



4th Annual Finest City Feis

Labor Day Weekend

Sunday, September 6th, 2026

Proudly hosted by

Malone Academy of Irish Dance

Member of An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelacha, Dublin, Ireland

Also, join us for the **Hidden Valley Feis** on **September 5th, 2026**.

This is a standalone feis with competitions for all age groups & levels.

Dancers must register separately for the Hidden Valley Feis at feisworx.com.

Crowne Plaza San Diego
2270 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108

Hidden Valley Feis Rate: \$169

Reservations Link:

[Hidden Valley / Finest City 2026](#)

or call (866) 257-7930

Room reservations must be made by **August 14th, 2026**.

PARKING: Discounted overnight parking \$15.00 per car, per day.
Discounted event/day parking \$10.00

ADJUDICATORS

Michael Holland, OH
Kerry Kelly Oster, NY
Laura Masters- LeMesurier, CA
Tina Shelley, UT
Joseph Seletski, NJ
Sharon Whelan MacSweeney, CA

MUSICIANS

Chris McLoughlin, NJ
Mike Shaffer, OH

*The Finest City Feis is registered under & will follow the rules of the
Western United States Region of An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelacha, Dublin, Ireland.*

ENTRY PROCEDURES & FEES

Online entry only, please visit www.feisworx.com. Payments made online.

Entry fees are non-refundable.

Entries & payments are due August 21, 2026.

Entry fees must be received by the closing date to avoid late fees.

Entry Fees

Soft Shoe Solos	\$25 (covers all soft shoe solos)
Hard Shoe Solos	\$20 (covers all hard shoe solos)
Special/Trophy Competitions	\$15 (each)
Figures	\$15 (flat rate per dancer)
Championships - 2 Rounds	\$45
Championships - 3 Rounds	\$60
Family Registration fee	\$35 per Family
Late Entry fee	\$50 for entries after Aug 21, 2026

There is a \$175 maximum fee per family (including adult dancers),
excluding late fees, specials/trophy competitions, & family entry fee.

No day-of feis entries.

Please direct any questions to sandiegofeis@gmail.com

LEVEL ADVANCEMENT & DEFINITION

First Feis is not per dance. It is the first Feis ever for the dancer. Dancers may only enter First Feis once, even in case of back-to-back Feiseanna.

In B1, B2, and Novice the following will apply:

5 - 9 Dancers	1st place will advance to the next grade level
10+ Dancers	1st and 2nd place will advance to the next grade level

**Please note: Dancers may not stay in a level at teacher discretion. Dancers must advance based on the placement awarded.*

Prizewinner:

Advancement from Prizewinner to Preliminary Championship is at teacher's discretion.

Preliminary to Open Championship:

Must have 3 overall wins with 5 or more dancers, not at teacher discretion.
Upon winning their 3rd overall win in Preliminary Championships, a dancer must move immediately to Open, even in the case of back-to-back Feisanna.

Adult:

Dancers who started after the age of 18 or have not competed for 5 years.

Advanced Adults:

An Advanced Adult dancer is defined as 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.

SOLO COMPETITIONS

<u>BEGINNER 1</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>12&O</u>
Reel	122	136	150	164
Light Jig	123	137	151	165
Slip Jig	124	138	152	166
Single Jig	125	139	153	167
Treble Jig	126	140	154	168
Hornpipe	127	141	155	169
St. Patrick's Day	128	142	156	170

<u>BEGINNER 2</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>12&O</u>
Reel	222	236	250	264
Light Jig	223	237	251	265
Slip Jig	224	238	252	266
Single Jig	225	239	253	267
Treble Jig	226	240	254	268
Hornpipe	227	241	255	269
St. Patrick's Day	228	242	256	270

<u>NOVICE</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U16</u>	<u>16&O</u>
Reel	336	350	364	378	392
Light Jig	337	351	365	379	393
Slip Jig	338	352	366	380	394
Single Jig	339	353	367	381	395
Treble Jig	340	354	368	382	396
Hornpipe	341	355	369	383	397
Traditional Set	342	356	370	384	398

<u>PRIZEWINNER</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>U14</u>	<u>U16</u>	<u>16&O</u>
Reel	436	450	464	478	492
Light Jig	437	451	465	479	493
Slip Jig	438	452	466	480	494
Single Jig	439	453	467	481	495
Treble Jig	440	454	468	482	496
Hornpipe	441	455	469	483	497
Traditional Set	442	456	470	484	498

CHAMPIONSHIPS

All championships will be adjudicated by a panel of three. Each round of the Championship (Reel/Slip Jig, Jig/Hornpipe, Set Dance) will be judged by one adjudicator to give a solo competition result. At the end of the championship, there will be an overall championship result as well as results of individual solo rounds.

NOTE: Under 9 Prelim and Open Championship competitors MUST do a traditional set for their set round.

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS (2 Rounds)

Open to any dancer who has not placed 1st in three Preliminary Championships.

<u>Sunday</u>	<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>U17</u>	<u>17&O</u>
Competition #	700	701	702	703	704	705	706	707	708	709

Prelims Requirements (Sunday):

2 rounds: Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars) & Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars)

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (3 Rounds)

<u>Sunday</u>	<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>U17</u>	<u>17&O</u>
Competition #	750	751	752	753	754	755	756	757	758	759

Open Championship Requirements:

Open to dancers who have placed 1st in three Preliminary Championships thus advancing to Open Championship
 3 rounds: Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars), Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars), Set Dance
 U9 MUST perform Traditional Set Dance

ADULT SOLO COMPETITIONS

Adult dancers may compete in only one of the following adult competition categories:

- Adult Grade Competitions
- Adult Championship
- Advanced Adult Championship Special

<u>ADULT GRADES:</u>	<u>Beginner</u>	<u>Novice</u>	<u>Prizewinner</u>
Reel	611	631	651
Light Jig	612	632	652
Slip Jig	613	633	653
Single Jig	614	634	654
Treble Jig	615	635	655
Hornpipe	616	636	656
St. Patrick's Day	617	-	-
Traditional Set	-	637	657

ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP (3 Rounds) Competition #660

Adult Championships Requirements:

Open to adult category dancers of all ages

3 rounds: Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars), Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars), Traditional Set Dance

ADVANCE ADULT CHAMPIONSHIP (3 Rounds) Competition #661

Adult Championships Requirements:

Open to adult category dancers of all ages

3 rounds: Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars), Treble Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars), Choice of Set Dance

TEAM COMPETITIONS

<u>Beginner Figures</u>	<u>U8</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>12&O</u>
2-Hand	801	811	821	831
3-Hand	802	812	822	832
 <u>Open Figures</u>	 <u>U10</u>	 <u>U12</u>	 <u>U15</u>	 <u>15&O</u>
2-Hand	851	861	871	881
3-Hand	852	862	872	882
4-Hand*	853	863	873	883
6-Hand*	854	864	874	884
8-Hand*	855	865	875	885

Adult Figures

2-Hand	891
3-Hand	892
4-Hand*	893
6-Hand*	894
8-Hand*	895

**Book Dance required.*

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

TINY TOES SPECIAL - Competition # 900

For dancers aged 6 years or younger who have yet to compete at a feis.

Will be danced to a Reel (1 step - 16 bars). Every dancer will receive an award!

CHAMPIONSHIP BLIND TREBLE REEL SPECIAL

Open to all Preliminary and Open Championship dancers.

Dancers will perform one Treble Reel step (16 bars) "down the line." Judge's back will be to the competitors.

All Ages

Prelims Treble Reel	956
Opens Treble Reel	958

"Take Me Out To The Ballgame" SPECIAL

Dance 16 bars to the classic baseball tune, "Take Me Out To The Ball Game" (at 105 BPM)
Performance may be an Individual or a Group, and can be done in Hard or Soft shoes. Sports attire and props are acceptable and encouraged.

Note: Groups will enter the level associated with the most advanced dancer's feis level.

All Ages Grade

Level (Beginner thru Prizewinner)	920
Championship	950

DANCE COMPETITION RULES

1. All rules of the North American Feis Commission (www.northamericanfeiscommission.org) are included by reference.
2. First Feis competitions are open only to dancers who have never competed at a feis.
3. Competitions will be combined or added as the Committee sees fit based on the entries.
4. Competitors must be in the hall and prepared to dance one hour prior to the scheduled beginning of their event.
5. Dancers who appear in competitions in which they are not entered & paid will not be eligible for placement or awards.
6. When awards are announced from the stage, competitors must be in costume, including dance shoes, to receive their awards.
7. The Malone Academy of Irish Dance or Crowne Plaza San Diego will not be held responsible or liable for personal injury, property loss and/or damage. By entering this Feis, the entrant and/or the entrant's parent or legal guardian agrees to indemnify & hold harmless the Hidden Valley/Finest City Feis, The Feis Committee, Feis Volunteers, Vendors, Crowne Plaza San Diego, the Donna Means School of Irish Dance, the Malone Academy of Irish Dance for any liabilities or personal injury as a result of the entrant's participation.

We look forward to hosting you in America's Finest City!

The Hidden Valley & Finest City Feis Committee



SYLLABUS APPROVAL

FINEST CITY FEIS 2026

IS REGISTERED WITH THE
WESTERN U.S. REGIONAL COUNCIL

SYLLABUS APPROVED BY:

Annie Darlington

ADCRG - SERGEANT AT ARMS

JULY 14, 2026

DATE



LEVEL DEFINITIONS AND ADVANCEMENT RULES

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In **Beginner 1, Beginner 2 and Novice** the following advancement rules will apply:

- Competitions with 5 - 9 dancers: 1st place will advance to the next grade.
- Competitions with 10 or more dancers: 1st and 2nd places will advance to the next grade.
- Dancers may not stay in level at teacher discretion, with the exception of back-to-back feiseanna.

Prizewinner: Advancement from Prizewinner to Preliminary Championship is at teacher discretion.

Preliminary to Open Championship:

- Dancer must have 3 overall wins in competitions with 5 or more dancers. Advancement to Open is not at teacher discretion.
- Upon winning 3rd overall win in Preliminary Championships, a dancer must move immediately to Open, even in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna. This includes 2-round and 3-round Preliminary Championships.

Adults: Dancers who started after the age of 18, or who have been out of Youth/&over competition for 5 years.

Advanced Adults: Dancers age 18 or older who previously placed in the top 3 of a Preliminary Championship or competed at the Open Championship level in the youth/&over levels, regardless of when the competitor was last active.

- Advanced Adults do not need to be out of competition for 5 years before moving from the youth/&over categories to Advanced Adults.
- Dancers who have already been competing in the regular Adult categories do not need to move to Advanced Adults, regardless of their level or placements achieved when competing in youth/&over.
- 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.

Beginner Figures: Open only to dancers in beginner for at least one solo dance.

Open Figures: Open to all grade levels.