



Grade Examinations at the 2026 Brady Academy Spring Feis

The Brady Academy is excited to announce that we will be offering Grade Examinations for **Grades 1 to 10** at the upcoming 2026 Brady Academy Spring Feis. The Grades will take place Friday, May 15th, 2026 at DoubleTree by Hilton West Edmonton (same location as the 2026 Spring Feis). The standards for completing the TCRG exam have changed and successful completion of Grades 1-12, are a pre-requisite for attempting the TCRG exam. Upon successful completion of the Grades each dancer will receive a passing certificate.

Any previously awarded certificates need to be brought to the exam. The Grades will begin in the morning. The feis room block has been extended to include the Thursday evening for those coming for the grades and needing accommodation. Please see below for all necessary information regarding the process of obtaining your grade certificates.

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 (up to Grade 10 will be offered at the 2026 Brady Academy Spring Feis) 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".

All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st, 2019.

All candidates must produce previous reports & certificates before proceeding to higher grades. PLEASE BRING TO EXAM!!

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 Foirne" 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 & 12
12. All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st 2019

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.
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 7-12 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 2019.

9. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades.
Please bring to exam.

*** Please note:**

St Patricks Day, The Blackbird, Garden of Daisies, Job of Journeywork, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains & Jockey to the Fair must be danced in a traditional manner

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

Price and Required Dances

Grades	Required Dances	Price
Prelim	Easy Reel or Easy Light Double Jig	\$28
1	Basic Reel & Light Double Jig	\$28
2	Basic Slip Jig & Single Jig	\$28
3	Primary Reel & Basic Heavy Jig	\$28
4	Primary Slip Jig & St Patrick's Day	\$40
5	Advanced Reel, Basic Hornpipe & Walls of Limerick	\$40
6	Advanced Slip Jig, The Blackbird & Siege of Ennis	\$40
7	Advanced Heavy Jig 73 Garden of Daisies 138 Four Hand Reel	\$50
8	Advanced Hornpipe 113 Job of Journeywork 138 Humors of Bandon	\$50
9	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time and the High Cauled Cap	\$50
10	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time <u>(different from those in grade 9)</u> and the eight hand jig	\$50

Grades Entry Payment by Electronic Email Transfer

This year payment for entries is being accepted by electronic email transfer. If you elect to use this option, please email the registration payment to BAOID@hotmail.com.



For security purposes, please request a password and use 'BRADYFEIS'. **Also, please include your dancer(s) name AND their dancer ID in the message box.**

Grades Entry Payment by regular snail mail

Once you've completed your grades entries on Feisworx, please send Payment (unless you are paying via eTransfer) (**payable to NAIDAA**) to:

Brady Academy Spring Feis'
4709 164 Ave NW
Edmonton, AB
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Registration closes **Thursday, April 30th, 2026**, late fee of \$ 30.00 will be charged after **May 1st, 2026**.