



44th Annual Hidden Valley Feis

Labor Day Weekend

Saturday, September 5th, 2026

Proudly hosted by

Malone Academy of Irish Dance

Member of An Coimisiun Le Rince Gaelacha, Dublin, Ireland

Also, join us for the **Finest City Feis** on **September 6th, 2026**.

This is a standalone feis with competitions for all age groups & levels.
Dancers must register separately for the Finest City 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 Hidden Valley 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)
Gladys Means Special	\$20
Championships - 3 Rounds	\$60
Family Registration fee	\$35 per Family
Late Entry fee	\$50 for entries after Aug 21, 2026
Art Competition	\$5

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.

Adults:

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>FIRST FEIS</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>11&O</u>
Reel	001	005	009	013
Light Jig	002	006	010	014
Slip Jig	003	007	011	015
Single Jig	004	008	012	016
<u>BEGINNER 1</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>11&O</u>
Reel	115	129	143	157
Light Jig	116	130	144	158
Slip Jig	117	131	145	159
Single Jig	118	132	146	160
Treble Jig	119	133	147	161
Hornpipe	120	134	148	162
St. Patrick's Day	121	135	149	163
<u>BEGINNER 2</u>	<u>U7</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>11&O</u>
Reel	215	229	243	257
Light Jig	216	230	244	258
Slip Jig	217	231	245	259
Single Jig	218	232	246	260
Treble Jig	219	233	247	261
Hornpipe	220	234	248	262
St. Patrick's Day	221	235	249	263

<u>NOVICE</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>15&O</u>
Reel	329	343	357	371	385
Light Jig	330	344	358	372	386
Slip Jig	331	345	359	373	387
Single Jig	332	346	360	374	388
Treble Jig	333	347	361	375	389
Hornpipe	334	348	362	376	390
Traditional Set	335	349	363	377	391

<u>PRIZEWINNER</u>	<u>U9</u>	<u>U11</u>	<u>U13</u>	<u>U15</u>	<u>15&O</u>
Reel	429	443	457	471	485
Light Jig	430	444	458	472	486
Slip Jig	431	445	459	473	487
Single Jig	432	446	460	474	488
Treble Jig	433	447	461	475	489
Hornpipe	434	448	462	476	490
Traditional Set	435	449	463	477	491

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 (3 Rounds)

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

<u>Saturday</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 (Saturday):

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

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (3 Rounds)

<u>Saturday</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

Opens Championships 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 participate in **ONE** of three categories offered:

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

<u>ADULT GRADES:</u>	<u>Beginner</u>	<u>Novice</u>	<u>Prizewinner</u>
Reel	601	621	641
Light Jig	602	622	642
Slip Jig	603	623	643
Single Jig	604	624	644
Treble Jig	605	625	645
Hornpipe	606	626	646
St. Patrick's Day	607	-	-
Traditional Set	-	627	647

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

SPECIAL COMPETITIONS

REEL SPECIAL – Beginner 1 & 2

One reel step (16 bars) “down the line”. Please note, the Reel Special is open to those dancers entered at the Beginner 1 or Beginner II level in the feis.

	<u>U8</u>	<u>U10</u>	<u>10&O</u>
B1/B2 - Reel: (16 bars)	902	904	906

REEL SPECIAL - Novice/Prizewinner

One reel step (16 bars) “down the line”. Please note, Novice/Prizewinner Reel Special is open to all dancers entered in the Reel at the Novice or Prizewinner level in the feis.

	<u>U10</u>	<u>U12</u>	<u>12&O</u>
Nov/PW - Reel: (16 bars)	908	910	912

CHAMPIONSHIP TRAD SET SPECIAL (Saturday)

Open to all Preliminary and Open Championship dancers. Requirements:
Choice of CLRG approved Traditional Set Dance

	<u>U12</u>	<u>12&O</u>
Prelim/Open combined	952	954

GLADYS MEANS SPECIAL

Open to all Preliminary and Open Championship dancers.
Requirements: One step of Reel (16 bars) AND one step of Hornpipe (16 bars).

	<u>All Ages</u>
Preliminary	998
Open	999

ART COMPETITION (Saturday) – Competition # 900

Feis Memory! Share a favorite “Feis Moment” using any art medium to depict your moment.
Examples: trying on new shoes, dancing on stage, swimming in the pool, etc.
Winner will be chosen at the end of day on Saturday.

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

HIDDEN VALLEY 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

First Feis is not per dance. It is the first Feis ever for the dancer. Dancers may only enter First Feis once, regardless of how many dances they are competing, even in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna.

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.