

SYLLABUS

BLAKEY O'BRIEN IRISH DANCE CALGARY & TDL IRISH DANCE SOCIETY PRESENT:



**WESTERN
CANADIAN
WINTER
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*A premiere Irish Dancing competition
at the foot of the Canadian Rockies*

**JANUARY 27th & 28th 2018
HYATT REGENCY CALGARY**

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TDL (TOBHAIR DO LAMH) IRISH DANCE SOCIETY AND
BLAKEY O'BRIEN IRISH DANCE CALGARY**

The Western Canadian Winter Championships is registered with:

*The North American Feis Commission
An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha
North American Irish Dance Teachers Association
Western Canada Irish Dance Teachers Association*

Dear Teachers, Dancers, Families & Friends:

Céad Mile Fáilte

(one hundred thousand welcomes!)

On behalf of the Tobhair Do Lamh (TDL) Irish Dance Society and Blakey O'Brien Irish Dance, Calgary, we would like to invite you to attend the Western Canadian Winter Championships 2018. Our venue will once again be the beautiful Hyatt Regency in downtown Calgary.

We are offering double Novice/PW treble jig trophy competitions, two sets of Prelim/Open Championships (regular and blackout). Some age groups and categories will dance over both days. A schedule will be announced in the fall.

For queries related to the Western Canadian Winter Championships, please contact us:

E-mail: calgaryfeis@gmail.com

Web updates: www.blakeyschool.com/feis

Facebook: www.facebook.com/blakeyirishdance

Insta & Twitter: [@irishdanceyc](https://www.instagram.com/irishdanceyc)

Entries and Payment

Please note: These entry fee rates are guaranteed only until [November 15, 2017](#). If the regional syllabus changes at the annual W.C.I.D.T.A. Teachers' Meeting in November, fees will be adjusted on Feisworx accordingly.

All entries will be accepted on www.feisworx.com until noon **January 12, 2018**. Entries after this date will be subject to a \$20 late fee. Payment for entries must be received prior to the feis in order for dancers to compete. A combined fee of \$45 will be charged to all entries. This includes fees for admission and printing of one copy of dancer results as well as the e-program.

Your entry on Feisworx is your commitment to pay the fees and you will be invoiced if the entry is in the system on January 12, 2018. If you decide not to attend the feis, please withdraw your entry prior to the cut-off date. Any unpaid entries will have their cards held back at the feis and will not be permitted to dance until payment is received. There will be no refunds for no-shows or late withdrawals. The family max (excluding specials) is \$150.

Entry fees may be e-mailed to:

calgaryfeis@gmail.com

Please use the following as your security question and answer when you set up your e-transfer:

Question: What city is the feis in?

Answer: Calgary

Cheques should be made payable to the **TDL Irish Dance Society** and mailed to:

TDL Irish Dance Society

c/o The Studio Space

504 - 42 Ave SE

Calgary, AB, T2G 1Y6

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Combinations/Splits

Competitions may be combined or cancelled at the discretion of the Feis Committee to ensure that whenever possible, there will be a minimum of five competitors in each category; this will qualify winners in Beginner to Novice categories to move up to the next category. Solo competitions will also be split at the discretion of the Feis Committee; specials will be split or re-organized as necessary. Details on all splits, combinations, or cancellations will be provided in the final schedule to be released in January after registration closes.

Admission, Programs and Results

Admission, e-program and results are included in a set fee of \$45 per dancer. Adult dancers are also subject to this fee. Multiple dancers from the same immediate family will pay a single fee for the family. Teacher's families are exempt from this fee. E-programs will be provided to all teachers to forward to registered dancers, and will be available on Feisworx prior to the Feis.

Advertising

Advertising space is available in our online and e-program: for \$100 for a full page; \$50 for a half page; or \$25 for a business card size.

E-mail ads to calgaryfeis@gmail.com and include payment with your entries by either method as noted above for entries.

NEW: Screen Advertising will be available at the event. Your logo will be displayed prominently for the duration of the feis on TV screens for \$100.

Vendors

Tables are available for rent for \$100 for the first table and \$60 for additional tables. Please book your space by emailing calgaryfeis@gmail.com.

Venue and Accommodations

Hyatt Regency Calgary
700 Centre Street SE, Calgary, AB

Booking Website:
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/wcwc2018>

Tel: (403) 717-1234 Fax: (403) 537-4444



Cut -Off Date

Rooms booked prior to January 10, 2018 will receive the special feis rate of \$139 [plus applicable taxes]. This discounted rate includes complimentary Internet access and up to four adults at no additional charge. Rooms booked after this date may be based on the availability at the hotel's remaining rates.

Parking

Discounted self-parking is available for \$15 per vehicle per day for all registered attendees of our event, subject to availability.

Western Canadian Winter Championships 2018 Syllabus Details

Championships: If registered in both "A" and "B" cost for both would be \$95

**"A" Competitions (Regular championships – included in family max)
(solo costumes permitted) \$50**

Required dances for "A"

Hard shoe (40 bars Hornpipe or 48 bars Heavy Jig), Soft Shoe (48 bars Reel or 40 bars Slip Jig) plus a Set Dance (Traditional for U9 dancers, Non-Traditional for all other competitors)

"B" Competitions (Blackout championships – excluded from family max) \$45

(Black outfits only, wigs and tiaras are optional)

Required dances for "B"

Prelim – same required dances as per above, winners are eligible for advancement

Open – first two rounds as per above, then choice of Traditional Set for round 3, danced in groups.

Preliminary	U9	U10	U12	U14	U15	U16	U18	18&O
	702A 702B	703A 703B	705A 705B	707A 707B	708A 708B	709A 709B	711A 711B	712A 712B
Open		U10	U12	U14		U16	U18	18&O
		723A 723B	725A 725B	727A 727B		729A 729B	731A 731B	732A 732B

Champion of Champions Dance Off: (no fee)

First place winners for all championship competitions over both days are eligible. Competitors will perform 16 bars of treble jig or hornpipe, and 16 bars of reel or slip jig, one at a time. Dancers MUST wear a black t-shirt, black skirt or skort or black dress and black tights or poodle socks (ladies) or black t-shirt, and black trousers (gents).

No logos or markings allowed. Wigs and tiaras are optional. A Preliminary Championship and an Open Championship trophy will be awarded.

Championship Trophy Specials: [\$15 per special; excluded from family max]

Champ Trophy Special	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	U17	17&O
Champ Treble Reel Special	ts-1031	ts-1032	ts-1033	ts-1034	ts-1035	ts-1036	ts-1037	ts-1038
Champ Slip Jig Special	ts-1131	ts-1132	ts-1133	ts-1134	ts-1135	ts-1136	ts-1137	ts-1138

Beginner – Prizewinner Trophy Competitions: [\$15 per special; included in family max]

Girls First Feis Trophy	U7	U8		U10		U12	12 & O				
Reel 32 bars	0901	0902		0904		0906	0907				
Boys First Feis Trophy				U10	10&O						
Reel 32 bars				0917	0918						
Beginner / Adv Beginner	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12		U14	14&O		
Reel 32 bars	t-931	t-932	t-933	t-934	t-935	t-936		t-938	t-939		
Novice / PW Trophy		U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	16&O
Treble Jig 32 Bars Trad or slow speed		t-947A t-947B	t-948A t-948B	t-949A t-949B	t-950A t-950B	t-951A t-951B	t-952A t-952B	t-953A t-953B	t-954A t-954B	t-955A t-955B	t-956A t-956B



Beginner - Prizewinner Trophy Specials: [\$15 per special; excluded from family max]

Beg/Adv Beg Specials			U10		U12		U14	14&O		
Treble Reel Special			t-1010		t-1012		t-1014	t-1015		
Novice/PW Specials			U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	16&O
Treble Reel Special			t-1020	t-1021	t-1022	t-1023	t-1024	t-1025	t-1026	t-1027
Beg/Adv Beg Specials	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	14&O		
Slip Jig Special	t-1108	t-1109	t-1110	t-1111	t-1112	t-1113	t-1114	t-1115		
Novice/Prizewinner	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U15	U16	16&O
Slip Jig Special	t-1118	t-1119	t-1120	t-1121	t-1122	t-1123	t-1124	t-1125	t-1126	t-1127



Figure Dancing [\$5 per dancer per team; \$2 per dancer for choreography]
UPDATED - NOVEMBER 2017.

The categories for our regional syllabus have changed at our recent teachers convention.

There are two new team categories: Beginner to Prizewinner, and Championship.

In the Beginner to PW (or "Grades") teams, ALL dancers in the team must be in the Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice and Prizewinner categories in their solos.

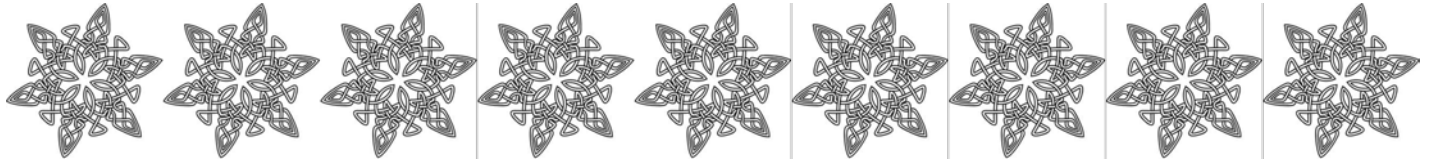
Teams with at least one Preliminary or Open dancer must enter in the Championship level teams.

Beginner to Prizewinner (Grades) dancers may compete again in the Championship teams along with Prelim and Open team members. If there is one Championship dancer in the team it must be danced in the higher level.

Currently there are no limitations except that each dancer can only dance once in each competition. However a PW dancer may, for example, dance an U13 4 hand with other PW dancers, and dance again in the Championship teams Level with one or more Championship dancers added to the team.

Beginner - PW (Grades Teams)	U7	U9	U11	U13	U16	16&O
2 Hand reel	f-800	f-805	f-810	f-815	f-820	f-825
3 Hand reel	f-801	f-806	f-811	f-816	f-821	f-826
4 Hand Reel	f-802	f-807	f-812	f-817	f-822	f-827
6 Hand Reel	f-803	f-808	f-813	f-818	f-823	f-828
8 Hand Reel	f-804	f-809	f-814	f-819	f-824	f-829
Championship Teams (min 1 champ dancer)	U7	U9	U11	U13	U16	16&O
2 Hand Reel	f-850	f-855	f-860	f-865	f-870	f-875
3 Hand Reel	f-851	f-856	f-861	f-866	f-871	f-876
4 Hand Reel	f-852	f-857	f-862	f-867	f-872	f-877
6 Hand Reel	f-853	f-858	f-863	f-868	f-873	f-878
8 Hand Reel	f-854	f-859	f-864	f-869	f-874	f-879

Additional teams (all levels)				U13	13&O	
Figure Choreography				f-890	f-891	
Progressive Dance				f-892	f-893	

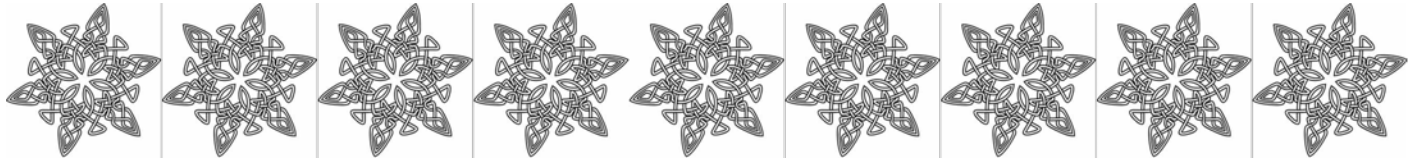


Adult Competitions [\$6 per solo entry; \$5 per dancer for Figures; \$15 Treble Reel or Slip Jig Special]

Adult Solos	Beg	Novice	PW	All levels
Reel	a-740	a-747	a-754	
Light Jig	a-741	a-748	a-755	
Single Jig	a-742	a-749	a-756	
Slip Jig	a-743	a-750	a-757	
Treble Jig	a-744	a-751	a-758	
Hornpipe	a-745	a-752	a-759	
Traditional Set	a-746	a-753	a-760	
Slip Jig Special (All Levels)				a-770
Treble Reel Special (All Levels)				a-771
Adult Figures	2-hand	3-hand	4-hand	6-hand
	a-861	a-862	a-863	a-864

Beginner to Prizewinner Solo Competitions

First Feis		U8		U10		U12	12&O		
Reel		007		011		015	017		
Light Jig		008		012		016	018		
Beginner	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	13&O	
Reel	114	121	128	135	142	149	156	163	
Light Jig	115	122	129	136	143	150	157	164	
Single Jig	116	123	130	137	144	151	158	165	
Slip Jig	117	124	131	138	145	152	159	166	
Treble Jig	118	125	132	139	146	153	160	167	
Hornpipe	119	126	133	140	147	154	161	168	
Traditional Set	120	127	134	141	148	155	162	169	
Adv. Beginner		U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	13&O	
Reel		221	228	235	242	249	256	263	
Light Jig		222	229	236	243	250	257	264	
Single Jig		223	230	237	244	251	258	265	
Slip Jig		224	231	238	245	252	259	266	
Treble Jig		225	232	239	246	253	260	267	
Hornpipe		226	233	240	247	254	261	268	
Traditional Set		227	234	241	248	255	262	269	
Novice		U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	14&O
Reel		321	328	335	342	349	356	363	377
Light Jig		322	329	336	343	350	357	364	378
Single Jig		323	330	337	344	351	358	365	379
Slip Jig		324	331	338	345	352	359	366	380
Treble Jig		325	332	339	346	353	360	367	381
Hornpipe		326	333	340	347	354	361	368	382
Traditional Set		327	334	341	348	355	362	369	383
Prizewinner			U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	14&O
Reel			428	435	442	449	456	463	477
Light Jig			429	436	443	450	457	464	478
Single Jig			430	437	444	451	458	465	479
Slip Jig			431	438	445	452	459	466	480
Treble Jig			432	439	446	453	460	467	481
Hornpipe			433	440	447	454	461	468	482
Traditional Set			434	441	448	455	462	469	483



WESTERN CANADIAN WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 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 CLRG may compete.
2. Competitor's age will be determined as of January 1st of the current year.
3. Entry forms are to be checked and signed by the registered teacher.
4. Entry Fees:

Family Max \$150.00

Solo Competitions – prices guaranteed until November 15th - may be subject to change

\$ 6.00 per dance per competitor

\$15.00 per competitor Beginner/Adv. Beginner Trophy

\$15.00 per competitor Novice/Prizewinner Trophy

Figure dancing \$ 5.00 per competitor/team

Regular "A" Championships \$ 50.00 per competitor (included in family max calculation)

Blackout "B" Championships \$45.00 per competitor (excluded from family max)

Specials (NOT included in the family max)

Slip Jig Special \$15.00 per competitor

Treble Reel Special \$15.00 per competitor

(Pre-registration for Specials is available on Feisworx or you can enter and pay on the day.)

5. Music shall be in accordance with regulation metronome speeds.

6. **Categories:**

First Feis - A dancer who has never previously competed in a registered feis.

Beginner - A dancer who has not qualified for Adv. Beginner in that particular 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. or 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 their solo levels.

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 the First Feis may repeat the Reel and Light Jig in Beginner.

7. In Figure Dancing, only 50% of a team may be moved to higher age group to complete a Figure unless special permission has been granted by the Feis Committee prior to the Feis. All Ceili dances must be performed in accordance with the official handbook. **Please see the new team categories for details about dancer's solo levels and how to enter teams.**
8. 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.
9. All Competitors must be in the hall 60 minutes before their competition is scheduled.
10. All dancers must be in complete dance costume, including shoes, to receive any award.
11. Under no circumstances are the adjudicators or the musicians to be approached during the feis. The decision of the adjudicator is final.
12. 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 Coimisiun guidelines.
13. The TDL Irish Dance Society, Western Canadian Winter Championships, Blakey O'Brien Irish Dance, the W.C.I.D.T.A.,

Hyatt Regency Calgary and the City of Calgary or any organization affiliated with same will not be held responsible for any personal injury, property loss or damage during the event.

14. 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.
 15. All feis committees must award a minimum of 30% of competitors in Preliminary and Open Championships.
 16. Competitors may only compete in Trophy or Championship competition, but not both. Treble Reel trophy and "Specials" do not apply.
 17. Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means, eg, mobile phone, standard camera, video camcorder, commercial film, with or without enhancement, is expressly forbidden in competition. **Photography is permitted on a limited basis during First Feis and Beginner categories ONLY. No video equipment will be allowed in the hall. This is a Commission rule.**
 18. 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.
 19. 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.
20. Dancers shall advance in each individual solo dances as follows:

Numbers of dancers who danced **Placings that move dancer(s) to the next level:**

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

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

