

SHANGHAI FEIS RULES

1. The Feis will run in accordance with the Rules of An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha.
2. The lodgement of an entry will be taken to mean that teachers and pupils understand these rules and undertake to abide by them.
3. Objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of the announcement of the result of a competition accompanied by a fee of 40 USD, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
4. Age will be taken as on 1st January 2013, you dance under that age all year long, e.g. if a dancer's date of birth is 29 May 2002, he/she dances under 10 in the year 2012). Evidence of age may be requested, therefore dancers should have a valid ID with them in the event of a query as to their age.
5. The Adjudicators' decisions are final.
6. Beginners Grade competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st or 2nd prize (per rule 8) in any competition for that particular dance. In Beginners Grade competitions only basic steps may be performed.
7. Primary(Advanced Beginner) Grade competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st prize or 2nd prize (per rule 9) for that particular dance other than in Beginners Grade.
8. If a Beginner competition has 6 or more dancers, the first two places advance to the next grade, regardless of ties. If a Beginner competition has 11 dancers or more, then the first 3 places advance to the next grade regardless of ties. (RTME ruling Sept. 2007).
9. If a Primary(Advanced Beginner) competition has 6 or more dancers, the first place advances to the next grade. If a Primary competition has 11 or more, the first and second places advance to the next grade, regardless of ties (RTME ruling June 2011).
10. Where there are five dancers or less for Beginners, Primary(Advanced Beginner) and Intermediate(Novice) competitions, the results will not affect their grading.
11. Intermediate(Novice) Grade competitions are open to all dancers who have not previously won first prize for that particular dance in Intermediate(Novice) or Open(Prizewinner) Grades under the same or higher age limits.
12. For all Beginner, Primary(Advanced Beginner) and Intermediate(Novice) competitions (excluding trophy competitions) the 32 bar method will be applied. Two hands will be danced to 40 bars of music.
13. Music will be played at the recognized An Coimisiún speeds of Mainland Europe.

Dance	Beginners	Primary(adv Beg)	Intermediate/Open (Novice/Prizewinner)
Reel	121/123	116/118	113
Light Jig	116	116	116
Slip Jig	121	118	113
Single Jig	123	123	121
Heavy Jig	89	79	73
Hornpipe	142	130	113

14. Team dances (four hands and upward) must be performed in accordance with the Coimisiún handbook "Ar Rinci Foirne".

15. Within the limits specified in the Rules of An Coimisiún, the Organisers may at their discretion cancel or combine competitions with insufficient entries.
16. Order and quiet must be kept in the hall, particularly while competitors are dancing.
17. Competitors must be in costume and ready to dance 30 minutes before their competitions are scheduled.
18. The Feis organisers cannot accept any liability for injury or loss or damage to property while on the premises.
19. The dress code in accordance with An Coimisiún rules will be strictly observed i.e., for the sake of modesty and in the interest of safety to young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the Feis scantily dressed.
20. Only Feis officials may approach the adjudicators during competition sessions.
21. Stage make-up will not be permitted for any dancer in the first two grades up to and including the Under 12 age group worldwide.
22. An Coimisiun has ruled that from 1st January each year, that **no block, en pointe**, either stationary or moving, be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group worldwide. The Under 12 Age Group will be allowed to toe walk from September 1st.
23. By entering in competitions, dancers (or their legal representatives, in case of minors) consent to their names and likeness being used by the feis organizers and tabulation service in publications, print and web based.
24. No refunds will be made.
25. Freestyle/Show Style competition dance routine must not be longer than 4 minutes and the CD with music (two Copies) must be provided before the lunch break on the day of the competition. Freestyle/Show routines must use Irish Dance choreography.