

# GRADE EXAMS

## TO REGISTER FOR GRADE EXAMS

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**DATE:**  
Friday  
May 30, 2025

**LOCATION:**  
RIVER CITY STUDIOS - 2213F Hanselman Court  
4km from feis venue, 1min drive from airport

**SUBMISSION DEADLINES:**  
Grades Prelim - 10: April 30, 2025  
Grades 11 & 12: March 27, 2025

The River City School of Irish Dance will be hosting Grade Exams on Friday, May 30, 2025. Registration is open to any dancer with their TCRG's permission. Once all entries are in we will release an approximate schedule, followed by a detailed timeline. Due to offering exams on just one day, spaces are limited and will be given on a first come first served basis.

Please wait to receive a confirmation email **prior** to sending in payment.

All payments can be made by etransfer to: [dance@yxeirish.com](mailto:dance@yxeirish.com). Please be sure to make note of your dancer's name and the grades they're registered for in the etransfer memo. Example: Seamus Finnegan Grades 3 & 4. All registrations must be paid to secure your space in the exam.

As a reminder, you can take up to 3 grade levels at once. All dancers must be able to provide their prior completed exams to the examiner. The required paperwork is the prior Marking Sheet, NOT the prior certificate.

If you have any questions at all, please ask your teacher or send us an email: [dance@yxeirish.com](mailto:dance@yxeirish.com)

Grade	Dances	Speed	Cost
Prelim	Easy Reel OR Light Jig	122-124/116	\$18
1	Easy Reel Easy Light Jig	122-124 116	\$27
2	Easy Slip Jig Easy Single Jig	124 124	\$27
3	Primary Reel Basic Heavy Jig	116-118 96	\$27
4	Primary Slip Jig St. Patrick's Day <i>trad</i>	120 94	\$40
5	Advanced Reel Basic Hornpipe <b>Walls of Limerick <i>ceili</i></b>	113 144	\$40
6	Advanced Slip Jig Blackbird <i>trad</i> <b>Siege of Ennis <i>ceili</i></b>	113 144	\$40
7	Advanced Heavy Jig Garden of Daisies <i>trad</i> <b>Four Hand Reel <i>ceili</i></b>	73 138	\$55
8	Advanced Hornpipe Job of Journeywork <i>trad</i> <b>Humours of Bandon <i>ceili</i></b>	113 138	\$55
9	Two modern sets, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 time or 4/4 time <b>High Caulead Cap <i>ceili</i></b>		\$55
10	Two modern sets, one in 6/8 time and one in 2/4 or 4/4 time <i>different from grade 9</i> <b>The Eight Hand Jig <i>ceili</i></b>		\$55
11	All of the above, plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of 5 submitted by the candidate ( <i>different from grades 9 and 10</i> ) <b>Eight Hand Reel &amp; Harvest Time Jig</b>		\$115
12	All of the above, plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of 5 submitted by the candidate ( <i>different from grades 9, 10 and 11</i> ) <b>The Morris Reel &amp; Sixteen Hand Reel</b>		\$115

## RULES

1. A dancer may only take 3 grades at any one exam. Grades 11 and 12 must be taken on their own.
2. A three month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
3. Grade exams must be examined by at least 4 examiners up to grade 10 plus two different full examiners for grades 11 and 12.
4. A choice of examiners by the teacher is allowed up to grade 6, using a minimum of 2 examiners through these grades.
5. From grade 7-10 the examiner is appointed by the Udarás from the rotation list.
6. A dancer would be permitted to retake any grade for a better score upon submission of a specific written request to the Udarás Scrúdaithe, with the understanding that the second result would replace the earlier one and that the dancer would be required to pay the usual fee for the grade being taken.
7. All 12 Grade exams must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG examination.
8. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Please bring to exam.
9. A candidate must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 (the Preliminary grade is optional).
10. 40 bars of music must be danced for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes.
11. Dance costumes must not be worn. Practice clothes are acceptable.

## GRADES 11 & 12 APPLICATION GUIDELIES

1. Special application forms must be submitted for these exams. The application forms for Grade 11 and Grade 12 is linked at the bottom of this page. Be sure to complete the Registration form (linked at top) and then submit the rest of your application by email.
2. Application and documentation for Grades 11 and 12 MUST be submitted by March 27, 2025. however, there are limited spots so it is first come first serve.
3. Grades 11 and 12 will be conducted by S.D.C.R.G. examiners.
  - a. Candidates must be at least 16 years or older to take grade 11.
  - b. Candidates must be at least 17 years or older to take grade 12.
  - c. A different S.D.C.R.G. examiner must examine each of grades 11 and 12.
  - d. The results of grades 11 and 12 are not given to the candidates until they have been ratified.
4. Grades 11 and 12 require that all previous grade exam reports are to be submitted along with the specific application form (linked above) to [dance@yxeirish.com](mailto:dance@yxeirish.com) and we will submit them to the CLRG for approval on your behalf.

Application forms: [GRADE 11](#) [GRADE 12](#)