

CLRG Grade Examinations

Hosted by

Rose Courtney Academy of Irish Dance

Friday, September 11, 2026

Springs Dance East, 5490 Powers Center Point #116, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Offered Exams:

Grade Exams 1-10

Examiner:

Michael Smith, ADCRG, BG | Connecticut, USA

Register at www.feisworx.com

Entry deadline Friday, August 28, 2026

Late entries accepted through Friday, September 4th for a \$25 fee.

Please make any checks payable to "RCAID LLC."

[Official CLRG Grade Examinations Syllabus](#)

Grade Exams are hosted the day before the Rose Courtney Colorado Feis and Gold Rush Feis weekend. The Grade Exam venue is 1 mile from the feis venue.

General Information:

Grade exams are a progressive system of non-competitive evaluation. They are intended to offer the dancer a thorough assessment of their knowledge and technique at each level of their dance education.

Tentative Schedule:

The final schedule will be published no later than Tuesday, September 1st.

- **4PM:** Estimated start time, may start earlier or later depending on number of entrants.
- Candidates will spend approximately 30 minutes competing each grade.

Exam Fees:

Grade Exams have a no refund policy; we apologize for any inconvenience.

- Preliminary: \$15 (*Not required*)
- Grade 1: \$25
- Grade 2: \$25
- Grade 3: \$25
- Grade 4: \$35
- Grade 5: \$35
- Grade 6: \$35
- Grade 7: \$50
- Grade 8: \$50
- Grade 9: \$50
- Grade 10: \$50

What to Wear

- No Irish dancing costumes.
- Generic practice attire or all-black ensemble.
- No school logos, insignias, or other identifiers.
- No wigs or hair accessories.

What to dance:

Refer to the [CLRG Grade Examinations Syllabus](#) for required dances for each grade exam level. Dancers should be prepared to perform steps appropriate to the Grade level.

- **Length of Dance:** 40 bars (2.5 steps) must be danced for all Reels, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Single Jigs, Heavy Jigs, and Hornpipes.
- **Easy Dances:** Beginner 1 steps
- **Basic Dances:** Traditional Beginner 1 or Beginner 2 steps
- **Primary Dances:** Novice steps
- **Advanced Dances:** Prizewinner or Championship steps

PLEASE CONSULT WITH YOUR TCRG REGARDING APPROPRIATE STEPS.

Eligibility:

- Dancers attempting Grade 2 or higher must present official certificates from past Grade Exams as proof of eligibility.
- Dancers registered for multiple Grade Exams (i.e.: Grades 1, 2, and 3) will be required to successfully pass each initial grade before attempting the next.
- Dancers should **request permission from their TCRG** before registering as a candidate.

Spectators are not allowed in the preparation area or examination room.

Grades and Required Dances

(Céili dances are in bold)

Grád/Grade	Rincí/Dances	Luas/Speed
Prelim	Ril Easca nó Port Eadtrom Easy Reel or Light Jig	Easy Reel 122-124 Light Jig 116
1	Bun Ril agus Bun Port Eadtrom Easy Reel and Light Jig Scrúdú Béal Gaeilge (Éire)	Easy Reel 122-124 Light Jig 116 Oral Irish (Ireland)
2	Bun Port Luascach agus Bun Port Singil Easy Slip Jig and Easy Single Jig Scrúdú Béal Gaeilge (Éire)	Basic Slip 124 Basic Single 124 Oral Irish (Ireland)
3	Tús Ril agus Bun Port Trom Primary Reel and Basic Heavy Jig Scrúdú Béal Gaeilge (Éire)	Primary Reel 116-118 Basic Heavy Jig 96 Oral Irish (Ireland)
4	Tús Port Luascach agus Lá Félle Phádraig Primary Slip Jig and St. Patrick's Day (Traditional) Scrúdú Béal Gaeilge (Éire)	Primary Slip 120 St. Patrick's (trad) 94 Oral Irish (Ireland)
5	Ril Cruaidh, Bun Cornphíopa agus Ballaí Luimní Advanced Reel (Intermediate/Advanced/Open) Basic (Trad) Hornpipe Walls of Limerick Scrúdú Béal Gaeilge (Éire)	Advanced Reel 113 Basic HP 144 Walls of Limerick Oral Irish (Ireland)
6	Port Luascach Cruaidh, An Londubh agus Ionsaí na hInse Advanced Slip Jig (Intermediate/Primary/Open) Blackbird (Traditional) Siege of Ennis Scrúdú Béal Gaeilge (Éire)	Advanced Slip 113 Blackbird (trad) 144 Siege of Ennis Oral Irish (Ireland)
7	Port Trom Cruaidh, Gáirdíní na Nóníní agus An Ril Ceathrair Advanced Heavy Jig Garden of Daisies (Traditional) Four-Hand Reel	Advanced Heavy 73 Garden of Daisies 138 (trad) Four-Hand Reel
8	Cornphíopa Cruaidh, Greas Glúrnála agus Pléaracha na Bandain Advanced Hornpipe Job of Journeywork (Traditional) Humours of Bandon	Advanced HP 113 Job of Journeywork 138 (trad) Humours of Bandon
9	Dhá rince Leithleach, ceann acu in am 6/8 agus an ceann eile in am 2/4 nó 4/4 (Nach Rincí traidisiúnta iad) agus Caip an Chúil Aird	Two modern sets, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time, and High Cauld Cap
10	Dhá rince Leithleach, ceann acu in am 6/8 agus an ceann eile in am 2/4 nó 4/4 (nach rincí traidisiúnta iad) (éagsúil ó iad i nGrád 9) agus an Port Ochtair.	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 8 Hand Jig

Note: 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 for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes. Music speeds as per CLRG rules.