

# FEIS 102

Your dancer completed first feis and beginner 1, now what?

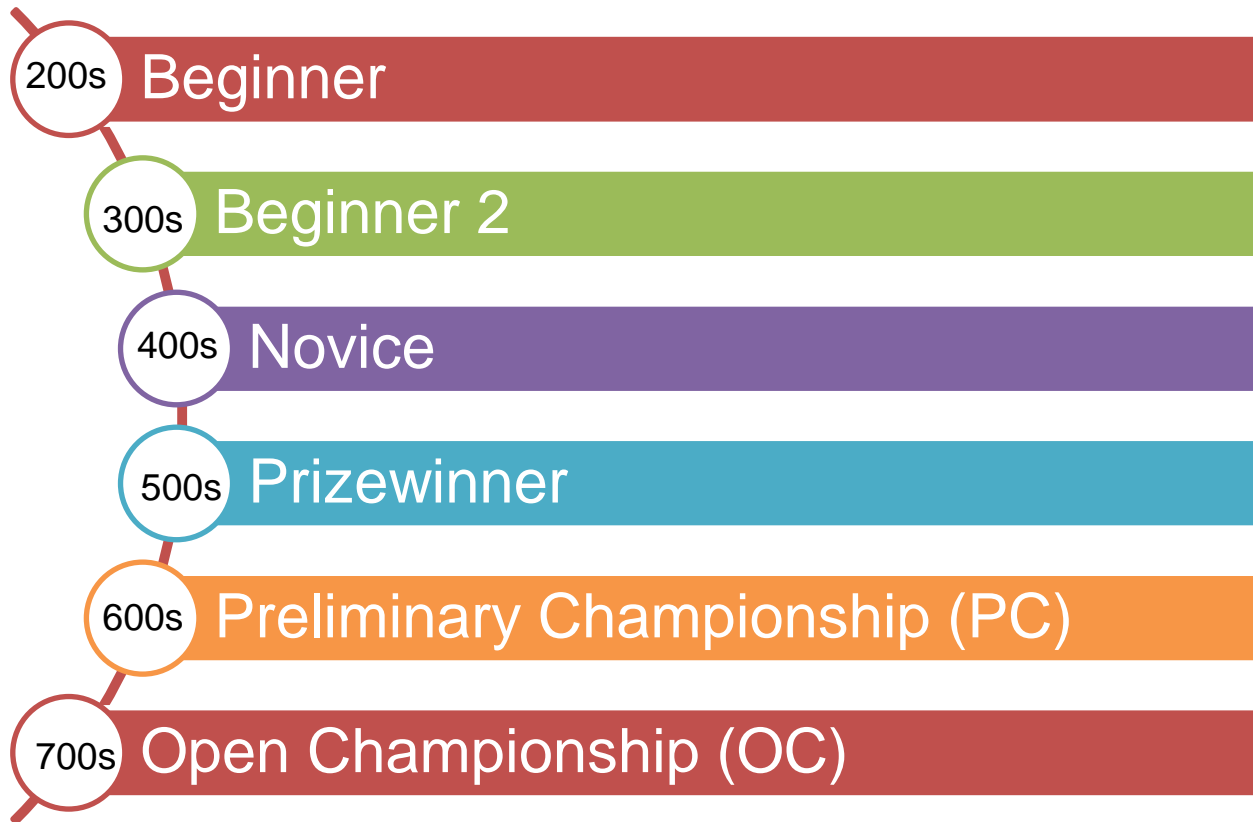


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# Questions to Answer

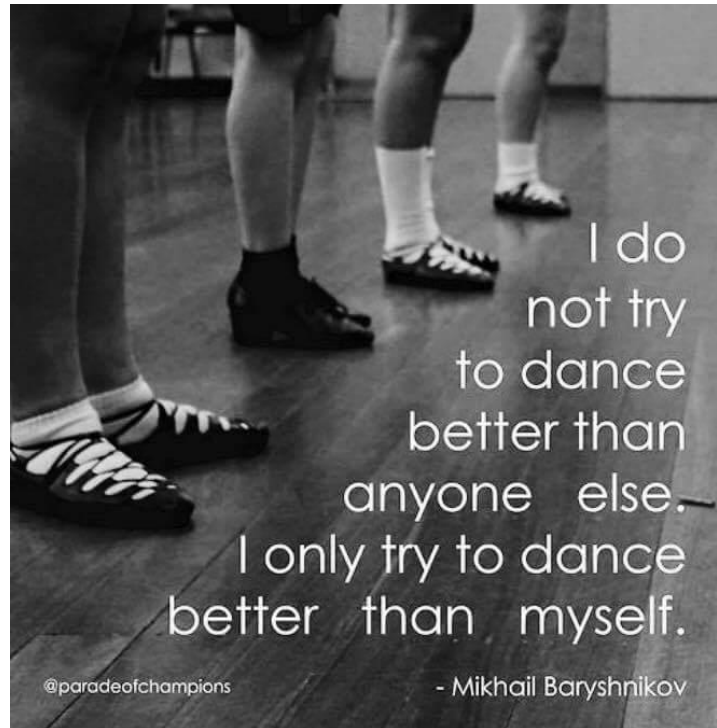
- What are the different feis levels?
- What is required to move through the feis levels?
- What to expect?
- How to get involved in our feis?
- What are some tips/tricks?

# Feis Levels



# Move from **Beginner 1** to **Beginner 2**

- Complete one full calendar year of feising as Beginner 1
- No placements are required



# Move from **Beginner 2** to **Novice**

- Place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Beginner 2 dance with 5 or more competitors
- At this stage, dances move individually
- Hard shoe dances in Novice can be danced **fast** or **slow** speed



## Costume Note

Dancers in Beginner 2 competition must be wearing school dress. No solo costumes

# Move from **Novice** to **Prizewinner**

- Place 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice dance with 5 or more competitors
- At this stage, dances move individually



## Costume Note

Placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice qualifies the dancer for a solo dress/vest.

# Move from Prizewinner to Preliminary Championship (PC)

- Place 1<sup>st</sup> in each of the core dances in Prizewinner with 5 or more competitors
  - Reel
  - Treble Jig
  - Hornpipe
  - Slip Jig (girls only)
- PC is run similar to Oireachtas – dancers perform three steps for each dance

## Costume Note

Most dancers in Prizewinner will be wearing solo costumes.

# Move from Preliminary Championship (PC) to Open Championship (OC)

- Two 1<sup>st</sup> place overall wins in Preliminary Championship



- If you have one “first” in one calendar year and then your second “first” in another calendar year you have to move to OC at the next feis you compete
- If you get two “firsts” in the same calendar year you can stay in PC all year and move the next calendar year unless your teacher wants to move you right away.



# Feis Organization- Notes

- Dancers do not move into the next feis level until the next calendar year. Record your placements so you can keep track, but levels do not change again until 2018.
- If you are adding a new dance to your feis going experience, you enter as BEGINNER 2 unless otherwise noted by your teacher. Some dances require a certain speed of music and therefore have to be entered in the correct level to match the tempo. Otherwise, all new dances start at the BEGINNER 2 level.

# Feis Schedule

The official list of feiseanna (competitions) for 2017 can be found online at <http://northamericanfeiscommission.org/>. Select SCHEDULES and 2017 SCHEDULE from the drop down menu.

[http://northamericanfeiscommission.org/2017\\_NAFC\\_FEIS\\_SCHEDULE.html](http://northamericanfeiscommission.org/2017_NAFC_FEIS_SCHEDULE.html)

# How do I get involved in a Feis?

- Watch Trinity Times for Volunteer Information before the Feis
- There are many jobs that require volunteers at a feis and make the day run smoother



May



October

# Feis Volunteer Opportunities

## Friday before Feis

- (1) Setup volunteers to put the stages together and prepare the venue
- (2) Pre Registration volunteers

## Day of Feis

- (1) Registration Table - check in dancers
- (2) Stage Monitor - Check in dancers and help the competition run smoothly.
- (3) Starter - Help the younger dancers get started on their stages by counting them in to start their dances.
- (4) Awards - Help hand out awards.
- (5) PC/OC Awards - Helps hand out awards when results are announced.

## After Feis

- (1) Take down - assist taking down stages and loading onto trailer for storage

Watch the Trinity Times for volunteer sign-up.

# Ready for Competition?

We are constantly polishing material and upgrading material. It is an ongoing process. **Please check with your teacher before registering for a feis to see what dances will be stage ready by that time.**

For the early season feiseanna, some dancers may not be ready to compete all material. Some dancers may dance a combination of new and current material. Please do not enter your child in a dance that they are not ready for. It is important that the dancers be properly prepared for each dance.

# Feis Costumes

## FIRST FEIS

Girls: Green Costume

Boys: Black pants, shirt, tie & vest

## BEGINNER 1

Girls: Green or Black Costume

Boys: Black pants, shirt, tie & vest

## BEGINNER 2

Girls: Green or Black Costume

Boys: Black pants, shirt, tie & vest

## NOVICE

Girls: Black or Solo Costume

Boys: Black pants, shirt, tie & school vest or solo vest

## PRIZEWINNER

Girls: Black or Solo Costume

Boys: Black pants, shirt, tie & school vest or solo vest

## PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP (PC)

Girls: Solo Costume

Boys: Black pants, shirt, tie, & solo vest

## OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (OC)

Girls: Solo Costume

Boys: Black pants, shirt, tie & solo vest

Most Important HAVE FUN!!!

