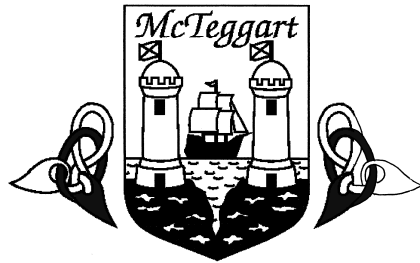


## The Fourteenth Annual Texas State Championships & Feis



Presented by:

### The McTeggart Irish Dancers Of North Texas

**March 7, 2009 at 8 AM**

**Music, Vocals and Spoken Word on Friday March 6,  
2009 at 7:30 PM**

**Send Entries by February 19th, 2008**

### Sheraton Grand Hotel at Dallas/Ft. Worth Airport

Highway 114 + Esters Boulevard  
4440 W. John Carpenter Freeway  
Irving, Texas 75063  
Phone: 972- 929-8400  
or 800-345-5251

Mention "Texas State Championships & Feis" reserve by 5PM  
**February 12th** for special rates starting at \$92

Register on-line at <http://www.feisworx.com>

#### Need More Feis Information?

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Syllabus Approved by Maureen Armstrong  
Southern Region Feis Liason  
Approval Date: January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

"The North American Senior Irish Dance Championship" for the  
Jerry Campbell Perpetual Belt,  
Etobicoke Feis, Brampton, ON, Canada, June 13, 2009

"The North American Junior Irish Dance Championship" for the  
Robert Gabor Perpetual Trophy,  
St. Catharines Feis, St. Catharine, ON, Canada, July 25, 2009

"The North American Minor Irish Dance Championship" for the  
George Sweetnam Memorial Trophy,  
New Haven Feis, North Haven, CT, June 28, 2009

Registered under the rules of An Coimisiun, the NAFC and  
IDTANA Southern Region

## IDTANA Southern Region - Dancing Competitions Rules

*These rules were approved by the IDTANA Southern  
Region on December 1, 2007 and are effective January  
1, 2008.*

**1.** In the case of all solo and team competitions in all grades, the age of a competitor on 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year in which the competition is held will determine the right of entry. For the purposes of this Rule a competitor whose birthday occurs on 1<sup>st</sup> January shall be deemed to be under the age attained on that date.

**2.** Competitions are open to all but those holding a TMRF, TCRG, or ADCRG designation. All dancers must be pupils of a person currently registered with An Coimisiun as a Dancing Teacher of any category.

**3.** A competitor may be disqualified for any of the following reasons:

- Conduct unbecoming a lady or gentleman.
- Failure to report on time to compete. (Penalty: disqualification from said event)
- Falsification of age or other important facts – i.e., teaching, award winning, competing under another competitor's name or number, etc. Penalty for a) or c): Competitor will be disqualified from the Feis at which the occurrence happened and from all NAFC –registered Feiseanna for a period of one year beginning at the date of the occurrence.

**4.** Competitions may be closed if there are no competitors at the assigned stage ready to compete when the competition is scheduled or announced. This

will not pertain to a situation where competitors are involved in stage conflicts; in that case, the competition(s) will remain open for a reasonable amount of time to allow the dancer(s) in question to arrive at the stage and compete.

**5.** Solo competitors in Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice or Open (Prizewinner) competitions:

- Must compete in their own age group.
- Must be prepared to perform two steps in each event.
- Cannot change competition on the day of the Feis.

**6.** Steel taps or "bubble" heels on dancing shoes, display of awards, wearing of shorts or other unconventional dress is prohibited. Authentic Gaelic dress is desired. Dancers competing in First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner, aka Beginner I and II, must wear a class costume, or a skirt and blouse. All other categories are excluded from this rule. Modest attire is encouraged when a competitor is not dancing.

**7.** Competitor's number must be worn and visible to adjudicators when performing in all competitions, except in Championships; use of clear reflective plastic number covers is discouraged.

**8.** Awards will be determined in proportion to the number of entries in each competition and to the degree of proficiency shown.

**9.** Complaints must be in writing stating names and other factual information and signed by the complainant. A ten-dollar fee (cash) must be enclosed and presented to the Feis Chairman within one hour of the occurrence. The fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.

**10.** The Feis Committee and any organization affiliated with same will not be held responsible for personal injury, property loss or damage. Destruction of Feis property or rental property will be punishable by law.

**11.** The Feis reserves the right to reject any entry for cause, to cancel all or part of the Feis and to limit competitor's performing time. The decision of the Feis Committee is final in all matters connected with the Feis.

**12.** Competitors must answer all questions as required by the Feis Entry committee, including teacher's name, and enclose the entry fee when mailing. Failure to do so

will result in a rejected entry. Entries must be postmarked on or before the closing date or they will be subject to a late fee as determined by the Feis committee and published on the syllabus and/or entry form.

There will be no refunds of entry fees for any reason.

### **13. Open Championships:**

- a) Entrants in any Open Championship event may not enter in any other regular grade solo events, but may enter in Figure Dances and/or special competitions for which they are eligible (e.g. traditional set, treble reel, non-traditional set dance).
- b) Entrants in Open Championships should specify, on the entry form, their choice of set dance.
- c) Open Championship competitions in the minimum required age groups must be offered separately in the syllabus, yet the feis committee may combine an age group with the next higher age group if there are fewer than 5 competitors entered in the lower age group. A feis committee is not permitted to combine dancers from one open championship age group with any age group which is more than one age group higher than the age group in which the dancers are entered.
- d) A dancer is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel or slip jig for ladies and reel only for men) and a set dance. A Feis can also opt to require a third dance (choice of jig/hornpipe).
- e) Dancers must qualify for Open Championship via the method now in place for Preliminary Championship, i.e. two 1<sup>st</sup> place wins.
- f) Dancers must compete in the Preliminary Championship competition in order to qualify for Open Championship

**14.** Girls & Boys competitions in Open Championships may be combined in the syllabus. If three or more boys are entered in a specific age group in a combined Open Championship competition, the boys and girls must be split into separate competitions.

If separate Boys & Girls competitions in Open Championships are offered in the syllabus, they may not be combined under any circumstances on the day of the feis.

### **15. Preliminary Championships:**

- (a) Are open to those who, at any NAFC recognized Feis:

1. Have placed 1<sup>st</sup> in both a Open (Prizewinner) light and heavy shoe competition, and
  2. Have never won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Open Championship.
- (b) A dancer who wins two First Place Preliminary Championship awards in one calendar year will move on to Open Championship the following year (as of Jan 1); if the second first-place win does not occur within the same feis year as the first win, as soon as the second win is achieved, in any age category, the dancer must move up to Open Championship level immediately. Only in the case of back-to-back Feiseanna (successive days), the first win in the first Feis will not change the dancer's status for the second Feis.
- (c) A dancer in preliminary championship is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel or slip jig for ladies and reel only for men) and a hard shoe dance. A Feis can opt to offer either (a) a set dance or (b) a jig/hornpipe or (c) both a set dance and jig/hornpipe.
- (d) Boys and girls will be combined in preliminary championships.
- (e) Preliminary Championship competitions must be offered separately in the syllabus for the minimum required age groups, yet the feis committee may combine an age group with the next higher age group if there are fewer than 5 competitors entered in the lower age group. A feis committee is not permitted to combine dancers from one preliminary championship age group with any age group which is more than one age group higher than the age group in which the dancers are entered.
- 16.** Open Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
- 17.** First place winners in the Open Championship category cannot return to a Preliminary or Open (Prizewinner) competition.
- Placing in a Regional or National Oireachtas does not change the status of a competitor. If, after competing for two full feis years at the Open Championship level, a dancer has not placed first, second or third, he/she may opt to return to Preliminary Championship status.
- 18.** The status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in a competition.
- 19. Grade Category Definitions:**
- Beginner Grade:** A beginner is a competitor who has not taken a full year of Irish Dance lessons, thereby giving beginners a full year with such status. A

Beginner must move into the Advanced Beginner category the next year.

**Advanced Beginner Grade:** An advanced beginner who wins 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance.

**Novice Grade:** A novice who wins a 1<sup>st</sup> place in a dance will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance.

**Open Grade (Prizewinner):** A competitor who does not qualify as a Beginner, Advanced Beginner or Novice.

**Adult Beginner:** An adult beginner is a competitor who never took Irish dancing lessons as a juvenile and is over 18 years of age.

Other Adult grades follow the descriptions provided above.

**Other:**

(a) Competitors have the option to remain in the same category for the remainder of the Feis year (until the following January 1).

(b) The syllabus must contain all Grade Categories.

(c) Boys and girls enter the appropriate age group in the appropriate grade for each dance; after entries have been closed, in any competition where five or more boys are entered, the feis committee will run a separate competition for these boys.

(d) A feis committee may only combine two consecutive calendar year age groups (within that grade only) when fewer than five (5) competitors are entered in either age group, with the exception of the oldest age group listed.

**20.** Musicians and adjudicators cannot be approached during a competition by anyone except the Feis Committee. No one can approach them while a competitor is performing.

**21.** Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.

**22.** Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced.

Competitors may compete in their own age group or in the next higher age group; however, a competitor may compete in only one age group.

**23.** In matters pertaining to adjudication, the decision of the adjudicators is final.

24. Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.

25. First Feis (if offered), Beginner, Advanced Beginner and Adult dancers are required to dance at traditional speeds only. Novice and Open/Prizewinner dancers may choose between traditional and Oireachtas speeds.

26. Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image while in motion, using electronic or manual means, i.e. mobile phone, standard camera, video camera, or commercial film, with or without enhancement is expressively forbidden in competition.

27. No block, en Pointe, toe walking movements, stationary or moving is allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group. However, after September 1 of each year an exception is made for those dancers who are 11 dancing in the under 12 age group.

28. Make up is prohibited on a dancer in the first three grades (First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner or their equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group.

29. Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove same, will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed aids (proof of which may be required) will be exempt from this rule.

30. No substance that can become airborne should be used on any dance floor in an attempt to improve traction

Feis Specific rule) Competitors must answer all questions as required by the Feis Entry committee, including teacher's name, and enclose the entry fee when mailing. Failure to do so will result in a rejected entry. Payment date for feis is actual date of electronic payment (or postmark date if mailed). Late payments fees are as follows. None if paid on or before Thursday Feb 19th, 2009, \$20 per individual (30 max per family). After that date and on or before Friday Feb 27<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 and \$50 per individual (\$80 max per family) if after that date. Payments for corrections to an entry are not subject to late fees.

## Solo Competitions

\$5.00 per solo competition

### Beginner I

	U5	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	1	5	9	13	17	21	25
Light Jig	2	6	10	14	18	22	26
Single Jig	3	7	11	15	19	23	27
Slip Jig	4	8	12	16	20	24	28

Open to those dancers dancing less than one year (\$5.00 fee)

### Beginner II (Advanced Beginner)

	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	100	106	112	118	124	130
Light Jig	101	107	113	119	125	131
Single Jig	102	108	114	120	126	132
Slip Jig	103	109	115	121	127	133
Double Jig	104	110	116	122	128	134
Hornpipe	105	111	117	123	129	135

Open to those who have never placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> for dance entered, but who have placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Beginner I. Beginner I level may dance hard shoe here. (\$5.00 fee)

### Novice

	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	200	206	212	218	224	230
Light Jig	201	207	213	219	225	231
Slip Jig	202	208	214	220	226	232
Single Jig	203	209	215	221	227	233
Double Jig	204	210	216	222	228	234
Hornpipe	205	211	217	223	229	235

Open to those who have never placed 1<sup>st</sup> for dance entered, but who have placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Beginner II. (\$5.00 fee)

### Prizewinner

	U7	U9	U11	U13	U15	15&O
Reel	300	306	312	318	324	330
Light Jig	301	307	313	319	325	331
Slip Jig	302	308	314	320	326	332
Single Jig	303	309	315	321	327	333
Double Jig	304	310	316	322	328	334
Hornpipe	305	311	317	323	329	335

Open to those who have previously placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice for dance entered. (\$5.00 fee)

Adult	Beginner	Beginner II	Novice	Prize-winner
Reel	400a	400b	406a	406b
Light Jig	401a	401b	407a	407b
Slip Jig	402a	402b	408a	408b
Single Jig	403a	403b	409a	409b
Double Jig	404a	404b	410a	410b
Hornpipe	405a	405b	411a	411b

Adult Categories are defined in Feis Rules. (\$5.00 fee)

All Adult competitions are limited to traditional speeds only.

## Figure Competitions

Flat Fees: \$12.00 for each competitor covers any number of figure competitions.

### Beginner Figures

Beginner	U8	U10	U12	12&O
2-H Reel or 2H Light Jig	500	502	504	506
3-H Reel	501	503	505	507

Beginner is for those who are entered and dance in at least one solo Beginner dance in this Feis.

### Open Figures

Open	U10	U12	U14	U16	16&O
2-H Reel	520	522	524	526	528
3-H Reel	521	523	525	527	529

Open	U12	U16	16&O
4-H Dance*	540	541	542
6-H Dance	560	561	562
8-H Dance*	580	581	582

\* Must be Book Dance

### Adult Figures

Adult Figures	Comp #
2-H Reel or Light Jig	421
3-H Reel	422
4-H Dance*	423
6-H Dance	424
8-H Dance*	425

\* Must be Book Dance

## Texas State Championships

### Preliminary Championships

Fee: \$25.00 / competitor

**Preliminary**    **U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 16&O**  
**Championship** 700 701 702 703 704 705

**Preliminary Championship Requirements:** Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars) and Double Jig (48 bars) or Hornpipe (40 bars).

### Open Championships

Fee: \$25.00 / competitor

**Open**            **U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 U18 18&O**  
**Championship** 719 720 721 722 723 724 725

**Open Championship Requirements:**  
Open - Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars) and any non Traditional Set Dance. Note: Boys & girls will be separated if there are 3 or more boys in a competition

### Championship Special Trophy

Open to all Preliminary and Open championship dancers.  
One step (16 bars) Hornpipe or Double Jig down the line (**\$10.00 fee**)

**U12 U15 15&O**  
800 801 802

### Special Trophy Non-Championship Soft Shoe Dance

Open to all non-championship dancers.  
Competitors will dance 1 reel or 1 slip jig step down the line. (**\$10.00 fee**)

**U10 U14 14&O**  
803 804 805

### Special Trophy Non-Championship Traditional Set

Open to all non-championship dancers.  
Competitors will dance one of the following: St. Patrick's Day, The Black Bird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, Jockey to the Fair, The Three Sea Captains and King of the Fairies,. Except U10 may only dance St. Patrick's Day. Music for all stages will be played in above order and danced three at a time. (**\$10.00 fee**)

**U10 U12 U14 14&O Adult**  
610 611 612 613 614

### Special Trophy – Double Reel

Open to all dancers. One double reel (hard shoe) step down the line (**\$10.00 fee**)

**U12 U15 15&O**  
810 811 812

### Music and Spoken Word Competitions

These competitions are held starting at 7:30PM **Friday**  
Night!

- 900 Music** – Open to all ages. Requirement: play a traditional folk tune from any of the Celtic nations. Performance limited to 3 minutes. Competition will be divided by age based upon entries. (**\$10.00 fee**)
- 901 Vocal** – Open to all ages. Requirement: sing a traditional folk song from any of the Celtic nations. Performance limited to 3 minutes. Competition will be divided by age based upon entries. (**\$10.00 fee**)
- 902 Spoken Word** - Open to all ages. Requirement: read or recite a poem or passage from the literature of any of the Celtic nations. Performance limited to 3 minutes. Competition will be divided by age based upon entries. (**\$10.00 fee**)

## Entry Instructions

### Manual Paper Entries

**(Requires additional \$10 paper handling fee per dancer)**

Complete a separate "Competitor Paper Entry Form" for each competitor in your family. For each family include one check covering the grand total fees for that family and mail payment to:

**Texas State Championships & Feis**  
c/o FeisWorx  
PO Box 461324  
Aurora, CO 80046-1324

Make checks payable to:  
**McTeggart Irish Dancers of North Texas**

### Web Entries

(This method is preferred – no handling fee)

Register by following the instructions and completing the on-line forms on:

**<http://www.feisworx.com>**

Print out the confirmation message generated on-line and mail it along with payment to same address as above.

## 2009 Texas State Championship and Feis

### Competitor Manual Entry Form

Preferred entry is at [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com) and will avoid extra fee for manual entry

**Dancer Information:** (one form per competitor)

Name:	Date of birth
Address:	Age as of January 1, 2009:
	Gender (M/F):
	Dance School:
Telephone:	City of School:
E-Mail (if applicable):	Teacher:

Event	Dance	Fee	Competition No.	\$ Total
Solos	Reel	\$5.00		
	Light Jig	\$5.00		
	Single Jig	\$5.00		
	Slip Jig	\$5.00		
	Double Jig	\$5.00		
	Hornpipe	\$5.00		
Figures	2, 3, 4, 6, & 8H	\$12.00 Flat Fee		
Championships	Preliminary: <i>Reel or Slip Jig (circle one)</i> <i>Double Jig or Hornpipe (circle one)</i>	\$25		
	Open <i>Reel or Slip Jig (circle one)</i> Set Dance : _____ Speed: _____			
Subtotal or Family Max: →				
The above items count toward the \$80.00 family max. Enter the subtotal or family max, whichever is lower.				
Special Trophy	Non-Champ. Soft Shoe	\$10.00		
	Non-Champ. Traditional Set	\$10.00		
	Double Reel	\$10.00		
	Preliminary and Open Championship Hard Shoe Special	\$10.00		
Non-Dance Specials	Music, Vocal, Spoken Word	\$10.00 each		
<b>Fees and pre-sale items</b>				
Manual Entry Handling (per dancer) <small>Use <a href="http://www.feisworx.com">www.feisworx.com</a> to avoid this fee</small>		\$10.00		
Mandatory spectator fee per family entry <i>(Covers All Family Members Admission and one Program)</i>		\$12.00		
Additional Programs		\$5.00 each		
Individual Late Fee <i>Postmarked after Feb 19, 2009 but on or before Feb 27, 2009</i>  <i>Postmarked after Feb 27, 2009</i>		\$20.00 <small>(max \$40 per family)</small> Additional \$30.00 <small>(max \$70 per family total late fees)</small>		
			Total:	

**Make checks payable to: McTeggart Irish Dancers of North Texas.** For each family please submit registrations and payment in one envelope.

Don't forget that you can place a short good luck ad in our Feis Program. Use the forms posted on [www.mcteggartntx.org](http://www.mcteggartntx.org).