

Grade Exams – 25th November

McGrath Irish Dance Studio – 32 Dundas Court, Phillip

If numbers allow, more exams will be held on Friday 24th or Sunday 26th of November.

Examiner: Carmel Doyle SDCRG

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Dance School: _____

Email Address: _____

Grade	Cost	Dances
1	\$25	Basic Reel and Light Double Jig
2	\$25	Basic Slip Jig and Single Jig
3	\$25	Primary Reel and Basic Heavy Jig
4	\$37	Primary Slip Jig and St Patrick's Day
5	\$37	Advanced Reel, Basic Hornpipe and the <i>Walls of Limerick</i>
6	\$37	Advanced Slip Jig, The Blackbird and the <i>Siege of Ennis</i>
7	\$48	Advanced Heavy Jig, Garden of Daisies and the <i>Four Hand Reel</i>
8	\$48	Advanced Hornpipe, Job of Journeywork and the <i>Humours of Bandon</i>
9	\$48	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time and the <i>High Cauled Cap</i>
10	\$48	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (<u>different from those in Grade 9</u>) and the <i>Eight Hand Jig</i>
11	\$98	Reel, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig, King of the Fairies, plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of 5 submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9 & 10) and the <i>Eight-Hand Reel</i> and <i>Harvest Time Jig</i>
12	\$98	Light Double Jig, Single Jig, Hornpipe, Three Sea Captains, Jockey to the Fair, plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of five submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9, 10 and 11) and the <i>Morris Reel</i> and the <i>Sixteen Hand Reel</i>

Exam Levels to be completed: _____ (Max of 3)

Fee included: \$_____ Cash only

Due: 5 November 2017

Form can be emailed to Leanne_mcgrath@yahoo.com.au

Please note any time that you are not available on the Saturday and I will do my best to work around. Dancers not from McGrath – please provide your teacher the cash payment which I will organise to collect. Please note, that exam fees are paid to the examiner in cash.

Unavailable times on the Saturday: _____

Grade Examinations Scheme:

The purpose of the Grade Examinations Scheme is to provide a structured framework within which dancers can progress towards an achievable goal. The syllabus has been designed to provide a strong foundation in Irish Dance by developing a candidate's physical skills, stamina, expression, musicality and an appreciation and knowledge of the traditional dances and culture. It provides a worthwhile sense of achievement for individuals whether they dance solely for health, recreation or competitive reasons or hope to pursue a career in Irish Dancing.

Grade examinations are unlike competitions in that each candidate is individually examined and receives a detailed written assessment of their performance and knowledge of the grade being attempted. They are open to both male and female candidates regardless of age and ability.

The scheme consists of an optional Preliminary Grade followed by a further 12 grades with each grade becoming increasingly more demanding on the candidate's skill, knowledge and ability. Each Grade must be passed and certificate awarded before a candidate may attempt the next level. A dancer who successfully completes all Grades will be awarded "The Diploma of the Irish Dancing Commission".

All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st2018.

All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to the exam.

Dancers Grade Exams Rules and Regulations

1. Only Basic Steps may be danced in the Preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2 & 3.
2. The number of bars of music to be danced to for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes is 40.
3. 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.
4. The same set dance **must not** be performed in more than one of the Grades from 9 to 12 inclusive.
5. A dancer must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 - the Preliminary grade is optional. However, a candidate may only attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one sitting.
6. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per "Ár Rincí Foirne" as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12 inclusive.
7. Dance costumes should not be worn.
8. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to the exam.
9. Grade 9 no age restriction.
10. Grade 10 no age restriction.
11. Grade 11 may only be attempted by candidates at least 16 years of age.
12. Grade 12 may only be attempted by candidates at least 17 years of age.
13. A special application form and certificate/diploma will apply for Grades 11 and 12.
14. All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st 2018