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Michael Patrick Gallagher School of Irish Dance, WY  
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# THE COWBOY STATE



# BLACKOUT FEIS

*Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026*

*At St Anthony Tri-Parish School*

*1145 W 20th Street - Casper, WY 82604*

*Feis Hotel - Ramkota Casper*

*800 N Poplar Street – Casper, WY 82601*

*Reservations/Direct Phone (307) 266-6000 – Rate: \$109 per night  
(mention “Irish Dance” and book by May 22<sup>nd</sup> for Feis rate, includes breakfast)*

*Member of An Coimisiun, Dublin, Ireland*

*Register online @ [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com) Entry Deadline: Fri, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026*

*Check-in: Friday 4:30 ~ Competitions begin at 5:00*

*\*\*\*All competitors are encouraged, but not required, to dance in blackout. \*\*\**

**Friday Night Cap – 100PC/OC, 100 Grades**

**Adjudicators:**

*Bernadette Dillon Gavin – NY Donna Means King - CA*

*Sondra Greene -CA*

*TBD*

*Jeannie Thornton - CA*

*JR Walker - FL*

**Musicians:**

*Carolyn Kehoe – MO*

*Mike Shaffer– OH*

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*Sponsored by the Irish Dance Association of Central WY  
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## Solo Competitions

Traditional Hardshoe is required for Beginners 1 and 2, per Western US Regional Standard Syllabus.  
First Feis is only open to dancers who have never competed at a feis.

<u>First Feis</u>	<u>U7</u>		<u>U9</u>		<u>U11</u>	<u>11&amp;O</u>
Reel	001		005		010	015
Light Jig	002		006		011	016

**Limited to dancers who have never competed before.**



<u>Beginner 1</u>	<u>U7</u>		<u>U9</u>		<u>U11</u>	<u>11 &amp; O</u>		
Reel	101		111		121	131		
Light Jig	102		112		122	132		
Slip Jig	103		113		123	133		
Single Jig	104		114		124	134		
Treble Jig	105		115		125	135		
Hornpipe	106		116		126	136		
St. Patrick's Day	107		117		127	137		

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<u>Beginner 2</u>	<u>U7</u>		<u>U9</u>		<u>U11</u>	<u>11 &amp; O</u>		
Reel	201		211		221	231		
Light Jig	202		212		222	232		
Slip Jig	203		213		223	233		
Single Jig	204		214		224	234		
Treble Jig	205		215		225	235		
Hornpipe	206		216		226	236		
St. Patrick's Day	207		217		227	237		

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<u>Novice</u>		<u>U9</u>		<u>U11</u>		<u>U13</u>	<u>13 &amp; O</u>	
Reel		311		321		341	351	
Light Jig		312		322		342	352	
Slip Jig		313		323		343	353	
Single Jig		314		324		344	354	
Treble Jig		315		325		345	355	
Hornpipe		316		326		346	356	
Traditional Set		317		327		347	357	

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<u>Prizewinner</u>		<u>U9</u>		<u>U11</u>		<u>U13</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>15 &amp; O</u>
Reel		411		421		441	461	471
Light Jig		412		422		442	462	472
Slip Jig		413		423		443	463	473
Single Jig		414		424		444	464	474
Treble Jig		415		425		445	465	475
Hornpipe		416		426		446	466	476
Traditional Set		417		427		447	467	477

**Open to dancers not in Championship.**

## CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

**All Championship Dancers will compete two at a time.**

**Preliminary Championships** will consist of 2 rounds:

48 bars Reel/40 bars Slip Jig, and 40 bars Hornpipe/48 bars Treble Jig.

**Open Championships** will consist of 3 rounds:

48 bars Reel/40 bars Slip Jig, and 40 bars Hornpipe/48 bars Treble Jig, and set dance.

All U9 Open Champion Dancers **MUST** dance Traditional Set.

**Adult Championships** will consist of 3 rounds:

48 bars Reel/40 bars Slip Jig, and 40 bars Hornpipe/48 bars Treble Jig, and traditional set.

**Advanced Adult Championships** will consist of 3 rounds:

48 bars Reel/40 bars Slip Jig, and 40 bars Hornpipe/48 bars Treble Jig, and set dance.

**Any competition with fewer than 5 competitors may be combined with next higher age group.**

### **Preliminary Champs**

<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>U16</u>	<u>16 &amp; O</u>
709	710	711	712	713	714	715	716	717

**Open to dancers who have not won 3 firsts overall in Preliminary Championships.**

<u>Open</u>	<u>Champs</u>							
<u>U9</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>U17</u>	<u>17 &amp; O</u>
719	720	721	722	723	724	725	727	728

**Open to Championship level dancers.**

Adult Championship (Three Rounds)	699
Advanced Adult Championship (Three Rounds)	799

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Beginner</u>	<u>Novice/PW</u>		
Reel	601	610		
Light Jig	602	611		
Slip Jig	603	612		
Single Jig	604	613		
Treble Jig	605	614		
Hornpipe	606	615		
St Patrick's Day	607			
Traditional Set		616		

<b><u>Paddy Ellis Blind Man's Blackout</u></b>	
Non-Champ Treble Reel – U13	906
Non-Champ Treble Reel – 13 & O	907
<b>Non Champ Dancers – 1 step DTL.</b>	
Champ Treble Reel – U13	908
Champ Treble Reel – 13 & O	909
<b>Championship Dancers – 1 step DTL.</b>	

<u>Music - Fiddle</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>U18</u>	<u>18&amp;O</u>
Beginner	970	972	975	978	979
Advanced	980	982	985	988	989

**Tune Selection - Jigs, Reels, Polkas, Marches, Hornpipes, Airs.**



**Note: NO videotaping or flash photography of dance competitions permitted.**

### ***Dancing Competition Rules***

1. Cowboy State Feis is registered with and will follow the rules of the Western US Regional Council and the Irish Dance Teachers' Association of North America.
2. Dancer's age is determined as of January 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. First Feis competitions are open only to dancers who have never competed at a feis. Dancer may only enter First Feis once even in the case of back-to-back Feisianna.
4. Competitions of four or fewer competitors may be combined; sixteen or more competitors may be split by age if there are a minimum of five dancers in each age group.
5. Competitors must be at the stage, prepared to dance, at least fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of their scheduled event.
6. Dancers who appear in competitions in which they are not entered and paid will not be eligible for placement or awards.
7. When awards are announced, competitors must be in costume, including dance shoes, to receive their awards. Only Championship and Specials will be announced and given in person. Results for Grades will be posted and available on Feisworx. There will be a designated area to pick up awards for Grades. Awards will not be mailed.
8. Championship competitions are awarded by the entire adjudicator panel; individual rounds will be awarded based on one, randomly selected, adjudicator's scores as in solo competitions.
9. Blackout Guidelines: Competitions will be danced in appropriate black shirts and black skirts with black spankies/tights for girls or black shorts/pants for boys. To meet CLRG considerations, "appropriate" is defined as not too short (mid-thigh length is appropriate), not too tight, no scooped necklines, no sleeveless or cap sleeve tops and no specific school identification by lettering, words or symbol.
10. Music Competition Guidelines: Beginner (played for one year or less) - plays two tunes of contrasting tempo. Advanced - plays three tunes of contrasting tempo from the selection of tunes. The Selection of Tunes are Jigs (Single Jig / Double Jigs / Slip Jigs), Reels, Polkas, Marches, Hornpipes and Airs. No amplified instruments allowed.
11. Definition of Adults & Advanced Adults:
  - a. Adults: Dancers who started after the age of 18, or who have been out of competitions for 5 years.
  - b. Advanced Adults: Anyone age 18 or older who has previously placed in the top 3 of a Prelim Championship or competed in Open Champ levels in the youth/& over levels regardless of when the competitor was active. An Advanced Adult dancer has opted to leave youth/& over categories and once the dancer begins competing in Advanced Adult, the dancer may not return to youth/& over categories. In 2025, Advanced Adults shall follow the rotation of dances for the Senior Ladies/Men age groups. For the recall round, set of choice will be performed
12. Beginner Figures are open only to dancers in beginner for at least one solo dance.
13. Open Figures are open to all grade levels.
14. The Michael Patrick Gallagher School of Irish Dance, the Irish Dance Association of Central Wyoming, the Feis Committee and anyone associated with the Committee in putting on the Feis, shall not be held responsible or liable for any personal injury, property loss or damage incurred before, during, or after the Feis, by any participants or by anyone attending the event. By entering the feis, the entrant and/or the entrant's parent or legal guardian agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the above-mentioned parties from any liabilities or personal injury as a result of the entrant's participation.

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<b>Preliminary Championships</b>	<b>\$40 (2rd)</b>	<b>Late Entry Fee (after 5/22/26)</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Open/Adult Championships</b>	<b>\$55 (3rd)</b>	<b>Feis Worx Service Fee</b>	<b>\$ 7.50</b>
<b>Solo Light Shoe Flat Fee</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Cowboy State Feis Specials</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Solo Hard Shoe Flat Fee</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Music Competitions</b>	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Family Admission Fee</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Day of Feis Changes</b>	<b>\$25</b>

**Family Max \$150 (excludes Special/Cultural/Senior Belt, Admission, Late, Service and Change fees)  
Online payment only – Entry/payment deadline 6/2/26. Entry fees are non-refundable.**