



# Feis Registration

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## What is a feis?

A **Feis** is an Irish Dance competition where dancers from schools all over the area come to compete. It is an ALL-DAY (sometimes 2 day) event. More information about what to expect and how to prepare for a feis can be found on our website ([www.docairde.com](http://www.docairde.com)). **Here we will focus only on how to register for a feis.**

## Which feiseanna do I register my child for?

You can choose to register your child/ren for as many feiseanna (the plural for "feis") as you would like – there are hundreds around the country almost every weekend of the year ([www.northamericanfeiscommission.org](http://www.northamericanfeiscommission.org) has a complete schedule for North America). Most families register for feiseanna that occur within a couple of hours drive of home to reduce the cost of competing, but you may choose to travel further or use a far-away feis as a "destination vacation".

## When do we register?

Some feiseanna open for registration 3 – 4 months before the feis date, and others open only a month before. You have to be on the lookout for the opening of registration for the feiseanna you want to attend, because some of them open and fill up very quickly (some even in one day!). Keeping up with the websites listed at the end of this document will give you a good chance of not missing registration for a feis you want to attend.

## How much does a feis cost?

Most feiseanna have a cost of \$7 – \$8 per dance (reel, light jig, slip jig, treble jig, and hornpipe are all possible dances for which you may be registering your child). Each of these dances has different competition levels and age levels. Ask the teachers if you are not sure in which dances or levels your child should be entered. There is also often a "Family Fee" included in your registration – this is a cost to help pay for the facility where the feis is held, and is usually \$15 - \$20 for your whole family in addition to the cost of each dance.

## How do I pay for feis registration?

Many feiseanna now have online payment along with the online registration to make it faster and easier to collect registration fees. Most of them use Paypal for this feature, so if you don't already have a PayPal account, you will want to sign up for one. If a feis does not offer online payment, you will need to send a check in to the feis after you register your child/ren (each feis will list on the syllabus or the feis registration website where to send payment).

## How do I register my child for a feis?

1. Each feis will use one of the available feis registration websites for registration. Use the websites listed at the end of this document to check regularly for the opening of new feiseanna that you may want to attend. We update the home page of our website when a feis opens in our area with a link to the registration website, so check our school website regularly. Also, we list all local feiseanna on our Feis Calendar page along with a link to the feis registration website that is used.
2. The first time you register on any of the feis registration websites, you will have to create an account. You will be asked to register each child in your family, including name, age, and dance school. After the first time, registration is easy, since the website will remember your child's age and current level to help you choose which dances to register for.
3. Once you have an account and are logged in, click on the feis you want to register for.
  - a. **FeisWeb.com:**
    - i. Choose which dancer you are registering (all dancers in your family will be listed), choose the competition level from the drop-down (Beginner), and click **Enter Dancer** next to the child in the list.
    - ii. Check the box for each dance you are registering your child for, including any team or figure competitions your teacher has asked you to register for.
    - iii. When you have checked all boxes for your dances, click **Submit Changes**.
    - iv. You will return to the page where you may choose another dancer to register. If you have more than one child, repeat the steps above for each child.
    - v. When all children are registered, you will need to pay for the registration. You will see a list of all charges at the bottom of the page. Some feiseanna will allow for online payment – if so, you will see a Pay Online button at the top of the page. Otherwise, you will see a Pay by Mail button. Sometimes both may show and you can choose. Click the button and follow the instructions to complete payment.
  - b. **eFeis.com:**
    - i. Choose which dancer you are registering (all dancers in your family will be shown in a drop-down box) and click **Enter Competitions**.
    - ii. Each level of competition shows in a different “tab”, so make sure you click the Beginner 1/Beginner tab to see the competitions for your child's level. Check the box for each dance you are registering your child for.
    - iii. If your teacher has told you to register your child for a figure or team competition, you will need to click the “No Level Configured” tab, since team competitions are not separated into levels.
    - iv. When you have checked all boxes for your dances, click Finished at the top.
    - v. You will return to the page where you may choose another dancer to register. If you have more than one child, repeat the steps above for each child.
    - vi. When all children are registered, click the blue **Pay for your Entries** button.
    - vii. You will see a summary of all costs. Continue to pay for your registration using PayPal. **Follow all instructions to return to eFeis after payment is complete to ensure that your payment is processed correctly and your registration is complete.**
4. If you are mailing in payment instead of paying online, your child will not show in the list of entries (link at top of the page) until the feis registrar receives your mailed check. Entries are deleted within a couple of weeks if payment is not sent promptly.

## Helpful websites

- [www.northamericanfeiscommission.org](http://www.northamericanfeiscommission.org) – The website for the North American Feis Commission, which determines the feis schedule each year. This website has a complete schedule of ALL feiseanna happening throughout North America within our Irish Dance organization (CLRG).
- [www.docairde.com](http://www.docairde.com) – our school website. Check our home page for information about school events, local feiseanna registrations opening, schedules for feiseanna, etc.
- [www.FeisWeb.com](http://www.FeisWeb.com) – feis registration website. Check here often for new feis registrations opening
- [www.eFeis.com](http://www.eFeis.com) - feis registration website. Check here often for new feis registrations opening
- [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com) - feis registration website. Check here often for new feis registrations opening (this one is not used very often for Mid-Atlantic region – more for Southern or New England region feiseanna)
- <http://www.voy.com/16850/> - Mid-Atlantic Region Irish dance message board. For parents of dancers to ask/answer questions about Irish dance in the region. Can get nasty sometimes, but a good place to find out when new feiseanna open in our area
- [www.feisfaces.com](http://www.feisfaces.com) – online membership website for tracking your family’s feis results. Includes a feis calendar with email notifications when feiseanna open for registration and when schedules are released