

*The Twenty-Third Annual*  
**Feis New Orleans**  
and  
**Louisiana State Championships**



*Presented by:*

**The McTeggart Irish Dancers of Louisiana, Inc.**

**Saturday, January 14, 2012 8:00 AM**

**Music, Art, Vocals, Baking And Spoken Word  
10:00am-1:00pm**

*Art and Baking must be delivered by 10:00am*

**Send Entries by December 31, 2011**

**Register online at [www. feisworx. com](http://www.feisworx.com)**

Hilton New Orleans Airport  
901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062  
Phone: 504-469-5000 or 800-872-5914

Mention "Feis New Orleans"  
reserve by December 30, 2011 for special rate of \$99.00

**Need More Feis Information?**

Web: [www.McTeggart-LA.org](http://www.McTeggart-LA.org)

Email: [bob@McTeggart-LA.org](mailto:bob@McTeggart-LA.org)

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## **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:

**Feis New Orleans**  
c/ o FeisWorx  
PO Box 2046  
Parker, CO 80134-1411

Make checks payable to :  
**McTeggart Irish Dancers of Louisiana, Inc.**

### **Web Entries**

(This method is preferred – no handling fee)

Register by following the instructions and  
completing the online forms on:  
[www. feisworx. com](http://www.feisworx.com)

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

## **NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

"The North American Senior Irish Dance Championship"  
for the Jerry Campbell Perpetual Belt  
Bob Gabor Feis, Syracuse, NY, April 28, 2012

"The North American Junior Irish Dance Championship"  
for the Robert Gabor Perpetual Trophy  
Delaware Feis, August 12, 2012

"The North American Minor Irish Dance Championship"  
for the George Sweetnam Memorial Trophy  
Celtic Fling Feis, Harrisburg, PA, June 30, 2012

15 and Over NAFC Music Scholarship  
Pittsburg Winter Feis, December 29, 2012

Under 15 NAFC Music Scholarship  
Buckeye State Feis, April 21, 2012

## Feis Rules and General Information

- 1) In the case of all solo and team competitions in all grades, the age of a competitor on 1st 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 1st 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:
  - a) Conduct unbecoming a lady or gentleman.
  - b) Failure to report on time to compete. (Penalty: disqualification from said event).
  - c) 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 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:
  - a) Must compete in their own age group.
  - b) Must be prepared to perform two steps in each event.
  - c) Cannot change competition on the day of the Feis.  
The Standard Age Groups, all levels are contained in the handbook on page 7.
- 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 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 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 and Boys competitions in Open Championships will 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.

## Feis Rules and General Information

### 15) Preliminary Championships:

a) are open to those who, at any NAFC recognized Feis:

1. Have placed 1<sup>st</sup> in both an 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 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance.

Novice Grade: A Novice who wins a 1st 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 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 a 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 expressly 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.

### Solo Competitions

\$5.00 per solo competition

<b>Beginner I</b>	<b>U5</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>15&amp;O</b>
Reel	1	6	11	16	21	26	31
Light Jig	2	7	12	17	22	27	32
Single Jig	3	8	13	18	23	28	33
Slip Jig	4	9	14	19	24	29	34

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

<b>Beginner II</b>	<b>U5</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>15&amp;O</b>
Reel	36	43	50	57	64	71	78
Light Jig	37	44	51	58	65	72	79
Single Jig	38	45	52	59	66	73	80
Slip Jig	39	46	53	60	67	74	81
Double Jig	40	47	54	61	68	75	82
Hornpipe	41	48	55	62	69	76	83

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 may dance hard shoe here. (\$5.00 fee)

<b>Novice</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>15&amp;O</b>
Reel	85	92	99	106	113	120	127
Light Jig	86	93	100	107	114	121	128
Single Jig	87	94	101	108	115	122	129
Slip Jig	88	95	102	109	116	123	130
Double Jig	89	96	103	110	117	124	131
Hornpipe	90	97	104	111	118	125	132

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)

<b>Prizewinner</b>	<b>U7</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U11</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U15</b>	<b>15&amp;O</b>
Reel	134	141	148	155	162	169	175
Light Jig	135	142	149	156	163	170	176
Single Jig	136	143	150	157	164	171	177
Slip Jig	137	144	151	158	165	172	178
Double Jig	138	145	152	159	166	173	179
Hornpipe	139	146	153	160	167	174	180

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

<b>Adult</b>	<b>Beginner/ Beginner II</b>	<b>Novice Prizewinner</b>
Reel	400	407
Light Jig	401	408
Slip Jig	402	409
Single Jig	403	410
Double Jig	404	411
Hornpipe	405	412

Adult categories are defined in Feis Rule #19. (\$5.00 fee)

### Figure Competitions

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

#### Beginner Figures

<b>Beginner</b>	<b>U9</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>12&amp;O</b>
2-H Reel or 2H Light Jig	300	302	304
3-H Reel	301	303	305

#### Open Figures

<b>Open</b>	<b>U10</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U16</b>	<b>16&amp;O</b>
2-H Reel	320	323	326	329
3-H Reel	321	324	327	330
4-H Dance*	322	325	328	331

<b>Open</b>	<b>U12</b>	<b>12&amp;O</b>
6-H Dance	335	337
8-H Dance*	336	338

\*Must be Book Dance

#### Adult Figures

<b>Adult Figures</b>	<b>Comp #</b>
2-H Reel or Light Jig	420
3-H Reel	421
4-H Dance*	422
6-H Dance	423
8-H Dance*	424

\*Must be Book Dance

## Louisiana State Championships

### Preliminary Championships

Fee: \$25.00 / competitor

U8	U10	U12	U14	U16	16&O
200	201	202	203	204	205

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

U9	U10	U12	U14	U16	U18	18&O
219	220	221	222	223	224	225

Open Championship Requirements:  
Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars) and  
Any non Traditional Set Dance.

### 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
520	521	522

### 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 Journey-  
work, Garden of Daisies, Jockey to the Fair, King of  
the Fairies. Music for all stages will be played in  
above order and danced three at a time. (\$10.00 fee)

U10*	U12	U15	15&O
510	511	512	513

\*U10 may dance St. Patrick's Day only.

## Special Trophy—Double Reel

- 500 Paul Tynan Memorial Trophy**  
Open to all competitors 16 & over.  
Requirement: one Double Reel (hardshoe).  
Adults may enter. (\$10.00 fee)
- 501 Under 12 Double Reel Special**  
Open to all competitors under 12.  
Requirement: one Double Reel (hardshoe).  
(\$10.00 fee)
- 502 Under 14 Double Reel Special**  
Open to all competitors under 14.  
Requirement: one Double Reel (hardshoe).  
(\$10.00 fee)
- 503 Under 16 Double Reel Special**  
Open to all competitors under 16.  
Requirement: one Double Reel (hardshoe).  
(\$10.00 fee)

### Music, Art, Vocals, Baking and Spoken Word Competitions

These competitions are held  
Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm

- 550 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)
- 551 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)
- 552 Spoken Word** - Open to all ages.  
Requirement: read or recite a poem or pas-  
sage from the literature of any of the Celtic na-  
tions. Performance limited to 5 minutes. Com-  
petition will be divided by age based upon en-  
tries. (\$10.00 fee)
- 553 Art** - Open to all ages.  
Requirement: must be original artwork by en-  
trant depicting Celtic theme or subject. Compe-  
tition will be divided by age based upon en-  
tries. **Must be delivered by 10:00am** (\$10.00  
fee)
- 554 Baking** - Open to all ages.  
Requirement: deliver a baked entry (white or  
brown bread, fancy or special bread, decorated  
cakes, etc.) wrapped in plastic. Competition  
will be divided by age based upon entries.  
**Must be delivered by 10:00am.** (\$10.00 fee)

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## 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, 2012:
	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, & 8 H	\$12.00 Flat Fee		
Championships	Preliminary: Reel or Slip Jig (circle one) Double Jig or Hornpipe (circle one)	\$25.00		
	Open Reel or Slip Jig (circle one) 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-Championship Traditional Set	\$10.00		
	Double Reel	\$10.00		
	Preliminary and Open Championship Hard Shoe Special	\$10.00		
Non-Dance Specials	Music, Vocal, Baking, Spoken Word, Art	\$10.00 each		
<b>Fees and pre-sale items</b>				
Manual Entry Handling (per dancer) Use <a href="http://www.feisworx.com">www.feisworx.com</a> to avoid this fee		\$10.00		
Mandatory spectator fee per family entry <i>(Covers All Family Members Admission and one program)</i>		\$15.00		
Extra Programs		\$5.00 each		
Individual Late Fee Postmarked after Dec. 31, 2011 but on or before Jan. 9, 2012		\$20.00 (max.\$40 per family)		
		\$50.00 (max.\$70 per family)		
<b>Total:</b>				

Make checks payable to: **McTeggart Irish Dancers of Louisiana, Inc.**  
 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.McTeggart-LA.org](http://www.McTeggart-LA.org)