The grades will be on September 20, 2019 at TCU Place in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The Grades will start at 12:00 pm, a more detailed schedule will be posted closer to the date. For information on our hotel block please see the River City Feis Syllabus.

Grade Examinations Scheme:

The purpose of the Grade Examinations Scheme 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". **Dancers must bring ALL previous diplomas to their exams or they will not be allowed to proceed to higher grades.**

All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st, 2018.

Payment for Grade Exams ONLY (*please see feis syllabus for feis payment instructions*):

Electronic Email Transfer

Please email the payment to katherine.s.bleakney@gmail.com. Please make your password "saskatoon". **You must include your dancer(s) name AND their dancer ID in the message box.**

Cheque

Please complete your grades entries on Feisworx prior to sending money. You must send a hard copy of your registration along with your payment. Cheques can be made out to "RCSID" and sent to:

RCSID c/o: Katie Bleakney
21A-129 5th Avenue N
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
S7K 2N8

Grade	Requirements	Price
1	Easy Reel 122-124 Light Jig 116	\$24
2	Easy Slip Jig 124 Easy Single Jig 124	\$24
3	Primary Reel 116-118 Basic Heavy Jig 96	\$24
4	Primary Slip Jig 120 St. Patrick's Day 94	\$34
5	Advanced Reel 113 Basic Hornpipe 144 <i>Walls of Limerick</i>	\$34
6	Advanced Slip Jig 113 The Blackbird 144 <i>Siege of Ennis</i>	\$34
7	Advanced Heavy Jig 73 Garden of Daisies 138 <i>Four Hand Reel</i>	\$44
8	Advanced Hornpipe Job of Journeywork <i>Humours of Bandon</i>	\$44
9	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time <i>High Cauld Cap</i>	\$44
10	Two modern set dances (different from those in grade 9) One in 6/8 and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time <i>Eight Hand Jig</i>	\$44

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. This also applies where a regional authority or group of classes hold the examinations. eg. Applications for 2018: Examiners may not have examined in years: 2017, 2016, or 2015.
6. From grade 7-10 the examiner is appointed by the Udarás 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 Udarás Scrúdaithe, 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. Scrúdú Béil (Oral Irish Exam) for grades 1-4 in Ireland.
10. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to exam.
11. Applications must be submitted to An tUdarás Scrúdaithe for all grade examinations at least 8 weeks prior to the examination date.
12. All results and expense sheets must be returned by the examiner to the Chairperson of An tUdarás Scrúdaithe within three weeks of the examination; in addition, the results only are to be sent by the examiner to the teacher/organizer within three weeks of the examinations. Fees* in other currencies.

Grade Examination Regulations:

1. Only Basic Steps may be danced in the Preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2 & 3.
2. The number of bars of music to be danced to for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes is 40.
3. 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.
4. The same set dance must not be performed in more than one of the Grades from 9 to 12 inclusive.
5. A dancer must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 - the Preliminary grade is optional. However, a candidate may only attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one sitting.
6. 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.
7. Dance costumes should not be worn.
8. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to the exam.
9. Grade 11 may only be attempted by candidates at least 16 years of age.
10. Grade 12 may only be attempted by candidates at least 17 years of age.
11. A special application form and certificate/diploma will apply for Grades 11 and 12.
12. All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st, 2018.