

Sweeney Irish Dance & Tir na nOg Verein welcomes you to



October 3rd 2026

Registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha

✨ **Granted Open Status for 2026** ✨

Venue

Stadthalle Landstuhl,
Kaiserstraße 39, 66849
Landstuhl

Adjudicators

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Musician

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RCCEA Feis Registrar



Ramstein Feis



Ramstein Feis



Cead Mile Fáilte

A very warm welcome is extended to you from Sweeney Irish Dance School to this years Ramstein Feis 2026!!

This year we will host our feis in the town of Landstuhl, right next to Ramstein. Landstuhl is ideally situated in West Germany near the French border, close to France, Luxembourg, Belgium and The Netherlands. Our nearest airports include Frankfurt Main and Frankfurt Hahn. Our feis is run together with families from the US Military community stationed on Ramstein Airbase and Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre, which are located just outside the village. This is where a lot of Sweeney Irish dancers first found their love of Irish dance.

The date being 3rd October, a german holiday celebrating the reunification of Germany, gives dance schools in the West Mainland European region a chance to get back into full swing with their first grade feis in this region after the summer, while also acting as practice run for the European and Asian Championships, to be hosted in Rotterdam in late November this year. Trophies for all first places and top 3 in trophy competitions, cups and sashes for championships. A cuddly mascot toy for all trophy and championship winners.

Our venue is the Landstuhl Stadthalle located on the main street Kaisers str and only 10 minutes walk from the train station, it has a beautiful stage that has hosted many Irish dance shows before.

We will be running a two stage - one day feis, offering as many dances as possible from ages under 7 and up.

Looking forward to welcoming you to Landstuhl for our Ramstein Feis 2026,
Mary Sweeney ADCRG/BG
Tir na nOg Verein and all at Sweeney Irish Dance

Enquires

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Registrations

<https://feisme.net/>

Closing date for entries

Friday, September 25th 2026



FEIS DETAILS

Fees

Solo Competitions - 6 Euro

Traditional, Treble Reel, Trophy competitions - 8.00 Euro

Team Competitions - 5.00 Euro per dancer

Open Premier Championship - 35.00 Euro including paperless results and solo results

Adult Premier Championships - 35.00 Euro including paperless results and solo results

RCCEA Fee - 1.00 Euro per dancer

Additions to entries can be made on the day.

Trophies for all first places,

Trophies and sashes for top 3 in championships

Admission Fees

Admittance fee for spectators 15.00 Euro for the whole day.

Dancers and children Under 12 free.

ONLINE REGISTRATION BY TEACHERS!

Registration can be done by using the Feisme online platform on <https://www.feisme.net>

Entries to be received no later than **Friday, September 25th 2026.**

Please note that even though registrations can be done by both, teachers and parents, fees should be transferred by each dance school as one single payment.

Payment can be made by bank or cash on the day. Please let us know beforehand.

If payment is by bank, it should be made by one single bank transfer per school.

Please label as Ramstein Feis entry and Dance School's name.

Changes and additions to entries can be paid in cash on the day.

Contact us for bank details.

Raffle Dedication



This year's Feis Raffle is lovingly dedicated to the memory of my parents, Patricia and Larry Murray, whose unwavering love, encouragement and support made my journey in Irish dancing possible.

My mother, Patricia, truly embraced everything that came with being an Irish dance mum. She volunteered at every local feis, travelled to countless competitions, and treasured the friendships she made with fellow dance parents. She later came to Germany and loved the festivals and this local Ramstein Feis. She often said that those were some of the happiest days of her life.

My father, Larry, was a devoted GAA man who believed wholeheartedly in giving back to his community through volunteering with our local club. He brought that same dedication to supporting our family, driving us the length and breadth of Ireland for competitions, sitting patiently through dance classes and always encouraging us to do our best. He was immensely proud of our involvement in Irish dance and supported us every step of the way.

Their generosity, commitment and community spirit continue to inspire me. It is therefore fitting that this year's raffle—an event that brings people together while supporting our Feis—is dedicated to their memory.

May their kindness, love of community, and pride in Irish culture live on through the dancers, families and friendships that make our Feis so special.

In loving memory of Patricia and Larry Murray.

Mary Sweeney

- Tickets sold in cash

Travel to Landstuhl

By car ; <https://share.google/CuWnFbJ2Obho1HPT9>

Deutsche Bahn : By train

By plane ; nearest airports are Frankfurt Hahn (Wizzair, Ryanair) Frankfurt Main (Aerlingus, BA, Lufthansa, Luxembourg (Ryanair, Luxair). Links : SKY SCANNER

Accommodation

Hotels : Click this link to find hotels in Landstuhl village in walking distance from the venue : **BOOKING**

Hotel Christine : has a lovely restaurant called the Cockpit, is on the main street and 5 minutes from the train station and feis.

Hotel Goldinger : right at the back of the hall, has a lovely bakery attached and only 8 minutes walk from the train station

Airhotel Royal : also at the back of the Stadthalle and walking distance from the train station.

Schloss Hotel : Is set just under the Castle Nanstein. It has scenic views and would be a 15 minute walk downhill to the feis.

****Please note** due to the holiday on October 3rd there wont be shops open that day. Restaurants and pubs will be open.

Make sure to visit the shops the evening before they are open till 8pm and some 9pm. Kaufland is open until 10pm.

Irish Pubs open in the evening time

Oscars Irish Pub, Landstuhl serving food - across the road

Blarney Stone Irish Pub, Landstuhl serving food, Karaoke on Saturdays

Restaurants in Landstuhl

Garibaldi - next door to the hall

Taormina - on the main street across from Hotel Christine

Nine Chan - Asian food across from the hall

Alom Dee - Asian food near McDonalds

Local Taxi numbers 06371 2700

Parking : there are lots of spaces available at the back of the Stadthalle.



RAMSTEIN FEIS 2026 RULES

Tir na nOg Under 6s can dance their 3's or 7's one at a time, or their version !! accompanied by teacher or older dancer. No placements will be announced, but all dancers will receive a gift and a medal. .

Tir na nOg 6 - 9 first feis is for dancers not taking part in the full graded competitions. They can dance 3's or 7's.

In the under 10 Premier championship ;

Under 7s can dance reel, single jig, heavy jig or light jig 40 bars

Under 8s can dance reel, light jig/heavy Jig, Single jig/Traditional

Under 9s can dance a Reel, Heavy jig and Traditional set.

Under 10 reel/slip, heavy Jig /Hornpipe, Trad set /non trad

Under 11 and up, reel/slip, heavy Jig /Hornpipe, choice of set dance

Adult Premier Championships: Dancers are required to dance 32 bars of music and will dance a choice of soft shoe (Reel or Slip Jig for ladies and Reel for gentlemen), heavy shoe (Heavy Jig or Hornpipe) and a Traditional Set.

Treble Reels, for each age group, are 16 bars.

****Trophy competitions :** Due to time constraints we are unable to offer a choice of dance with 16 bars step in the trophy dance. Instead our Trophy dance is the dance named, with top 3 dancers receiving trophies and everyone placed in that dance.

Proposed Timetable

8.30am Beg/Primary up to under 18

12 noon Tiny Tots/beginner Ceili

Lunch

1.30pm Adults Beg/Primary

3.30pm Intermediate all ages, advanced ceili

Trads/Trebles reels inter/open

6pm Premier Championships all ages

8.30pm approx finish



Rules and Guidelines

1. The Feis will run in accordance with the Rules of An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha.
2. Entries will only be accepted from persons currently registered with An Coimisiún le Rinci Gaelacha.unless OPen status has been granted by CLRG.
3. The lodgement of an entry will be taken to mean that teachers and pupils understand these rules and undertake to abide by them.
4. Objections must be lodged in writing within one hour of the announcement of the result of a competition accompanied by a fee of 40 Euro, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld.
5. Age will be taken as on 1st January 2026 (whatever age you turn this year in 2026, you dance under that age e.g. Date of birth is 29 May 2010, you dance under 16 all year long including January 1st). Evidence of age may be requested. Where a competitor's birthday falls on 1st January, he/she shall, for the purposes of the feiseanna, be regarded as under the age attained on that day.
6. The Adjudicator's decision is final.
7. Beginners Grade competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st or 2nd prize (also 3rd prize, please refer to rule 9) in any competition for that particular dance. In Beginners Grade competitions. Only basic steps may be performed.
8. Primary Grade competitions are confined to dancers who have never won 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize (please refer to the grid below) for that particular dance other than in Beginners Grade.
9. If a Beginner competition has six or more dancers, the first two places advance to the next grade, regardless of ties. If a Beginner competition has eleven dancers or more, then the first three places advance to the next grade regardless of ties. (RTME ruling Sept. 2007)
10. If a Primary competition has six or more dancers, the first place advances to the next grade. If a Primary competition has eleven competitors or more, the first two places advance to the next grade regardless of ties. If a Primary competition has twenty competitors or more, the first three places advance to the next grade regardless of ties.
11. Beginners and Primary competitions are OPEN to dancers from ALL REGIONS.
12. Intermediate Grade competitions are open to all dancers who have not previously won 1st or 2nd prize (please refer to grid) for that particular dance in Intermediate or Open under the same or higher age limits. If a dancer in Continental Europe and Asia wins in Intermediate, they must advance into Prelim/Open for the rest of the calendar year. If they do not win in Prelim/ Open, they may return to Intermediate at the start of the next calendar year. (RTME ruling Sept. 2007).
13. For all Beginner, Primary and Intermediate competitions (excluding trophy competitions) the 32 bar method that has been used at previous Feiseanna in Continental Europe will be applied.
14. Trophy Competitions: Please see explanation on Ramstein Feis rules. **
15. Where there are five dancers or less for Beginners, Primary and Intermediate competitions the results will not affect their grading.
16. Traditional set dances can only be performed in the Traditional Set competitions.
17. Music will be played at the recognized An Coimisiún speeds for Contintental Europe. and Asia.

Dance	Beginner	Primary	Intermediate/Open
Reel	121/123	116/118	113
Light Jig	116	116	116
Single Jig	124	124	124
Slip Jig	121	118	113
Heavy Jig	89	79	73
Hornpipe	142	130	113

GRADINGS in Continental Europe and Asia

Grade	Number of Entries	Number of Dancers to progress
Beginner	5 or less	0
Beginner	6 to 10	1 st & 2 nd Place
Beginner	+ 11	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place
Primary	5 or less	0
Primary	6 to 10	1 st Place
Primary	11 to 20	1 st & 2 nd Place
Primary	+ 20	1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place
Intermediate	5 or less	0
Intermediate	6 to 10	1 st Place
Intermediate	+ 11	1 st & 2 nd Place

18. Dancers over 14 wearing all black must wear black tights.
19. If there are 40 or more in any competition, the organiser may split the competition into two different competitions according to age .
20. Special Trophies (Traditional Sets, Treble Reels, Beginner, Primary and) may be retained by the winners but the perpetuals must be returned.
21. Within the limits specified in the Rules of An Coimisiún, the Organisers may at their discretion cancel or combine competitions with insufficient entries.
22. Order and quiet must be kept in the hall, particularly while competitors are dancing.
23. Traditional Set Dance competitions are a choice out of 7 traditionals; St. Patrick's Day, Blackbird, Job of Journeywork, Garden of Daisies, King of the Fairies , Three Sea Captains and Jockey to the Fair.
24. Competitors must be in costume and ready to dance 30 minutes before their competitions are scheduled.
25. The Feis organisers cannot accept any liability for injury or loss or damage to property while on the premises.
26. The dress code in accordance with An Coimisiún rules will be strictly observed i.e., for the sake of modesty and in the interest of safety to young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the Feis scantily dressed.
30. Only Feis officials may approach the adjudicators during competition sessions.
31. Make-up will not be permitted for any dancer under the age of 10 worldwide.
32. An Coimisiun has ruled that from 1st January each year, that no block, en pointe, stationary or moving, be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under-12 age group worldwide. The under-12 Age Group will be allowed to toe walk from September 1st.
33. Provided that dancers are not disturbed by flashlights or the like, photography or video recording by persons other than official feis photographers is allowed during Beginners and Primary competitions and during all award ceremonies. During Intermediate, Prelims and Open competitions, this is reserved to any official feis photographer on site only.
34. No refunds will be made .
35. Female adult dancers participating in competitions entitled 'adult competition' and/or 'adult grade competition' (both solo and team) are required to wear opaque black tights of a denier not less than 70. Over 18s are considered Adult dancers at this grades feis

Saturday October 3rd Ramstein Feis 2026

Approx.

8.30am

Beginners - Bungrad

* Trophy Beginner Easy
Reel Beginner Light Jig
Beginner Slip Jig
Beginner Single Jig
* Trophy Beginner Heavy Jig
Beginner Hornpipe
St Patricks Day

Stage 1
Under 9

1
2
3
4
5
6
7

Stage 2
9 - 11

1a
2a
3a
4a
5a
6a
7a

Results in side room

9.30am

Beginners - Bungrad

* Trophy Beginner Easy
Reel Beginner Light Jig
Beginner Slip Jig
Beginner Single Jig

* Trophy Beginner Heavy Jig
Beginner Hornpipe
Traditional Set

Stage 1

11 - 14

8
9
10
11

12
13
14

Stage 2

14 - 18

8a
9a
10a
11a

12a
13a
14a

Results in side room

10.30am

Primary - Tus grad

Primary Reel
Primary Light Jig
* Trophy Primary Slip Jig
Primary Single Jig

* Trophy Primary Heavy Jig
Primary Hornpipe
Primary Traditional Set

Stage 1
Under 9

15
16
17
18

19
20
21

Stage 2
9 - 11

15a
16a
17a
18a

19a
20a
21a

Results in side room

11.30am

Primary - Tus grad

Primary Reel
Primary Light Jig
* Trophy Primary Slip Jig
Primary Single Jig

Stage 1

11 - 14

22
23
24
25

Stage 2

14 - 18

22a
23a
24a
25a

Primary - Tus grad	Stage 1	Stage 2
* Trophy Primary Heavy Jig	26	26a
Primary Hornpipe	27	27a
Primary Traditional Set	28	28a

	Stage 1	Stage 2
Tir na nOg Under 6 1st timers	Under 6	6-9
Tir na nOg 6- 9 1st timers	29	30
	Under 12	Under 18
Beginner Ceili 2 Hand Reels	31	31a
Beginner Ceili 3 Hand Reels	32	32a
Beginner Ceili 4/6 Hand Reels	33	33a

1pm Lunch and results in both rooms

***Ceili result first**

1.30pm

Beginners - Bungrad	Stage 1	Stage 2
	18 - 35	Over 35
* Trophy Beginner Reel	34	34a
Beginner Light Jig	35	35a
Beginner Slip Jig Beginner	36	36a
Single Jig	37	37a
* Trophy Beginner Heavy	38	38a
Jig Beginner Hornpipe	39	39a
Traditional Set	40	40a

2.30pm

Primary - Tus grad	Stage 1	Stage 2
	18 - 35	Over 35
Primary Reel	41	41a
Primary Light Jig	42	42a
* Trophy Primary Slip Jig	43	43a
Primary Single Jig	44	44a
* Trophy Primary Heavy Jig	45	45a
Primary Hornpipe	46	46a
Primary Traditional Set	47	47a

Results in side room



3.30pm

Intermediate - Mean Grad

Stage 1

Stage 2

Under 10 / 13 - 18

10 - 13

* Trophy Reel	48 /48b	48a
Slip Jig	49 /49b	49a
* Trophy Heavy Jig	50 /50b	50a
Hornpipe	51 /51b	51a
Inter/Open Traditional Set dance	52 /52b	52a
Treble Reels - All levels	53 /53b	53a

Results in side room

5pm approx

Intermediate - Mean Grad

Stage 1

Stage 2

18 - 35

over 35

* Trophy Reel	54	54a
Slip Jig	55	55a
* Trophy Heavy Jig	56	56a
Hornpipe	57	57a
Inter/Open Traditional Set	58	58a
Treble Reels - All levels	59	59a

Results in side room

6pm approx

Advanced level Ceili

Stage 1

Stage 2

Under 13 / 13 - 18

Over 18

2 Hand Reels	60/60b	60a
3 Hand Reels	61/61b	61a
4 Hand Reels	62/62b	62a
8 Hand Reels	63/63b	63a

6pm Adult results side room, Ceili under 18 results main room straight away

6.30pm

Premier Championships

Stage 1

Stage 2

*** Light round first, full dances for under 10 and up See rules for under 10.**

Premier Championship	64. under 10	64a. 10 - 13
Premier Championship	65. 13 - 18	65a. Over 18

(32 bars solos, traditional set)

Adult Premier Championships	66. 18 - 35	66a. Over 35
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8.30pm

Results in both rooms.