



Diamond Championships

GRADE EXAMS

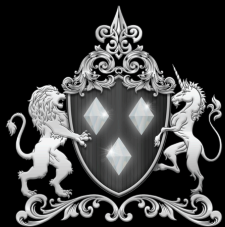
Friday, March 13, 2026 from 4-9pm
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About

For the very first time, Costello Irish Dance is delighted to host grade exams in association with the Diamond Championships and Grades Feis. The exams will take place on Friday between 4 and 9pm, March 13, at the Costello Irish Dance studio (1850 Rue des Loisirs, Saint-Lazare, QC J7T 3B4). We are especially pleased to welcome Marie Moore, SDCRG, who will be joining us as the examiner for this exciting occasion.



Registration

Online entries and payment via:
feis.link

Entries are not complete
until payment is received

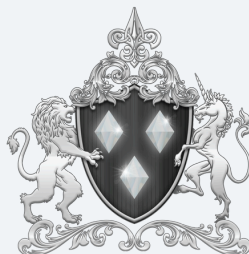
No refunds, regardless of reason

Entry deadline: March 8, 2026

Grade	Fee
1	\$40
2	\$40
3	\$40
4	\$50
5	\$50
6	\$50
7	\$60
8	\$60
9	\$60
10	\$60

Grades 1, 2, 3
\$40 per dancer per grade

Grade	Dances	Speed
1	Easy Reel Light Jig	122-124 116
2	Basic Slip Jig Basic Single Jig	124 124
3	Primary Reel Basic Heavy Jig	116-118 96



Grades 4, 5, 6
\$50 per dancer per grade

Grade	Dances	Speed
4	Primary Slip Jig Traditional Set Dance: St. Patrick's Day	120 94
5	Advanced Reel (Intermediate / Primary / Open) Basic Hornpipe Walls of Limerick	113 144 N/A
6	Advanced Slip jig (Intermediate / Primary / Open) Blackbird Siege of Ennis	113 144 N/A



Grades 7, 8, 9, 10
\$60 per dancer per grade

Grade	Dances	Speed
7	Advanced Heavy Jig Traditional Set Dance: Garden of Daisies Four-Hand Reel	73 138 N/A
8	Advanced Hornpipe Traditional Set Dance: Job of Journeywork Humours of Bandon	113 138 N/A
9	Two modern sets, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time High Caule'd Cap	Candidate specifies speed of two modern sets N/A
10	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (different from those in Grade 9) The Eight Hand Jig	Candidate specifies speed of two modern sets N/A

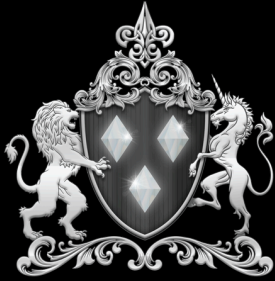
General Rules

St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional manner.

Forty (40) bars of music must be danced for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes.

Music speeds as per CLRG rules.





The Examiner



Marie Moore, SDCRG

New Jersey, USA

Rules and Regulations for Grade Examinations

All examiners must be aware of and adhere to the procedures, rules, etc. to ensure that examinations are conducted in the same manner worldwide.

1. Candidates must be associated with a currently registered CLRG teacher.
2. All 12 grade examinations must be completed for a candidate to be eligible to apply to take the T.C.R.G. examination.
3. Grade examiners of choice may be used for Grades 1-6, with a minimum of 2 different examiners to be used through these grades.
4. The same grade examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of 3 years. This also applies where a regional authority or group of teachers/classes hold the examinations. As an example, for applications for 2021, grade examiners may not have examined in the class for the years 2020, 2019 or 2018.
5. Rotation lists are in operation by An tUdarás Scrúdaithe for Grades 7-10. They are grouped as follows:

Examiner Rotation List:

Ireland
Great Britain
Europe (IRL, GB, EU)
North America
Australia/N. Zealand

Examination Locations:

Ireland
England, Scotland, Wales
Europe, Middle East, South Africa
USA, Canada, Mexico, South America
Australia, N. Zealand, Far East Asia

6. A maximum of ten names are given to the organizer from the rotation list for grades 1 to 10. A maximum of five names will be given for grades 11 and 12. Notification of the chosen grade examiner must be returned to grades@clrg.ie as soon as possible to ensure continuity of the rota. Grade examiners must respond to a request within two - three days of the invitation.

7. Grade exams must be examined by at least 4 different examiners for grades 1- 10.

8. Grades 11 and 12:

a. Grades 11 and 12 must be conducted by S.D.C.R.G. examiners.

b. Grades 11 and 12 are open to all candidates. Due to grades 11 and 12 being linked to the T.C.R.G. examination, and graded by an S.D.C.R.G. examiner, briefing and questions/answers will be included to help the candidate understand the requirements and preparation necessary for all parts of the T.C.R.G. examination.

c. Special application forms must be submitted for these exams.

d. Candidates must be at least 16 years or older to take grade 11.

e. Candidates must be at least 17 years or older to take grade 12.

f. A different S.D.C.R.G. examiner must examine each of grades 11 and 12.

g. Where possible, these examiners must be different from the examiners who assessed any grade between grades 7-10.

h. An tUdarás Scrúdaithe, where necessary, may appoint an S.D.C.R.G. examiner who has examined at any of the candidate's previous examinations.

i. The results of grades 11 and 12 are not given to the candidates until they have been ratified by An tUdarás Scrúdaithe.

j. The candidates will receive diplomas signed by both the examiner and chairperson of An tUdarás Scrúdaithe for grades 11 and 12. The chairperson of An Coimisiún will also sign the grade 12 diploma.

9. Each grade must be passed before a candidate may attempt the next grade.
10. Candidates must produce previous grade exam reports before proceeding to take the next grade. Reports must be presented at the examination. Grades 11 and 12 require that exam reports are submitted along with the specific application form to the office of CLRG 8 weeks in advance of the exam.

Grade 11 = Application & grade 1-10 examination reports to grades@clrg.ie

Grade 12 = Application & grade 11 report only to grades@clrg.ie

11. Grade examiners must ensure that all grades have been taken before examining the next grade. Please ensure that all previous grades are in order, as any exam taken in the future without confirmation of previous grades may not stand.
12. A candidate must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 (the Preliminary grade is optional).
13. Scrúdú Béil, or oral Irish exam, is required for grades 1-6 in Ireland.
14. A candidate may only attempt three consecutive grades at any one exam.
15. A three-month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted, e.g. if a grade exam is taken on 30th June, the next grade(s) cannot be taken before 30th September of the same year.
16. A candidate would be permitted to retake any grade for a better score upon submission of a specific written request to the Udarás Scrúdaithe, with the understanding that the second result would replace the earlier one and that the dancer would be required to pay the usual fee for the grade being retaken.

17. A candidate undergoing a three-month restyling period may take a grade examination.
18. A certificate is awarded for each grade. Grade examinations are unlike competitions in that each candidate performs the dances individually and receives a detailed written assessment.
19. A grade should be given for each solo dance performed and averaged to achieve the overall grade. Céilí dances should not be included in the average grade. Comments should be noted on the theoretical knowledge.
20. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all céilí dances as per Ár Rincí Céilí as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12. The candidates must not be asked to teach these dances.
21. Dance costumes must not be worn.
22. Only basic steps may be danced in the preliminary grade and grades 1, 2 and 3.
23. St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Garden of Daisies, Job of Journeywork, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains, and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional style and manner.
24. 40 bars of music must be danced for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes.
25. Music speeds on the syllabus as per CLRG rules.
26. All modern set dances in grades 9-12 must not be repeated in any of these grades.
27. An Comhdháil Grades are accepted by An Coimisiún. Proof of having taken these examinations (certificates and marking sheets) must be submitted beforehand to An tÚdarás Scrúdaithe, and produced at the examination.

If you need to get in touch



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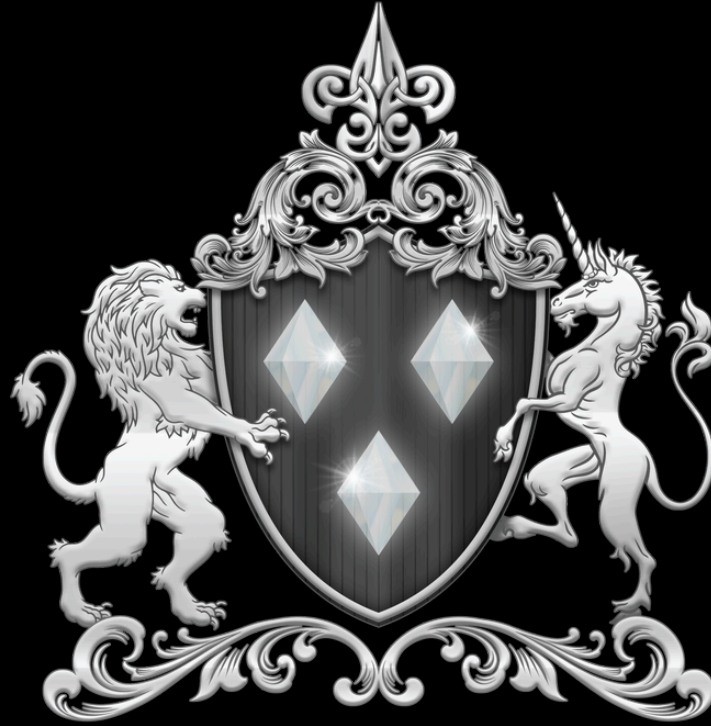


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