

FEIS IN THE DESERT

GRADE EXAMS SYLLABUS

Grade Exams will be held at the Feis in the Desert Venue:

Carefree Resort and Conference Center
37220 N Mule Train Rd, Carefree, AZ 85377

On Friday, January 13, 2017 at approximately 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday, January 14, 2017 – overlapping the Feis schedule. Each dancer will be contacted with their start time once the schedule is completed. Grade Exam schedules will not conflict with the Feis schedule for those that register for both.

**Grade Exam Registration opens on 10/20/16 and closes on 12/12/16 (grades Prelim to 10 only).
Registration for Grades 11 and 12 closes on 11/7/16. Late registrations not permitted.**

Cost:

Prelim - \$20

Grades 1 through 3 - \$25 per grade exam

Grades 4 through 6 - \$35 per grade exam

Grades 7 through 10 - \$45 per grade exam

Grades 11 and 12 - \$100 per grade exam

Note: **Grades 11 and 12** are conducted by SDCRG examiners. Special application forms must be submitted for these exams. Please email the completed forms to js@twintel.com by **11/7/16**.

Candidates must be at least 16 years or older to take Grade 11.

Candidates must be at least 17 years or older to take Grade 12.

General Information:

Grade examinations are unlike competitions in that each candidate is individually examined and receives a detailed written assessment of their performance and knowledge of the grade being attempted. They are open to both male and female candidates regardless of age and ability. The scheme consists of an optional Preliminary Grade followed by a further 12 grades with each grade becoming increasingly more demanding on the candidate's skill, knowledge and ability. Each Grade must be passed and certificate awarded before a candidate may attempt the next level. A dancer who successfully completes all Grades will be awarded "The Diploma of the Irish Dancing Commission". All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st 2018. **All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to the exam.**

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.

What to Wear:

Competition gear (i.e., wig or solo costume) is not necessary or allowed. Instead, please wear a shirt without identifying information (no name or school affiliation) with dark-colored bottoms, dark colored shorts, and tights or socks.

Register at www.feisworx.com Our prior Exam Judges were: Thomas Bracken, Pat Hall, John Cunniffe, Margaret Mullen, Patricia Kennelly. 2017 Judges--to be determined.

Note: **Grades 11 and 12 only:** Special application forms must be submitted for Grades 11 and 12. They can be found on pages 4 -7 of this Syllabus. **Please email the completed forms to JS@TWINTEL.COM by **November 7, 16** (only grades 11 & 12 need the form).**

Candidates must be at least 16 years or older to take Grade 11.

Candidates must be at least 17 years or older to take Grade 12.

Grades 1 through 10—DO NOT COMPLETE the forms, just register on Feisworx.

Grade Examination Rules:

1. A dancer may only take 3 grades at any one exam.
2. A three month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
3. Grade exams must be examined by at least 4 examiners up to grade 10 plus two different full examiners for grades 11 and 12.
4. A choice of examiners by the teacher is allowed up to grade 6, using a minimum of 2 examiners through these grades.
5. The same examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of 3 years.
6. From grade 7-10 the examiner is appointed by the Udarás from the rotation list.
7. 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.
8. All 12 Grade exams must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG examination effective from January 1st 2018.
9. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to exam.

Grades and Required Dances
(Céilí Dances are underlined and in italics)

Grade /Grád	Rinci / Dances	Speed
Prelim	Ríl Éasca nó Port Eadtrom Dúbalta Easy Reel <u>or</u> Light Jig	Easy Reel 122-124 Light Jig 116

1	Bun Ríl agus Bun Port Dúbalta Easy Reel and Light Jig	Easy Reel Light Jig	122-124 116
2	Bun Port Luascach & Bun Port Singil Easy Slip Jig and Easy Single Jig	Basic Slip Jig Basic Single Jig	124 124
3	Tús Ríl agus Bun Port Trom Primary Reel and Basic Heavy Jig	Primary Reel Basic Heavy Jig	116-118 96
4	Tús Port Luascach agus Lá Féile Phádraig Primary Slip Jig and St. Patrick's Day (Traditional)	Primary Slip Jig St Patrick's Day	120 94
5	Ríl Cruaidh (Méan/ Primary/Ard) Advanced Reel (Intermediate/ Primary/Open) Bun Cornphíopa Basic (Traditional) Hornpipe agus <i>Ballaí Luimní and Walls of Limerick</i>	Advanced Reel (Intermediate/Primary/Open) Basic Hornpipe <i>Walls of Limerick</i>	113 144
6	Port Luascach Cruaidh (Méan/ Primary/Ard) Advanced Slip Jig (Intermediate/Primary/Open) An Londubh Blackbird (Traditional) agus <i>Ionsaí na hInse and Siege of Ennis</i>	Advanced Slip Jig (Intermediate/ Primary/Open) The Blackbird <i>Siege of Ennis</i>	113 144
7	Port Trom Cruaidh Advanced Heavy Jig Gáirdíní na Nóiníní Garden of Daisies (Traditional) agus <i>An Ríl Ceathrair and Four Hand Reel</i>	Advanced Heavy Jig Garden of Daisies <i>Four Hand Reel</i>	73 138
8	Cornphíopa Cruaidh Advanced Hornpipe Greas Giúrnála Job of Journeywork (Traditional) agus <i>Pléaracha na Bandain and Humours of Bandon</i>	Advanced Hornpipe Job of Journeywork <i>Humours of Bandon</i>	113 138
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 <i>Caip an Chúil Aird</i>	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time and the <i>High Caulead Cap</i>	
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 <i>an Port Ochtair</i> .	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>	
11	Ríl Cruaidh, Port Luascadh Cruaidh, Port Trom Cruaidh. Rí na Síog/ King of the Fairies (Traditional) móide dhá rince leith-leacha nua a roghnóidh an scrúdaitheoir as liosta cúig rince a sholáthróidh an Iarrthóir (éagsúil ó iad i nGrád 9 & 10) agus <i>An Cor Octair agus Port an Fhómhair</i> .	Advanced Reel, (113) Advanced Slip Jig,(113) Advanced Heavy Jig.(73) King of the Fairies 130 plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of 5 submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9 & 10) and the <i>Eight-Hand Reel and Harvest Time Jig</i>	
12	Port Eadtrom Dúbalta, Port Singil, Cornphíopa Cruaidh, Triúr Captaen Mara, /Three Sea Captains (Traditional) An Marcach Chuig an Aonach, /Jockey to the Fair (Traditional) móide dha rince leithleach nua a roghnóidh An scrúdaitheoir as liosta cúig rince a soláth-Róidh an Iarrthóir (éagsúil ó iad i nGrádanna 9, 10 & 11) agus <i>Cor Muirghéis agus Cor Sé Dhuine Dhéag</i> .	Light Double Jig,(116) Single Jig,(124) Advanced Hornpipe,(113) Three Sea Captains (96) Jockey to the Fair (90) plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of five submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9, 10 and 11) and the <i>Morris Reel</i> and the <i>Sixteen Hand Reel</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.

Music Speeds as per CLRG Rules.

An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha Grade Examinations.

Application form for Grade 11.

Surname: _____

First Name(s): _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Address: _____

Name of Dance School: _____

Telephone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email: _____

Please list Grades taken to date.

Grade.	Examiner.	Venue.	Date.	Grade achieved.
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	_____	_____
9	_____	_____	_____	_____
Names of both set dances performed: _____				
10	_____	_____	_____	_____

Names of both set dances performed: _____

The same set dance must not be performed in more than one of the grades from 7-12.

Candidate must attach copies of certificates and comments sheets.

Please list **five** set dances other than those already performed in grades 9 or 10, from which the Examiner will select **two** to be performed.

1. _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

Repeat information should be included here e.g. Grade/s repeated, grade achieved, and Name/s of Examiners

Candidate's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

Rules regarding Grades 11 and 12.

- Grade 11 may only be attempted by candidates at least 16 years of age.
- Grade 12 may only be attempted by candidates at least 17 years of age.
- A different examiner must examine each of Grades 11 and 12.
- These Examiners must be different from the Examiners who assessed any grade between Grades 7-10.

An tUdarás Scrúdaithe, where necessary, may appoint an SDCRG examiner who has examined at any of the candidate's previous examinations.

- All 12 grades must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG examination.

(Effective from 1st Jan. 2018).

An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha Grade Examinations.
Application for Grade 12.

Surname: _____

First Name(s): _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Address: _____

Name of Dance School: _____

Telephone: _____ **Mobile:** _____

Email: _____

Please list Grades taken to date.

Grade.	Examiner.	Venue.	Date.	Grade achieved.
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	_____	_____
9	_____	_____	_____	_____

Names of both set dances performed: _____

10 _____

Names of both set dances performed: _____

11 _____

Names of both set dances performed: _____

The same set dance must not be performed in more than one of the grades from 7-12.

Candidates must attach copies of certificate and comments sheets where possible.

Please list **five** set dances other than those performed in grades 9,10 and 11, from which the Examiner will select **two** to be performed.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Repeat information should be included here, e.g. Grade/s repeated grade achieved, Name/s of Examiners.

Candidate's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Teacher's Signature: _____

Rules regarding Grade 12 and it's link to T.C.R.G. and A.D.C.R.G.

- Grade 12 may only be attempted by candidates at least 17 years of age.
- A different examiner must examine each of Grades 11 and 12.
- These Examiners must be different from the Examiners who assessed any grade between Grades 7-10.

An tUdarás Scrúdaithe, where necessary, may appoint an SDCRG examiner who has examined at any of the candidate's previous examinations.

- All 12 grades must be completed to be eligible to apply to take TCRG examination.

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