

Pat Roche Feis

Grade Exams

Friday, October 8, 2021

Donald Stephens Convention Center

5555 North River Road

Rosemont, Illinois

Sponsored by the **Trinity Booster Club** in association with the *Trinity Academy of Irish Dance*

Grade Exams will take place on Friday, October 8, 2021, beginning at approximately 4:30 pm.

Grades 1 – 10 will be offered. There will be a maximum of 50 Grade Exams.

Cost:

Grades 1 through 3 - \$30 per grade exam

Grades 4 through 6 - \$40 per grade exam

Grades 7 through 10 - \$55 per grade exam

Examiner: Joan Cass, TCRG, ADCRG, BG

Registration for Grades 1 – 10 will be through Feisworx at www.feisworx.com.

Registration for these grades will be accepted until September 23rd or until the maximum of 50 Grades have been registered for.

GRADES AND REQUIRED DANCES

(Ceili Dances are underlined and in Italics)

Grade	Dances
1	Basic Reel and Light Jig
2	Basic Slip Jig and Basic Single Jig
3	Primary Reel and Basic Heavy Jig
4	Primary Slip Jig and St Patrick's Day
5	Advanced Reel, Basic Hornpipe and the <i>Walls of Limerick</i>
6	Advanced Slip Jig, The Blackbird and the <i>Siege of Ennis</i>
7	Advanced Heavy Jig, Garden of Daisies, and the <i>Four Hand Reel</i>
8	Advanced Hornpipe, Job of Journeywork, and the <i>Humours of Bandon</i>
9	Two Modern Set Dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time and the <i>High Cauled Cap</i>
10	Two Modern Set Dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (different from those in Grade 9) and the <i>Eight Hand Jig</i>

St Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork Garden of Daisies, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional manner.

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

Grade Examination Rules:

1. A dancer may only take 3 grades at any one exam.
 - a. ****CLRG has made the following Concession until December 30, 2021: Dancers may sit grades 1-6 at one sitting and one grade examiner would be permitted to grade all six exams at that sitting.**
 - b. Dancers will only be able to register for a maximum of 3 exams on the Feisworx registration site. Dancers wishing to register for Grades 4-6 in addition to Grades 1-3 should reach out to patroche.gradeexams@gmail.com to accomplish the manual registration exceeding the 3 exam limit.
2. Only Basic Steps may be danced in the Preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2 & 3.
3. Dance costumes should not be worn.
4. 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.
5. A three month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
 - a. ****CLRG has waived the requirement for the three month wait period between exams through December 31, 2021.**
6. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. **Please bring to the exam.**
7. 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.
8. Grade exams must be examined by at least 4 examiners up to grade 10 plus two different full examiners for grades 11 and 12.

10. 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.

11. All 12 Grade exams must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG examination effective from January 1st 2018.

General Information:

Please note that the exams are designed to build on each other and are not based on competition level; therefore, dancers should perform basic steps in grades 1, 2 and 3 regardless of competition status. (For example, even though a dancer may be an Open Champion, at Grade 1 they should perform their school's beginner reel instead of their typical competition steps.)

Grade exams are separate from competitions and do not count towards moving up competitively at a subsequent feis.

PLEASE NOTE: kindly ask your teacher before registering to ensure you are eligible to take our grade exams, especially if you have taken grade exams in the past.

Spectators are not allowed to observe Grade Examinations, only the Examiner, Examinees and assistants from the sponsoring organization are permitted into Exams.

What to Wear:

Shirt without name or School identifying information, dark colored bottoms (shorts or skirt) and tights or socks. Wigs and Solo or School Costumes are not permitted.

For more information and a complete list of the official rules, click here:
<https://www.clrg.ie/images/downloads/exams/Grade%20Syllabus%202015.Pdf>

Registration payments for Grades 1 – 10 are accepted via credit card on
www.feisworx.com.

Questions regarding Grade Exams can be sent to:
PatRoche.GradeExams@gmail.com

