

THE BROESLER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE  
PRESENTS

THE TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL  
BALTIMORE FEIS

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THE KEVIN BROESLER PARENTS' ASSOCIATION  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017  
8:30 – Ceilis, 8:45 - Solos  
DOORS OPEN 7:45

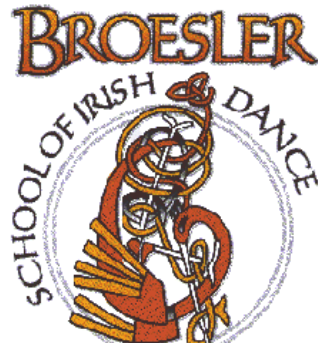
CHESAPEAKE ARTS CENTER / BROOKLYN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL  
194 HAMMONDS LANE  
BROOKLYN PARK, MARYLAND 21225

OFFERING THREE ROUNDS FOR OPEN CHAMPIONS  
CAP 850

Register at [www.feisweb.com](http://www.feisweb.com)

**Adjudicators:**

James Early NY  
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**Art/Music:** Cushla Srour

All competitors must register through FeisWeb at [www.feisweb.com](http://www.feisweb.com) and [pay on line. No mail in payments will be accepted.](#)

**ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS**

**Entry Fees : ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS**

**Solos:** \$10.00 per competitor per dance  
**Preliminary Championships:** \$33.00 per competitor  
**Open Championships:** \$36.00 per competitor  
**Traditional Set:** \$10.00 per competitor per dance  
**Treble Reel:** \$10.00 per competitor per dance  
(Excluded from Maximum Fee)  
**Music:** \$10.00 per competitor per event  
**Art:** \$10.00 per entry  
**Maximum Fee:** \$120.00 per family not including Treble Reel or Family Admission  
**Entry Change Fee:** \$10.00  
**Late Fee:** \$20.00 – all payments made after September 2nd  
**Prepaid Family Admission:** \$20.00 per family  
(Excluded from Maximum Fee)

The fee for marks is included in each entry fee. Marks for championship events will be available after awards are presented. All marks for solo events (including traditional set piece and treble reel) will be emailed. Please be sure to set your spam blocker to allow emails from feisweb and baltfeis. Payments after **September 2nd** must include a \$20.00 late fee per family. There is \$10.00 fee for all entry changes. No entries or changes will be accepted when **Feis cap is reached** as determined by Feis committee or after **Sept 4th (whichever comes first)**.

Stage Schedule will be posted on the website, [www.broesler.com](http://www.broesler.com) as soon as it is available.

THE BALTIMORE FEIS IS A MEMBER OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FEIS COMMISSION

Lori Seeman, President

This Feis Is Sanctioned By The North American Feis Commission and An Coimisiún, Dublin, Ireland

Syllabus Approved by IDTANA Southern Region, Maureen Armstrong, ADCRG

Approval Date: 8/2/2017

2017 NAFC DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD JOINTLY JANUARY 14, 2017

At The Sheraton New Orleans Louisiana

N.A.F.C. Senior Irish Dancing Championship for GERRY CAMPBELL PERPETUAL BELT

N.A.F.C. Junior Irish Dancing Championship for ROBERT GABOR PERPETUAL TROPHY

N.A.F.C. Minor Irish Dancing Championship for GEORGE SWEETNAM PERPETUAL TROPHY

NAFC under 15 Edward Callaghan Music Championship will be held at Irish American Association NW Jersey Feis on September 10, 2017

NAFC 15 & over James Brennan Music Championship will be held at the Detroit International Feis on June 3, 2017

**Beginner** – A beginner is a competitor who has not taken Irish dancing lessons from a registered teacher prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> of previous year. Dancer must move into Advanced Beginner the following year.

**Advanced Beginner** - An advanced beginner who wins 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance.

Girls/Boys	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Hop Jig
Under 5	1	2	3	4
Under 6	5	6	7	8
Under 7	9	10	11	12
Under 8	13	14	15	16
Under 9	17	18	19	20
Under 10	21	22	23	24
Under 11	25	26	27	28
Under 12	29	30	31	32
Under 13	33	34	35	36
Under 14	37	38	39	40
Under 15	41	42	43	44
15 and over	45	46	47	48

Girls/Boys	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Hop Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe
Under 5	91	92	93	94	95	96
Under 6	101	102	103	104	105	106
Under 7	107	108	109	110	111	112
Under 8	113	114	115	116	117	118
Under 9	119	120	121	122	123	124
Under 10	125	126	127	128	129	130
Under 11	131	132	133	134	135	136
Under 12	137	138	139	140	141	142
Under 13	143	144	145	146	147	148
Under 14	149	150	151	152	153	154
Under 15	155	156	157	158	159	160
15 and over	161	162	163	164	165	166

**Novice** - A novice who wins 1st place will advance to the Prizewinner (Open) category in that particular dance.

**Prizewinner** - A competitor who does not qualify as a Beginner, Advanced Beginner, or as a Novice.

Girls/Boys	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Hop Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe
Under 7	201	202	203	204	205	206
Under 8	207	208	209	210	211	212
Under 9	213	214	215	216	217	218
Under 10	219	220	221	222	223	224
Under 11	225	226	227	228	229	230
Under 12	231	232	233	234	235	236
Under 13	237	238	239	240	241	242
Under 14	243	244	245	246	247	248
Under 15	249	250	251	252	253	254
15 & over	255	256	257	258	259	260

Girls/Boys	Reel	Slip Jig	Hop Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe
Under 7	301	302	303	304	305
Under 8	306	307	308	309	310
Under 9	311	312	313	314	315
Under 10	316	317	318	319	320
Under 11	321	322	323	324	325
Under 12	326	327	328	329	330
Under 13	331	332	333	334	335
Under 14	336	337	338	339	340
Under 15	341	342	343	344	345
15 & over	346	347	348	349	350

### Traditional Set

Advanced Beginner, Novice and Prizewinner		Preliminary/Open Champions	
Under 10	375	Under 13	411
Under 12	376	Under 16	412
Under 14	377	Over 16	413
14 and Over	378		

### Treble Reel for Charity - To be determined

Advanced Beginner, Novice, and Prizewinner		Preliminary Champions	
Under 14	703	Under 14	705
14 and Over	704	14 and Over	706
Open Champions			
Under 14	707		
14 and Over	708 - Kaley Smith Memorial Trophy		

### FIGURE/CEILI DANCES

Teachers or team captains are responsible that their teams are complete and in position when the competition is announced. Competitors may compete in the **NEXT** higher age group; however, a competitor may compete only in **ONE AGE GROUP** and only with a **SINGLE TEAM**.

The Emerald Society Baltimore City Firefighters Trophy will be awarded to the teacher whose school accumulates the most points in figure dancing.

Under 9	601 - 2 Hand	602 - 3 Hand
Under 12	603 - 2 Hand	604 - 3 Hand
Under 15	605 - 2 Hand	606 - 3 Hand
15 and over	607 - 2 Hand	608 - 3 Hand

Under 12	609 - 4 Hand
Under 15	610 - 4 Hand
15 and over	611 - 4Hand

**PRELIMINARY  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Girls and Boys Combined.**

Competitors must dance:

(A) reel/treble jig, (B) reel/hornpipe, (C) slip jig/treble jig, or (D) slip jig/hornpipe. Reel is lead and two steps and slip jigs 40 bars. All competitions will be danced three at a time up to and including under 14. Preliminaries are open to those who, at any N.A.F.C. recognized feis: a) have placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in each of the Open (Prizewinner) solo categories and b) have never won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in Open Championships. A dancer who wins 2 first place awards in one calendar year will move on to Open Championships the following year or as soon as the second win is achieved in any age category in a subsequent year.

Under 8	401	Martin L. Longstreth, Jr. Memorial Trophy	Under 13	406	
Under 9	402	Thomas and Ruth Cavanaugh Memorial Trophy	Under 14	407	Nancy E. Dowd Memorial Trophy
Under 10	403	Colleen Lawlor Memorial Trophy	Under 15	408	Ann Richens Memorial Trophy
Under 11	404	Eugene Frank Thomas Memorial Trophy	Under 16	409	Helen Maher Armstrong Memorial Trophy
Under 12	405	James Francis O'Toole Memorial Trophy	16 and Over	410	Raymond L. Kronk, Sr. Memorial Trophy

Competitors must dance:

**OPEN  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**

(A) reel/treble jig, (B) reel/hornpipe, (C) slip jig/treble jig, or (D) slip jig/hornpipe, and a set dance of own choice from the approved list. Reel is lead and two steps and slip jig is 40 bars.

Girls under 9	501		Boys under 9	508	
Girls under 10	502	Maureen Howe Memorial Trophy	Boys under 10	509	Kevin B. O'Donnell Memorial Trophy
Girls under 12	503	Evelyn Bryant Geddis Memorial Trophy	Boys under 12	510	Eileen Broesler Memorial Trophy
Girls under 14	504	Vincent McCann Memorial Trophy	Boys under 14	511	Alberta Fedde Memorial Trophy
Girls under 16	505	Thomas J. Christman Sr. Memorial Trophy	Boys under 16	512	Jeremy Srou Perpetual Trophy
Girls under 18	506	Hayne Harper Memorial Trophy	Boys 16 and over	513	Christopher Francis Geipe Perpetual Trophy
Girls 18 and over	507	McGuigan-Lynch Memorial Trophy			

**MUSIC**

Competitions will run from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. in the music room which is on the lower level of the school. All competitors should play 2 tunes of CONTRASTING rhythms, for example jig, reel, polka, hornpipe, march, ect. Duets: Any traditional instruments. Note: Both competitors must play melody, no harmony.

Age	Fiddle	Tin Whistle	Flute	Concertina/Accordian	All Other Melody Instruments	Bodhran	Accompaniment (Example: Piano, Guitar)	Singing	Duets
Under 12	801	802	803	804	805	806	807	808	809
Over 12	810	811	812	813	814	815	816	817	818

**ART**

Bring artwork on day of the feis by 12:00 pm.

Under 13	901
Under 21	902
21 and Over	903

**Directions to CHESAPEAKE ARTS CENTER / BROOKLYN PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**From Washington and Points South**

- Take I-95 North (follow signs to Baltimore) to I-695 East (towards Glen Burnie).
- Take exit 3-A turn right at end of ramp, and right again onto Route 2, Ritchie Highway, going North.
- Go .7 mile, turn left onto Hammonds Lane.
- Entrance to the school is on the right - app. 300 yd. after turn.

**From New York, New Jersey and Points North**

- Take I-95 South to Exit 62 - I-895 South (Stay to left for I-895).
- Follow I-895 to Exit 7 (MD 2 South – Brooklyn).
- Straight on Route 2 South for app. 2 miles.
- Turn right on Hammonds Lane.
- Entrance to the school is on the right - app. 300 yd. after turn.

## HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Holiday Inn at BWI (recently remodeled), 1-888-465-4329, 815 Elkridge Landing Rd., Linthicum Heights MD 21090

Embassy Suites at BWI Airport – small block at group rate of \$109. Group name is Broesler School of Irish Dance.  
410-850-0747 1300 Concourse Drive, Linthicum, Maryland 21090

### IDTANA Southern Region-Dancing Competition Rules

*These rules were approved by the IDTANA Southern Region on June 30, 2011 and are effective January 1, 2012  
These rules are required to be included in the syllabus for all feiseanna taking place in the IDTANA Southern Region.*

- 1) In the case of all solo and team competitions in all grades, the age of a competitor on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the competition is held will determine the right of entry. For the purpose of this rule a competitor whose birthday occurs on January 1<sup>st</sup> shall be deemed to be under the age attained on that date.
- 2) Competitions are open to all but those holding a TMRP, TCRG, or ADCRG designation. All dancers must be pupils of a person currently registered with An Coimisiun as a Dancing Teacher of any category.
- 3) A competitor may be disqualified for any of the following reasons:
  - a) Conduct unbecoming a lady or gentleman
  - b) Failure to report on time to compete (Penalty: disqualification from said event)
  - c) Falsification of age or other important fact—i.e. teaching, award winning, competing under another competitor's name or number etc.  
Penalty for a) or c): Competitor will be disqualified from the Feis at which the occurrence happened and from all NAFC-registered Feiseanna for a period of one year beginning at the date of the occurrence.
  - d) Any competitor found to be "altering" their shoes or wearing them on the "wrong feet" will be treated in the same manner as is using carriage aids, and will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition (CLRG AGM 2011)
- 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 or Open (Prizewinner) competitions
  - a) Must compete in their own age group
  - b) Must be prepared to perform two steps in each event
  - c) Cannot change competition on the day of the Feis.
  - d) Steel taps or "bubble" heels on dancing shoes, display of awards, wearing of shorts or other unconventional dress is prohibited. Dancers competing in First Feis (if offered), Beginners and Advanced Beginner, a.k.a. Beginner I and II must wear a class costume of a skirt and blouse. All other categories are excluded from this rule. Modest attire is encouraged when a competitor is not dancing. Costumes for both boys and girls should not include representations, such as globes, medals, or any other item symbolic of an award having been achieved effective Jan 1, 2013. (CLRG AGM 2012). Costume or costuming is defined as any element of performance/presentation clothing, worn by a dancer in the course of a competition, including but not limited to dress, waistcoat, trousers, shoes, headgear, capes, shawls, socks and underwear (CLRG AGM 2012)
- 7) Competitor's number must be worn and visible to adjudicators when performing in all competitions, except in Championships. Use of clear reflective plastic number covers is discouraged.
- 8) Awards will be determined in proportion to the number of entries in each competition and to the degree of proficiency shown.
- 9) Complaints must be in writing stating names and other factual information and signed by the complainant. A ten-dollar fee (cash) must be enclosed and presented to the Feis Chairman within one hour of the occurrence. The fee will be returned if the complaint is upheld.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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.
- 12) 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.
- 13) **Open Championships:**
  - a) Entrants in any 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 (tradition set, treble reel non-traditional set dance)
  - b) Entrants in Open Championships should specify on the entry form their choice of set dance
  - c) Open Championship competitions in the minimum required age groups must be offered separately in the syllabus, yet the feis committee may combine an age group with the next higher age group if there are fewer than 5 competitors entered in the lower age groups. A feis committee is not permitted to combine dancers from one open championship age group with any age groups which is more than one age groups higher than the age group in which the dancers are entered
  - d) A dancer is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel or slip jig for ladies and reel only for men) and a set dance. A Feis can also opt to require a third dance (choice of jig/hornpipe)
  - e) Dancers must qualify for Open Championship via the method now in place for Preliminary Championship i.e. two 1<sup>st</sup> place wins.
  - f) Dancers must compete in the Preliminary Championship competition in order to qualify for Open Championship.
- 14) Girls and Boys competitions in Open Championship may be combined in the syllabus. If three or more boys are entered in a specific age group in a combined Open Championship competition, the boys and girls must be split into separate competitions. If separate Boys and Girls competitions in Open Championships are offered in the syllabus, they may **not** be combined under any circumstance on the day of the Feis.
- 15) **Preliminary Championships:**
  - a) Are open to those who at any NAFC recognized Feis:
    1. Have placed 1<sup>st</sup> in both an Open (Prizewinner) light and heavy shoe competition and
    2. Have never won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Open Championship.
  - b) A dancer who wins two (2) first place preliminary championship awards in one calendar year will move on to Open Championship the following year (as of Jan 1); if the second first-place win does not occur in the same feis year as the first win, as soon as the second win is achieved, in any age category, the dancer must move up to open championship level immediately. Only in the case of a back to back Feiseanna (successive days) the first-place win in the first Feis will not change the dancer's status for the second Feis
  - c) A dancer in a preliminary championship is required to perform a light shoe dance (reel of slip jig for ladies and reel only for men) and a hard shoe dance. A Feis can opt to offer either (a) a set dance) or (b) a jig/hornpipe or (c) both a set dance and jig/hornpipe
  - d) Boys and Girls will be combined in preliminary championships—Please note the separation policy involving five or more boys
  - e) Preliminary Championship competitions must be offered separately in the syllabus for the minimum required age groups, yet the feis committee may combine an age group with the next higher age groups if there are fewer than 5 competitors entered in the lower age group. A feis committee is not permitted to combine dancers from one preliminary championship age group with any age group which is more than one age group higher than the age group in which the dancers are entered.
- 16) Open Championships and Preliminary Championships require at least three adjudicators.
- 17) First place winners in the Open Championship category cannot return to a Preliminary or Open (Prizewinner) competition. Placing in a Regional or National Oireachtas does not change the status of a competitor. If after competing for two full feis years at the Open Championship level, a dancer has not placed first, second or third, he/she may opt to return to Preliminary Championship status.
- 18) The status of the dancer does not change unless there are five or more dancers in a competition.
- 19) In championship events or solo set dance events: Introductions for set dances will be played only once and competitors must set their speeds during that one playing, no variation in speed will be allowed once dancing is due to commence. Dancers beginning before or after the stipulated set-dance introduction will automatically receive a zero for that round from the/or all adjudicators. (CLRG AGM 2011)
- 20) **Grade Category Definitions:**

**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.

**Advanced Beginner:** An Advanced Beginner who wins 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place will advance to the Novice category in that particular dance.

**Novice:** A Novice dancer who wins a 1<sup>st</sup> place in a dance will advance to the Open (Prizewinner) category in that particular dance. In addition, if there are twenty or more dancers, a dancer who wins 1<sup>st</sup> place or 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a dance will advance to the Open/Prizewinner category in that particular dance. (Dec. 2012)

**Open (Prizewinner):** A competitor who does not qualify as a Beginner, Advanced Beginner or Novice.

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

**Other Adult Grades:** will follow the descriptions provided above.

\*\* Competitors have the option to remain in the same category for the remainder of the Feis year (until the following January 1<sup>st</sup>)

\*\* The syllabus must contain all grade categories

\*\* Boys and Girls enter the appropriate age group in the appropriate grade for each dance; after entries have been closed, in any competition where five or more boys are entered, the feis committee will run a separate competition for these boys.

\*\* A feis committee may only combine two consecutive calendar year age groups (within that grade only) when fewer than five(5) competitors are entered in either age group, with the exception of the oldest age group listed.
- 21) 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.
- 22) Musicians employed by the Feis Committee will be solely under the direction and management of the Feis Committee on Feis day.
- 23) 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.
- 24) In matters pertaining to adjudicators, the decision of the adjudicator is final.
- 25) Adjudicators are to monitor the quality of music at the stage(s) to which they are assigned.
- 26) First Feis (if offered), Beginner and Advanced Beginner dancers are required to dance at traditional speeds only. Novice and Open (Prizewinner) dancers may choose between traditional and Oireachtas speeds. Adult categories are included in these specifications
- 27) 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 expressly forbidden in competition: except in Beginner and Advanced Beginner Categories (CLRG AGM 2011)
- 28) No block, en Pointe toe walking movements, stationary or moving is allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group. However, after Sept 1<sup>st</sup> of each year an exception is made for those dancers who are 11 dancing in the under 12 age group.
- 29) Make up is prohibited on a dancer in the first three grades (First Feis [if offered]), Beginner and Advanced Beginner or their equivalent) up to and including the under 12 age group.
- 30) 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.
- 31) No substance that can become airborne should be u