

The First Annual
Gulf Coast



Feis

Sponsored by the Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Feis Venue: Florida Gulf Coast University

Cohen Center Ballroom - 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers, FL 33965

Feis Hotel:

Marriott Courtyard Fort Myers at I-75 and Gulf Coast Town Center
10050 Gulf Center Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33913 (239) 332-4747

Feis Rate: \$115 if booked before March 15, 2016

Hotel Reservation Link: [Book your group rate for Irish Dance Competition](#)

** Please call hotel directly to reserve a room at the Feis Rate for more than one night **

Adjudicator: TBD Musician: TBD

Questions: Claire Gorman, TCRG
(239) 272-8891 celticspiritdance@comcast.net



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An Comhdhail USA - Dancing Competition Rules - 2016

1. The Feis is registered with and governed by the rules of An Comhdhail na Muinteoiri le Rince Gaelacha.
2. All Competitions are OPEN PLATFORM.
3. The age of a competitor is determined on January 1st of the year in which the competition occurs.
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, and Prizewinner competitions: (a) Must compete in their own age group; (b) Must be prepared to perform 32 bars in each dance, except for Prizewinner Reel and Treble Jig competitions which will consist of 40 bars per dance; (c) Cannot change competitions on the day of the Feis; and (d) Cannot dance in more than one grade category per dance.
6. Competitor's number must be worn and visible to adjudicators when performing in all competitions.
7. Awards will be determined in proportion to the number of entries in each competition and to the degree of proficiency shown.
8. Complaints must be in writing stating names and other factual information and signed by the complainant. A fifty-dollar fee (cash) must be enclosed and presented to the Feis Chairperson within one hour of the occurrence. The fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. Competitors must answer all questions on the entry form 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 refund of entry fees for any reason.
12. Preliminary & Open Championships: (a) Entrants in any Preliminary/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 (traditional set, treble reel, non-traditional set dance); and (b) Entrants shall have the choice of soft shoe dances (40 bars in reel or 32 bars in slip jig) and choice of hard shoe dances (40 bars in treble jig or 32 bars in hornpipe).
13. Grade Category Definitions: (a) Beginner: 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 for the next year; (b) Advanced Beginner: An Advanced Beginner who wins 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance; (c) Novice: A Novice dancer who wins a 1st place in a dance will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance.; (d) Prizewinner: A competitor who does not qualify as a Beginner, Advanced Beginner or Novice; (e) Adult Beginner: An adult beginner is a competitor who never took Irish dancing lessons as a juvenile and is over 18 years of age; and (f) Other Adult Grades: will follow the descriptions provided above.
14. 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.
15. Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.
16. Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in positions 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.
17. In matters pertaining to adjudicators, the decision of the adjudicator is final.
18. Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.
19. Beginner and Advanced Beginner dancers are required to dance at traditional speeds only. Novice and Open Prizewinner dancers may choose between traditional and World Championships speeds for the treble jig and hornpipe. Adult categories are included in these specifications.
20. 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.
21. No block, en Pointe toe walking movements, stationary or moving, are allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the Under 14 age group. Banned movements also include Bunny Jump and Charleston.
22. Children up to and including the age of 12 are prohibited from wearing face make-up in all competition levels. All dancers are prohibited from wearing any form of glitter on their face.
23. 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.
24. No substance that can become airborne should be used on any dance floor in an attempt to improve traction.
25. Competitors are required to be appropriately attired at all times when attending the Feis and the Feis Committee has the right to ensure that the rule is adhered to. Changing of costumes is not allowed in the hall.
26. Costumes should not include any symbol or insignia that identifies any Irish Dance organization.
27. The Committee reserves the right to refuse admission.

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BEGINNER	Under 6	Under 8	Under 10	Under 12	12 & Over	Adult
Reel	1	5	9	13	17	21
Light Jig	2	6	10	14	18	22
Single Jig	3	7	11	15	19	23
Slip Jig	4	8	12	16	20	24

ADV. BEGINNER	Under 8	Under 10	Under 12	Under 14	14 & Over	Adult
Reel	101	107	113	119	125	131
Light Jig	102	108	114	120	126	132
Single Jig	103	109	115	121	127	133
Slip Jig	104	110	116	122	128	134
Treble Jig	105	111	117	123	129	135
Hornpipe	106	112	118	124	130	136

NOVICE	Under 8	Under 10	Under 12	Under 14	14 & Over	Adult
Reel	201	207	213	219	225	231
Light Jig	202	208	214	220	226	232
Single Jig	203	209	215	221	227	233
Slip Jig	204	210	216	222	228	234
Treble Jig	205	211	217	223	229	235
Hornpipe	206	212	218	224	230	236

PRIZEWINNER	Under 8	Under 10	Under 12	Under 14	14 & Over	Adult
Reel	301	307	313	319	325	331
Light Jig	302	308	314	320	326	332
Single Jig	303	309	315	321	327	333
Slip Jig	304	310	316	322	328	334
Treble Jig	305	311	317	323	329	335
Hornpipe	306	312	318	324	330	336

NOVICE/PRIZEWINNER SPECIALS	Under 11	Under 13	13 & Over	Adult
Traditional Set Dance	401	403	405	407
Treble Reel - 16 bars	402	404	406	-

PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP	
Under 10	501
Under 12	502
Under 14	503
Under 16	504
16 & Over	505

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP	
Under 10	506
Under 12	507
Under 14	508
Under 16	509
16 & Over	510

CHAMPIONSHIP SPECIALS	Under 13	Under 15	15 & Over
Traditional Set Dance	601	604	607
Non-Traditional Set Dance	602	605	608
Treble Reel - 16 bars	603	606	609

FIGURES	Under 10	Under 14	14 & Over	Adult
2 Hand	701	704	707	710
4 Hand	702	705	708	711
6 Hand	703	706	709	712

NON-DANCING COMPETITIONS

ART - The competition is for original artwork in any medium. All artwork should portray an Irish theme. Artwork must be submitted by 10 a.m. on the day of the feis for display and adjudication.

ART	
Under 13	801
13 & Over	802
Adult	803



Gulf Coast Feis - April 16, 2016 - Entry Form

One form per dancer required. Please PRINT all information as neatly as possible. Failure to provide all requested information will cause the entry to be rejected.

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of birth: _____

Age as of 01/01/16: _____

Dance School: _____

Organization: _____

Solo Dance Competitions, Art (\$10 per competition)

Competition #: _____

Special Competitions – Traditional Set Dance, Non-Traditional Set Dance, Treble Reel (\$15 per competition)

Competition #: _____

Figure Dance Competitions (\$7 per dancer in team)

Competition #: _____

Preliminary & Open Championships (\$40 per competition)

Competition # _____ (circle choices) Reel OR Slip Jig Treble Jig OR Hornpipe

Late Entry Fee: \$20 per family if entry is postmarked after March 21, 2016. No entries will be accepted after April 1, 2016.

The feis is an open platform event. Non-An Comhdhail dancers are assessed a fee of \$15 per competitor.

Maximum entry fee per family is \$150, excluding family admission fee, non-An Comhdhail dancer fee, and late entry fee.

TOTAL ENTRY FEES: \$ _____
 FAMILY EVENT FEE: \$ 25 per family *
 NON-AN COMHDHAIL DANCER FEE: \$ _____
 LATE ENTRY FEE (if applicable): \$ _____
 TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

* The "per" Family Event Fee provides the Feis with additional revenue to cover registrations, facility costs, sound system, trophies, etc.; this allows an equitable sharing of these expenses across all dancers and their families. Each family registering to attend the Feis is required to pay the Family Event Fee - there are no exceptions.

Mail completed entry form and check to: Claire Gorman, 722 Pine Crest Lane, Naples, FL 34104. Please make checks payable to: Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance.

By submitting this entry and attending the Gulf Coast Feis, you agree to release and forever discharge Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance, its heirs, successors, administrators, instructors and assigns, including sponsoring and affiliated organizations for any and all claims, action, causes of action or liability for any and all losses, whether based on allegations of negligence or not, resultant from the your family's participation (as a dancer or a spectator) in its programs and events connected with the activities of Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature

Date

An Comhdhail USA - Competition Level Guide

An Comhdhail USA	An Comhdhail	WIDA	CRN	RTN	CRDM
Beginner	Beginner A	Beginner	Bun Grad	Beginner	Beginner A
Advanced Beginner	Beginner B	Primary	Ullmhuchan	Intermediate	Beginner B
Novice	Beginner C	Intermediate	Mean Grad	Novice	Intermediate
Prizewinner			Ard Grad	Prizewinner	
Preliminary	Pre-Open	Open	Croabh Grad	Champion	Preliminary
Open Championship	Open				Open

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2016 Feis Calendar
 Enjoy a feis in the Florida sunshine!
 All events are open platform!
 April 16, 2016 - Gulf Coast Feis - Naples, Florida
 June 11, 2016 - Magic City Feis - Miami, Florida
 October 22, 2016 - Race to the Feis - Daytona Beach, Florida
 Good Luck to Team An Comhdhail USA
 at the World Championships
 to be held at the INEC in Killarney,
 Ireland from March 19-26, 2016

Directions to Florida Gulf Coast University from 75 (Traveling South)

Take exit 128 for Alico Road

Note: There will be a turn off for Southwest Florida International Airport – you do not want to take the turn off.

Turn left (east) onto Alico Road

Turn right (south) onto Ben Hill Griffin Parkway (first light)

Travel 3 miles (3 lights) on Ben Hill to FGCU Lake Parkway West

Note: This is a secondary entrance to the University and therefore is not marked. Should you pass the entrance continue south until you see the large marked entrance on your left. Turn in and then turn left at the stop sign/statue

Follow FGCU Lake Parkway West until you dead-end at a stoplight.

Turn right at the stoplight and then an immediate left into visitor parking.

The feis is being held on the 2nd floor of Cohen Center (the building with the clock tower)

Directions to Florida Gulf Coast University from 75 (Traveling North)

Take Exit 123 for Corkscrew Road

Turn right (east) onto Corkscrew Road

Travel .5 miles (1 light) on Corkscrew Road

Turn left (North) onto Ben Hill Griffin Parkway

Travel 2 miles on Ben Hill Griffin Parkway until you see a large entrance and tower

Turn right through the main entrance

Turn left where the road dead ends at a large statue and stop sign. Follow Curve of road to turn right into visitor parking immediately after Parking Garage 3

Note: If you go to the stoplight you have gone too far – turn right into parking before the light.

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Directions to Florida Gulf Coast University from Feis Hotel

Exit Gulf Coast Town Center

Turn right (south) onto Ben Hill Griffin Parkway

Travel 3 miles (3 lights) on Ben Hill to FGCU Lake Parkway West

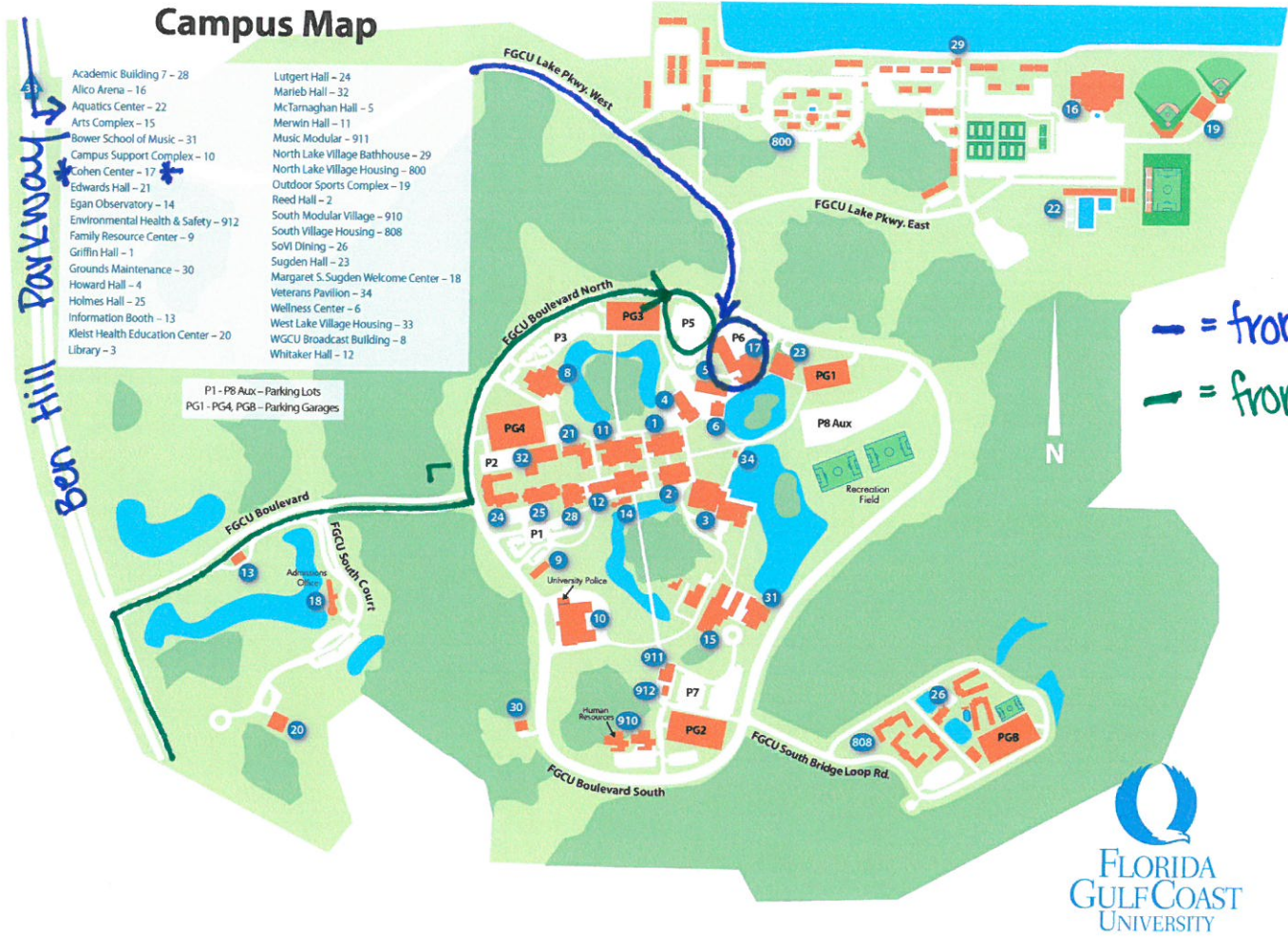
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Campus Map



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