

*US Open Championships  
June 28-30, 2024*



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Cuideachta Faoi Theorainn Rathaiochta (An Chomhdhail)  
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## *Adjudicators*



*Damien O'Neill  
Eamon O'Malley  
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## *Musicians*



## *Hotel Information*



*Sheraton Atlantic City  
Convention Center Hotel  
2 Convention Blvd  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
Hotel Link on  
[www.usairishdancealliance.com](http://www.usairishdancealliance.com)*

# Day Schedule

*Friday*



*Grade Exams*

*Saturday*



*Confined Competition  
Official US Open Championships  
Champion of Champions*

*Sunday*



*Future Champions Challenge Cup  
Pre Cup & Bun Grad Competitions  
PreOpen & Non Championship Holder  
Ceili Competitions*



# Official Championships

Open to dancers in PreOpen and Open Championships levels. Boys and Girls will be combined in each age group. Dancers will be performing the dances they will do at the upcoming 2025 An Chomhdhail World Championships. All Competitions will be adjudicated by 3 adjudicators excluding the U9 Competition which will be only 1 adjudicator. Solo rounds will be judged by an extra adjudicator during the championships. Soft shoe round will be first. There will be a choice of contemporary set for any dancer in age U12 or older.

Age Group	Competition #	Girls Dance	Boys Dance	Set Dance
<b>U9</b>	800	Reel/Treble Jig	Reel/Treble Jig	6/8 Set Dance * no longer than 8 bar step;16 bar set
<b>U10</b>	801	Reel/Treble Jig	Reel/Treble Jig	6/8 Set Dance * no longer than 8 bar step;16 bar set
<b>U11</b>	802	Slip Jig/Treble Jig	Reel/Hornpipe	6/8 Set Dance
<b>U12</b>	803	Reel/Hornpipe	Reel/Hornpipe	Choice of Contemporary Set
<b>U13</b>	804	Slip Jig/Treble Jig	Reel/Treble Jig	Choice of Contemporary Set
<b>U14</b>	805	Reel/Hornpipe	Reel/Treble Jig	Choice of Contemporary Set
<b>U15</b>	806	Slip Jig/Treble Jig	Reel/Hornpipe	Choice of Contemporary Set
<b>U16</b>	807	Reel/Hornpipe	Reel/Hornpipe	Choice of Contemporary Set
<b>U17</b>	808	Slip Jig/Treble Jig	Reel/Treble Jig	Choice of Contemporary Set
<b>U18</b>	809	Reel/Hornpipe	Reel/Treble Jig	Choice of Contemporary Set
<b>U20</b>	810	Choice: Reel/Slip Jig & TJ/HP	Reel/Hornpipe	Choice of Contemporary Set
<b>U22</b>	811	Choice: Reel/Slip Jig Choice: TJ/HP	Reel Choice: TJ/HP	Choice of Contemporary Set
<b>O22</b>	812	Choice: Reel/Slip Jig Choice: TJ/HP	Reel Choice: TJ/HP	Choice of Contemporary Set

# Champion of Champions Cup

Open to dancers who win 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the Official Championships. Dancers will dance their choice of set. Entries will be done on the day. The eligible dancers' competitor numbers from each competition will be posted and dancers can register at the registration desk.

Age Group	Competition #	Set Dance
U12	900	Choice of Set
U16	901	Choice of Contemporary Set
O16	902	Choice of Contemporary Set
ADULT	903	Choice of Traditional Set

## Pre Open Solo Rounds

Open to dancers in the PreOpen Level and dancers who would like to dance up from the Bun Grad C level. Dancers who have received an official WIN in a PreOpen round must move up to Open for that particular dance. Dancers must compete in 2 PreOpen solo rounds in order to compete in the NCH and Confined Competition.

Age Group	Reel	Slip Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe	Trad Set (SPD)
U9	600	601	602	603	604
U11	605	606	607	608	609
U13	610	611	612	613	614
U15	615	616	617	618	619
U17	620	621	622	623	624
O17	625	626	627	628	629

# Non Championship Holder

The NCH competition is open to all dancers in ANY level who have not won a 1 or 3 adjudicator Championships.

Dancers must compete in 2 PreOpen solo rounds.

Reel and Treble Jig - 40 bars; Slip Jig and Hornpipe - 32 bars

A: R/TJ    B: R/HP    C:SJ/TJ    D:SJ/HP

Age Group	COMPETITION #
U9	400
U11	401
U13	402
U15	403
U17	404
O17	405

# Confined Competition

Dancers in any level who have not yet won a 3 adjudicator championships are eligible to compete in the confined competition. The confined Competition will be adjudicated by 3 judges. Dancers must compete in 2 solo rounds.

The Confined Dance will be a choice of Reel; 40 bars or Slip Jig; 32 bars

Age Group	COMPETITION #
U9	690
U11	691
U13	692
U15	693
U17	694
O17	695

# Pre Cup Competition

Open to dancers under 7 years of age. Dancers will perform 16 bars. If dancers are capable of performing more than 16 bars they belong in Bun Grad A.

Under 7	COMPETITION #
Reel	1
Light Jig	2

## Bun Grad A

No Solo costumes allowed. Dancers must wear a class costume or skirt/leo.

All dances are 32 bars

Reel-122; Light Jig-116; Hop Jig-122; Slip Jig-124;  
Treble Jig-90; Hornpipe-140

Age Group	Reel	Light Jig	Hop Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe
U6	100	101	102	103	104	105
U8	106	107	108	109	110	111
U10	112	113	114	115	116	117
U12	118	119	120	121	122	123
O12	124	125	126	127	128	129

## Bun Grad B

No Solo costumes allowed. Dancers must wear a class costume or skirt/leo

Reel-116 40 bars; Light Jig-116 40 bars ; Hop Jig-122 32 bars; Slip Jig-120 32 bars;  
Treble Jig-88 40 bars ; Hornpipe-138 32 bars  
Traditional Set: St Patrick's Day

Age Group	Reel	Light Jig	Hop Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe	Traditional Set
U6	200	201	202	203	204	205	206
U8	207	208	209	210	211	212	213
U10	214	215	216	217	218	219	220
U12	221	222	223	224	225	226	227
O12	228	229	230	231	232	233	234

# Bun Grad C

No Solo costumes allowed. Dancers must wear a class costume or skirt/leo.  
 Reel-113 40 bars; Light Jig-116 40 bars ; Hop Jig-118 40 bars; Slip Jig-113 32 bars;  
 Treble Jig-73 40 bars ; Hornpipe-113 32 bars. Traditional Set: St Patrick's Day

Age Group	Reel	Light Jig	Hop Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe	Traditional Set
<b>U6</b>	300	301	302	303	304	305	306
<b>U8</b>	307	308	309	310	311	312	313
<b>U10</b>	314	315	316	317	318	319	320
<b>U12</b>	321	322	323	324	325	326	327
<b>O12</b>	328	329	330	331	332	333	334

# Future Champions Challenge Cup

Open to dancers in all levels. No Solo costume allowed.  
 Dancers must wear a class costume or skirt/leo.

Dancers must also be entered in at least 2 of their appropriate solo competitions.  
 Dancers that compete in this competition are not permitted to compete in the Official Championships.

Age Group	Competition #	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
<b>U6</b>	820	Reel 122- 32 bars	Hop Jig 124- 32 bars OR Light Jig 116 - 32 bars	
<b>U8</b>	821	Reel 122- 32 bars	Hop Jig 124 - 32 bars OR Light Jig 116 - 32 bars	
<b>U7</b>	822	Reel 116 - 40 bars	Light Jig 116 - 40 bars	Treble Jig 88 - 32 bars
<b>U9</b>	823	Reel 116 - 40 bars	Light Jig 116 - 40 bars	Treble Jig 88 - 32 bars
<b>U7</b>	824	Reel 113- 40 bars	Treble Jig 73 - 40 bars	St. Patrick's Day
<b>U9</b>	825	Reel 113- 40 bars	Treble Jig 73 - 40 bars	St. Patrick's Day
<b>Any Age</b>	826	Reel 113- 40 bars	Treble Jig 73 - 40 bars	St. Patrick's Day



# Adult Competitions

**Bun Grad A** - All dances are 32 bars  
 Reel-122; Light Jig-116; Slip Jig-124;  
 Treble Jig-90; Hornpipe-140

Age Group	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe
18-24	154	155	156	157	158
25 and older	159	160	161	162	163

**Bun Grad B** -Reel-116 40 bars; Light Jig-116 40 bars; Slip Jig-120 32 bars;  
 Treble Jig-88 40 bars ; Hornpipe-138 32 bars  
 Traditional Set: St Patrick's Day

Age Group	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe	Traditional Set
18-24	256	257	258	259	260	261
25 and older	262	263	264	265	266	267

**Bun Grad C** - Reel-113 40 bars; Light Jig-116 40 bars; Slip Jig-113 32 bars;  
 Treble Jig-73 40 bars ; Hornpipe-113 32 bars  
 Traditional Set: St Patrick's Day

Age Group	Reel	Light Jig	Slip Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe	Traditional Set
18-24	364	365	366	367	368	369
25 and older	370	371	372	373	374	375

**PreOpen** - Reel-113 40 bars; Slip Jig-113 32 bars; Treble Jig-73 40 bars ; Hornpipe-113 32 bars  
 Traditional Set: St Patrick's Day

Age Group	Reel	Slip Jig	Treble Jig	Hornpipe	Traditional Set
18-24	630	631	632	633	634
25 and older	635	636	637	638	639

## Championship Competitions:

If you are in PreOpen, you must dance 2 solo rounds for NCH and Confined.

	18-24	25 and older
Non Championship Holder	406	407
Confined	696	697
Official Championships	813	814

# Ceili Competitions

**2 Hand Reel** - 48 bars of dancing. Dancers may dance up one age group to complete a team as long as 50% of the team is in the correct age group. Teachers can repeat a dancer to complete a team only. Speed to be danced at 113

Age Group	COMPETITION #
U10	1000
U13	1001
U15	1002
O15	1003

**4 Hand Reel** - Danced until completion of the first figure. Dancers may dance up one age group to complete a team as long as 50% of the team is in the correct age group. Teachers can repeat a dancer to complete a team only. Speed to be danced at 113

Age Group	COMPETITION #
U10	1004
U13	1005
U15	1006
O15	1007

**6 Hand Ceili** - Team will dance the Fairy Reel. Speed to be danced at 118

Age Group	COMPETITION #
U11	1008
O11	1009

**Invented Dance**- This is a formation dance of 200 bars including introduction, comprising of a maximum of 16 dancers who will dance in light shoes, it will not contain solo-dance movements, disco movements or kneeling down. Any movement from the ceili book is allowed. Dance can be a light jig, single jig or reel. Music provided by the hired musician

Age Group	COMPETITION #
Any Age	1010

**Freestyle Dance**- Please see Worlds Syllabus for rules and regulations.

Age Group	COMPETITION #
Any Age	1011

**8 Hand Ceili** - Team will dance an 8 hand from the official book until completion of the first figure. In the case of The Three Tunes, up to and including the hook and chain. Speed to be danced at 113

Age Group	COMPETITION #
ANY AGE	1012

## *8 Hand Dances*

*Lannigan's Ball:* After the Lead Around

*The 3 Tunes:* After the Hook and Chain

*Sweets of May:* After Sides Under Arms

*Gates of Derry:* After the Second change of Positions After Tops complete the 1st Figure

*8 Hand Reel:* After Tops complete the 1st Figure

*Morris Reel:* After Tops complete the 1st Figure

*High Cauleed Cap:* After Top couple complete the 1st Figure

*8 Hand Jig:* After Tops complete the 1st Figure

*St. Patrick's Day:* After Tops complete the 1st Figure

*Trip to the Cottage:* After Tops complete the 1st Figure

*Cross Reel:* After Tops complete the 1st Figure

# Entry Fees

Event	Cost
Pre Cup, Bun Grad A B C Solo Rounds	\$15.00/dance
Pre Open Solo Rounds	\$15.00/dance
Future Champions Challenge Cup	\$30.00
Non Championship Holder	\$20.00
Confined Competition	\$15.00
Official Championships including 2 solo rounds judged during the championships	\$80.00
2 Hand	\$20.00/team
4 Hand	\$40.00/team
6 Hand	\$60.00/team
8 Hand	\$80.00/team
Family Entrance Fee	\$30.00/family
Change Fee	\$10.00/dance
WeFeis Fee	\$4.00/family
Late Fee	\$25.00/dancer
Non An Chomhdhail Member Fee	\$35.00/dancer

## Registration Info

Entries are open on [www.wefeis.com](http://www.wefeis.com). Entries Close on midnight of **May 20th** or once we reach our cap of 250. Late entries accepted until May 31 unless our cap is reached before that. No Refund on entries for any reason. Entries are non-transferrable. Teams will be entered by one dancer on the team and will be charged for the entire team. Team entries do not apply to a family max.

Family Max is \$200 not including the Teams, Entrance fee and any late or change fees that incur.

# An Chomhdhail Rules

- Age Groups up to and including U9 and prohibited from wearing a solo costume. This includes championship levels.
- Dancers in Pre Cup, Bun Grad A, B and C are all prohibited from wearing solo costumes.
- Competitions for age groups up to and including U11 are not permitted after 6pm.
- Children up to and including the age of 12 are prohibited from wearing face make up.
- All dancers are prohibited from wearing any form of glitter on their face.
- In Bun Grad A, B and C there must be a minimum of 10 competitors and in the Pre Open Competitions there must be a minimum of 5 competitors before the winner must progress to the next grade. If there are less than these minimum numbers, it is at the discretion of the Adjudicator to issue an award or an actual 1st place WIN, based on the standard rather than the number in the competition. Dancer must progress to the next level in that dance if the win is given. An award means you can stay in your level.
- Competitors are required to be appropriately dressed at all times while attending the feis. The committee has the right to make sure this rule is adhered to.
- All Competitors must wear their number positioned center front, clearly displayed for adjudicators. NO PLASTIC COVERS ALLOWED.
- Once a dancer has won 1st prize in a competition, they are not eligible for that dance in that particular grade for forthcoming competitions, even if entries have been pre-paid.
- There are no arm movements or clapping allowed in Treble Reel and it must be a full step danced on right and left.
- In the event of an injury at the feis, an incident report should be made stating how the injury happened and the course of action that was taken.
- Any form of unauthorized photography which captures a dancer's image whilst taking part in the competition is expressly forbidden. This covers photography by means of mobile phones, tablets, video camera with or without flash capability.
- Under health and safety, dancers are asked not to smoke whilst dressed in their costume.
- All dancers must show up to awards in full costume, including but not limited to shoes and dress.
- The decision for the adjudicator (s) is final as to quality. An objection on any other grounds may be lodged by a teacher only in writing on payment of a fee of \$10. The feis committee may adjudicate on such an objection if they consider themselves competent to do so, and will return the objection to the Executive of An Chomhdhail. No objection will be considered unless it is made in writing within 48 hours after the declaration of the result of the competition. Any teacher who disagrees with the decision of the feis committee may refer the matter to the Executive of An Chomhdhail on payment of a fee of 20 Euros or equivalent.

# *General Regulations and Guidelines*

Parent/guardian and Dancer agrees to abide by all An Chomhdhail, USA IDA, and venue rules and regulations. The USA IDA will not be held responsible for any personal injury, property loss or damage. Destruction of feis property will be punishable by law. Parents are responsible for damages done by their children. Upon payment of entry fees, I am granting permission for the feis to use any pictures, videos and results posting on social media.

By registering for the feis, I acknowledge that this activity involves exertion and carries with it the potential for injury. I hereby agree to waive the right to take legal action or join in any actions against USA Irish Dance Alliance, Inc, the board members and/or any affiliates and associates for injuries incurred during practice and/or performance in any location. I hereby agree to indemnify, protect and save harmless the parties above or any of them from all judgments, cost and expenses whatsoever arising on account of any action, claim or demand by the minor child of mine, or any child for which I am acting in guardianship or supervisory capacity. It is understood and agreed that the participant is physically fit and prepared for participation in the activities which will be undertaken, and the participant has not been advised by any doctor or other medical person that participation in these activities should be avoided and/or limited. Participation in any competition or performance is at the sole discretion and decision of the parent. I hereby give permission to the school and the parties to use my name and/or my child's name, photographic likeness in all forms and media for advertising, trade and any other lawful purpose without any remuneration. The feis has the right to refuse any entry for any reason.

## *Grade Exams*

Grade Exam information will be emailed out separately from the teachers to each individual school. We are thrilled to be offering this to all our branch members. It is an integral part of the learning process in An Chomhdhail and we look forward to offering grade exams during the US Open!