

# Governor Thomas Dongan Feis

Saturday July 20, 2019

Empire State Plaza

Albany, NY

[www.donganfeis.org](http://www.donganfeis.org)

Start time: 9:00 AM



Sponsored by  
The Boland School of Irish Dance

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**FEIS IS REGISTERED, SANCTIONED AND WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE RULES OF AN COIMISIUN ([www.clrg.ie](http://www.clrg.ie)), THE NORTH AMERICAN FEIS COMMISSION ([www.northamericanfeiscommission.org](http://www.northamericanfeiscommission.org)), and the Mid-Atlantic Region ([www.mid-atlanticregion.com](http://www.mid-atlanticregion.com))**  
**PLEASE REFER TO APPLICABLE WEBSITES FOR CURRENT RULES GOVERNING THE FEIS**

## NAFC CHAMPIONSHIPS - 2019

*Congratulations to the NAFC Championship Winners- held 1/19/19 in Sacramento, CA*

*Senior- Gerry Campbell Perpetual Belt: Orla Godley (Mullane-Godley) & Mackenzie Mahler (Blakey)*

*Junior- Robert Gabor Perpetual Belt: Maya Coyne (Butler Fearon O'Connor)*

*Minor- George Sweetman Memorial Belt: Ashton Baumann (Lavin Cassidy)*

*Peter Smith Perpetual Ceili Championships: Cleary School (Senior), Cleary School (Junior), MacConmara (Minor)*

*NAFC Music Scholarship Competitions:*

*15 and Over to be held on 5/16/19 at the Golden Horseshoe Feis*

*Under 15 to be held on 5/4/19 at the Peach State Feis*

The Boland School of Irish Dancing, the Governor Thomas Dongan Feis Committee, the Empire State Plaza, 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.

**NO SOLO COSTUMES ALLOWED IN FIRST FEIS, BEGINNER, AND ADVANCED BEGINNER COMPETITIONS.**

**Girls must wear skirt & blouse or school costumes ONLY.**

**FIRST FEIS - Open to boys and girls who have never competed at any feis before. One step in the Jig will be performed.**

5 and Under	700
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A beginner is a competitor who has not taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher prior to September 1st of the previous year. Dancer must move into Advanced Beginner the following year. 2 Steps

Girls and Boys	Reel (speed 122)	Light Jig (speed 115)	Slip Jig (speed 122)
Under 5	1	2	3
Under 6	4	5	6
Under 7	7	8	9
Under 8	10	11	12
Under 9	13	14	15
Under 10	16	17	18
Under 11	19	20	21
Under 12	22	23	24
12 and Over	25	26	27

An Advanced Beginner is a dancer who has taken lessons from a registered teacher for more than 1 year. An Advanced Beginner who wins a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance the next year. 2 Steps

Girls and Boys	Reel (122)	Light Jig (115)	Slip Jig (122)	Treble Jig (92)	Hornpipe (138)
Under 6	101	102	103	104	105
Under 7	106	107	108	109	110
Under 8	111	112	113	114	115
Under 9	116	117	118	119	120
Under 10	121	122	123	124	125
Under 11	126	127	128	129	130
Under 12	131	132	133	134	135
Under 13	136	137	138	139	140
13 and Over	141	142	143	144	145

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

Ladies and Gents	Reel (113)	Light Jig (115)	Slip Jig (113)	Treble Jig (73 or 92)	Hornpipe (113 or 138)
Beginner	600	601	602	603	604
Advanced	605	606	607	608	609

A Novice is a dancer who has previously won a 1st, 2nd or 3rd in Advanced Beginner. A Novice who wins a 1st place will advance to the Prizewinner category in that particular dance the next year. 2 Steps

Girls and Boys	Reel (113)	Light Jig (115)	Slip Jig (113)	Treble Jig (73 or 92)	Hornpipe (113 or 138)
Under 7	201	202	203	204	205
Under 8	206	207	208	209	210
Under 9	211	212	213	214	215
Under 10	216	217	218	219	220
Under 11	221	222	223	224	225
Under 12	226	227	228	229	230
Under 13	231	232	233	234	235
Under 14	236	237	238	239	240
14 and Over	241	242	243	244	245

A prizewinner is a dancer who has previously won a 1st in Novice in a particular dance.

Girls and Boys	Reel (113)	Slip Jig (113)	Treble Jig (73 or 92)	Hornpipe (113 or 138)
Under 8	301	302	303	304
Under 9	305	306	307	308
Under 10	309	310	311	312
Under 11	313	314	315	316
Under 12	317	318	319	320
Under 13	321	322	323	324
Under 14	325	326	327	328
Under 15	329	330	331	332
Under 16	333	334	335	336
16 and Over	337	338	339	340

Traditional Set – open to dancers through prizewinner.

Girls and Boys	
Under 8	801
Under 9	802
Under 10	803
Under 11	804
Under 12	805
Under 14	806
14 and Over	807
Adult	808

**Teams**

Under 8 3 hand	<b>3008</b>
Under 10 3 hand	<b>3010</b>
Under 12 3 hand	<b>3012</b>
12 and Over 3 hand	<b>3013</b>
Under 8 4 hand	<b>4008</b>
Under 10 4 hand	<b>4010</b>
Under 12 4 hand	<b>4012</b>
12 and Over 4 hand	<b>4013</b>

## CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rotations will be computer-generated. A dancer who misses his/her rotation will not be permitted to dance. Soft shoe round will be danced first in both Preliminary and Open Championships.

Dancers in Preliminary **MUST** include choice of Reel or Slip Jig and choice of Heavy Jig or Hornpipe, and dancers in Open **MUST** include choice of Reel or Slip Jig, choice of Heavy Jig or Hornpipe, and Setpiece. Entries that do not specify dances will be returned. Changes to these dance options after deadline date, IF we are able to grant them, will be subject to change fees. **No changes are expected to be granted on feis day – please check your entry on Feisweb, every year there are dancers who are misentered (i.e. “I’m supposed to be doing a treble jig, not a hornpipe!” and we cannot guarantee a change day-of!).**

### PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS - PLEASE NOTE THE RULE REGARDING PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION:

Preliminary dancers, who win THREE first places in a calendar year, **must** move to Open Championship the **following** calendar year. When a third 1st place win is achieved over several calendar years, the dancer must move to Open Championship the following weekend.

Preliminary Championships are open to competitors who have placed 1st in Prizewinner light (Reel or Slip Jig) and heavy (Jig or Hornpipe) dances. Girls and Boys combined.

### CHOICE OF REEL (48 BARS) OR SLIP JIG (40 BARS), AND JIG (48 BARS) OR HORNPIPE (40 BARS)

	A – Reel/Jig	B- Reel/Hornpipe	C – Slip Jig/Jig	D – Slip Jig/Hornpipe	
Under 8	400 - A, B, C, D	Under 12	404 - A, B, C, D	Under 16	408 - A, B, C, D
Under 9	401 - A, B, C, D	Under 13	405 - A, B, C, D	Under 17	409 - A, B, C, D
Under 10	402 - A, B, C, D	Under 14	406 - A, B, C, D	Under 18	410 - A, B, C, D
Under 11	403 - A, B, C, D	Under 15	407 - A, B, C, D	18 and Over	411 - A, B, C, D

### PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS SECOND CHANCE

### CHOICE OF REEL (48 BARS) OR SLIP JIG (40 BARS), AND JIG (48 BARS) OR HORNPIPE (40 BARS)

	A – Reel/Jig	B- Reel/Hornpipe	C – Slip Jig/Jig	D – Slip Jig/Hornpipe	
Under 8	400-2 - A, B, C, D	Under 12	404-2 - A, B, C, D	Under 16	408-2 - A, B, C, D
Under 9	401-2 - A, B, C, D	Under 13	405-2 - A, B, C, D	Under 17	409-2 - A, B, C, D
Under 10	402-2 - A, B, C, D	Under 14	406-2 - A, B, C, D	Under 18	410-2 - A, B, C, D
Under 11	403-2 - A, B, C, D	Under 15	407-2 - A, B, C, D	18 and Over	411-2 - A, B, C, D

### OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS - Competitors will dance **THREE** rounds.

Girls & Boys Under 8 and Under 9 age groups **MUST** dance Traditional Set. Round medals will be awarded to the top 5 dancers for first two rounds.

A – Reel/Jig		B – Reel/Hornpipe		C – Slip Jig/Jig		D – Slip Jig/Hornpipe	
Girls/Ladies	Comp. #	Girls/Ladies	Comp. #	Boys/Men	Comp. #	Boys/Men	Comp. #
Under 8	500 - A, B, C, D	Under 14	506 - A, B, C, D	Under 9	513 - A, B		
Under 9	501 - A, B, C, D	Under 15	507 - A, B, C, D	Under 10	514 - A, B		
Under 10	502 - A, B, C, D	Under 16	508 - A, B, C, D	Under 12	515 - A, B		
Under 11	503 - A, B, C, D	Under 17	509 - A, B, C, D	Under 14	516 - A, B		
Under 12	504 - A, B, C, D	Under 18	510 - A, B, C, D	Under 16	517 - A, B		
Under 13	505 - A, B, C, D	18 and Over	511 - A, B, C, D	Under 18	518 - A, B		
				18 and Over	519 - A, B		

**ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS** - Competitors will dance **THREE** rounds. Champ level adult dancers must specify reel/slip jig, treble jig/hornpipe and choice of Traditional Set when entering: 40 bars reel/treble jig; 32 bars slip jig/hornpipe

	A – Reel/Jig	B – Reel/Hornpipe	C – Slip Jig/Jig	D – Slip Jig/Hornpipe
Adult Championship	901 - A, B, C, D			

## ENTRY FEES

Solo Dancing	\$10.00 each competitor each event
Teams	\$8.00 each competitor each event
Preliminary Championship (2 rounds)	\$32.00 each competitor
Second Chance Preliminary Championship (2 rounds)	\$30.00 each competitor
Open Championship (3 rounds)	\$35.00 each competitor
Adult Championship (3 rounds)	\$32.00 each competitor

Entry fee includes marks.

**Family maximum for the above competitions: \$100.00 (Family maximum does not include second chance preliminary competition)**

**LATE ENTRY FEE (entered after 7/5/19) of \$10.00 will be charged for EACH late entrant (competitor). Family discount does not apply.**

**Entries Will Close** when 900 entries have been received or **July 5<sup>th</sup>, whichever is reached first.** If the feis is closed, it will be posted to our website: [www.donganfeis.org](http://www.donganfeis.org). Once closed, we will **NOT** take additional entries.

You must complete the Entry Form in its entirety.

Unpaid entries will be deleted after two weeks. Payment must be received prior to the feis; we are unable to accept payment on-site.

Entries must be submitted on-line ([www.feisweb.com](http://www.feisweb.com)).

You may pay on-line via PayPal, or mail a check to:

Christine Boland

15 Walden Glen

Ballston Lake, NY 12019-9234

**Make Checks Payable To:** Gov. Dongan Feis

*Note: We cannot accept Canadian personal checks.*

PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR CHAIRS – PLENTY OF SEATING IS AVAILABLE. COOLERS will NOT be permitted in the competition rooms. Food & beverages will be on sale on site, but will NOT be allowed into the rooms with dancers competing.

Competitor numbers may be picked up on the day of the feis or they may be downloaded via feisweb.

We reserve the right to combine competitions with less than 5 dancers entered.

\*\* Changes to dances may be made until July 5, 2019 without penalty.

Changes made after July 5<sup>th</sup> up to July 15<sup>th</sup> must be submitted with a change of dance fee of \$10.\*\*

**NO CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED AFTER JULY 1<sup>th</sup>**

**A dancer whose level changes due to results at a feis on or before July 14, 2019 should contact the feis committee no later than Monday July 15, 2019 to process the change in time for our feis.**

Any form of unauthorized photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means (i.e. mobile phone, standard camera, video camcorder, cine recorder, commercial film with or without flash enhancement) is expressly forbidden.

**Door admission on feis day (for non-competitors) per adult over age 12 is \$10.00 and paid at the gate.**

For Rules and Additional Information, please see the following websites:

Gov. Thomas Dongan Feis (Register For THIS Feis). . . <http://www.donganfeis.org>

North American Feis Commission (Feis Rules). . . <http://www.northamericanfeiscommission.org/index.asp>

An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha (Home Page). . . <http://www.clrg.ie/english/home.php>

IDTANA, Mid-Atlantic (Standard Syllabus & Feis Rules). . .

<http://www.mid-atlanticregion.com/>

## Directions

**\*From the South:\***

Exit NYS Thruway at Exit 23. Follow I-787 North to Empire Plaza exit.

**\*From the North:\***

Exit Northway at Exit 1. Follow I-90 East to I-787 South to Empire Plaza exit.

**\*From the West:\***

Exit NYS Thruway at Exit 23. Follow I-787 North to Empire Plaza exit.

**\*From the East:\***

Exit from I-90 at B1. Follow I-90 West. After crossing the Hudson River, travel South on I-787 to Empire Plaza exit.

**\*From the Empire Plaza exit:\***

Enter the parking tunnel. The V-Lot is the third parking area on your right.

- Visitors entering the Visitors Lot (V-Lot) are required to show a photo identification and their vehicle is subject to a search.
- Please be advised there will be a \$5 parking fee.
- Complete visitor parking information for the Plaza area is available from <http://www.ogs.state.ny.us> the agency that operates these lots.

Once, you have parked in the V-Lot, take the elevators to the concourse level. The feis is held in the portion of the plaza directly below The Egg.

Directions from the feis hotel to the Plaza will be posted to our website.