



Southern California Open Feis

Oct 5th, 2013

8:30am to 4:00pm

Grace Mullen Auditorium

Redlands High School, South Campus

Redlands, California.

The following is an overview of the Southern California Open Feis schedule and events.

What to expect at your first Feis

For those of you who have never experienced a Feis, the following is a little heads up on what to expect.

Remember - This is supposed to be fun

We want to create a happy and supportive environment for our children to learn and grow from this experience. Many of our children will be competing against friends... this can create a few challenges... I try to remind them they are competitors on stage but friends off of the stage and friends support each other no matter the results.

I want the kids to feel supported by each other no matter the age difference or dancing ability, and perhaps come away with some new friendships from other Irish Dance schools in the United States.



Registration

After you have paid on the day (or at class the week of the Feis) you will receive your dancers number. Please note that if you pay at class the week of, we will just note that you have paid and hold on to your dancers number. (we don't want anyone to lose it)

Your Dance Number

Attach the dance number to your dancer's top of the skirt in the middle with a safety pin. Anyone at registration will be happy to show you how if you are unsure.



When do I dance?

On the back of your dancer's number, you will find a list of events for which you have registered. These will be listed similarly to the following:

Event #4 Beginner reel U10

Event #5 Beginner Light Jig U10

Event #11 Premiership Beginner U10 T

While this is just an example, events are numbered to help you and your dancer have a better idea of how much time you will have between events. Basically, just follow the events marked on your dancer's number, and if you have any questions, ask anyone in an event shirt.

Finding the Schedule

You will need to look for the event that is happening now and the event that is happening next, which will be posted toward the front of the Auditorium on a White board or from a projector. If your dancer is in the event that is next, they will need to report to the staging area - Just find the nice ladies helping the kids line up at the side of the stage. The more we stay on top of this the smoother the event will run.

Be ready 30 minutes early

Please watch for your child's event(s) and have your dancer ready to go, at least, 30 minutes prior to the scheduled event. We will be opening our event doors at 8:30am. The Feis will start at 9:30am. We will have a general schedule and syllabus, so there will be times to aim for but there are many factors that often change the time frames of each event. We will break for lunch and will have pizza, cakes, coffee, water and other goodies available to buy at the event. Plan your breaks so your dancer is healthy, happy, ready early, and prepared for their event.

Dance time!

Once your dancer has checked in with the stage manager and is at the side of the stage, parents are not allowed to interact with the dancers. The ladies helping at the side of the stage will help them with anything they need. Just have yourself ready to watch, clap, be positive, and take photos. *No video and no flash photography please while dancers are dancing.* Video and flash photography may be used during award ceremonies only.

Beginner level dancers will have someone on stage with them to count them off - just like we do in class. Otherwise, the dancers will be lead out when it is their turn to dance. We have been practicing this in class, so your dancer should know what to do. Once your dancer is done, it's just a matter of waiting for the results to be posted.



Results

Results will be posted in the foyer of the Auditorium.

Medals will be awarded based on placement. If your dancer received a medal, you can pick it up at the awards table in the foyer. You need to bring your dance number with you to pick up your medal.

If your dancer is in a Premiership the results will be announced and the dancers will be acknowledged on the stage. Your dancer needs to be in full competition dress, including shoes, to receive an award on the stage.

ARMS!



Judging

Our Adjudicator will be Mr. Kevin Cannon, who is traveling to Redlands from the Netherlands specifically to judge this event.

Please remember that Parents are not allowed to approach the adjudicator at any time during the Feis. If you would like to chat to Mr. Cannon after the event is completely over you will be welcome to do so. There are only a handful of people who are permitted to approach the adjudicator during the event, and they have been acknowledged by the Feis Committee, Róisín, and Mr. Cannon.



Before you freak out – Find a Friend!

This may all seem a bit overwhelming, but you will have plenty of people there who know what to expect... just ask one of us if you need help.

Feis Logistics

Registration

The last day to sign up for the Feis without a penalty is September 20th 2013. Registration after Sept 20th is permitted, but a late registration fee will be applied to the overall cost.

If you have not yet registered, please contact Róisín so we can make sure all competitors are accounted for and entered in to the registration and tabulation system in advance of the Feis.

Participation

Eight schools and nearly 60 dancers from across the United States are competing at this year's Southern California Open Feis.

- Emerald Isle Academy of Irish Dance
- Kelly School of Irish Dance
- Legacy Irish Dance Company
- McGrath Irish Dancers
- McCarthy-Felton School of Irish Dancing
- Michigan Irish Dance Academy
- Mist of Ireland School of Irish Dance
- Tir Ruaidh Irish Dance Company

Hotel Arrangements

Arrangements have been made to for those attending the Feis to stay in Redlands at a discounted price.

Ayers Hotel
1015 W Colton Ave, Redlands, CA 92374
(909) 335-9024
Ayers Hotel

(see Event Locations map)

Traveling to Redlands

(See Finding Redlands and Directions to the Feis maps)

Examinations

Several dancers and instructors are planning to take the *Dancer Grade Examination*, *Step Dance Teacher Examination* (TCRG), or *Ceili-Dance Teacher* (TMRF). Examinations will be in conjunction with the Feis at the TRIDC studio (see map) in Redlands. Examination times are being worked on and will be sent to those signed up.

Southern California Open Feis - Details

Directions and Parking

(See the Directions to the Feis map)

Doors Open

Doors open at 8:30am

Check in and registration will be from 8:30am – 9:30am in the auditorium foyer.

Start Time

The Feis will begin promptly at 9:30am.

Róisín will open the event with acknowledgements and general information about the day. Dancers for the first events should be checked in with the stage manager and staged ready to dance at 9:30am.

Food and Beverages

There will be a 45 minute break mid-day for lunch. There are several places to grab a quick lunch in the immediate area (see map).

Concessions will also be available for purchase throughout the day outside the auditorium foyer.

No food or beverages are permitted inside the auditorium

Venue

The Feis will be held in the 400 seat, Grace Mullen Auditorium, on the Redlands high school campus.

Registration, check in, vendors, first aid, result postings, and medals will be setup in the auditorium foyer. A 25'x30' dance floor will be setup on the auditorium stage. Changing, warm up, tabulations, and instructor areas will be in rooms adjacent to the Stage. Event check-in and staging will be positioned stage right. Sound/Music will be setup on stage left.

(See Venue Layout map)

Setup

There will be 1 hour available for set up on Friday October 4th at 6pm and approximately 1 hour of set up at 7:30 am on the morning of the event. Access to the facility will be restricted to Feis committee staff and registered volunteers. A volunteer signup sheet is available on the bulletin board at the TRIDC Studio.