



***Dear dancers, teachers and parents!***

*We, **inSpiral Dance Company Finland**, are looking forward to welcome you to Turku this year. Our eventful weekend offers one-day feis on Saturday, February 29, and grade exams on Sunday, March 1. Our grade exams are open to all schools registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha. The latest information on both the grade exams and Turku Feis can be found at <http://helsinkifeis.irishdancefinland.net/> and [www.facebook.com/helsinkifeis/](http://www.facebook.com/helsinkifeis/).*

*The grade exams are held at the studio of Turun Riento, which is located an easily walkable distance from the city centre of Turku. If you are travelling from further away, the studio is easily reachable by both car and public transport, and long-distance trains stop at the nearby Kupittaa railway station. Dressing rooms and a separate warm-up area will be provided. The grade exams will run for most of the day, but dancers' time restrictions (e.g., due to travel) can be taken into account in the schedule. Please see the schedule section below.*

*Turku is the old capital of Finland and offers a lot of things to see and do, whether your interests lie in art and architecture, culture and history, or design and shopping. Visit the official websites <http://www.visitturku.fi/en> and <https://kissmyturku.com/> to find your favourite places to visit. As a few highlights of the historical sites, you can visit the Turku Cathedral or Turku Castle. For art enthusiasts, Turku Art Museum, and Aboa Vetus & Ars Nova are worth a visit, and in the latter, you can also experience Medieval Turku. And of course, nature is never far away in Finland. Take the bus number 8 to Ruissalo Island to see old oak forests or even experience sauna and a winter swim! If you have a longer vacation in mind, check [www.visitfinland.com](http://www.visitfinland.com).*

*Feel free to contact us if you have any enquires. We are looking forward to helping you and meeting you all in Turku this Spring.*

***Turku feis and grade exam team 2020***

***and Tereza Bernardová, TCRG***

## FEES:

GRADE	FEE	
Preliminary	12 €	For example, if a dancer takes grades 2-4, the total fee is 17 €+17 €+24.50 € =58.50 €.
1-3	17 €/grade	
4-6	24.50 €/grade	
7-10	32 €/grade	
11-12	67 €/grade	

## REGISTRATION:

The event is open to dancers from all schools registered with CLRG. Registration is done by teachers using the attached registration form (also available from <http://helsinkiifeis.irishdancefinland.net/>). The form must be emailed to [tereza@inspiraldance.net](mailto:tereza@inspiraldance.net) by **January 29, 2020**. Places are limited and will be given on first-come-first-served basis.

Payments are made to

Account name: Irish Dance Finland ry  
IBAN: FI21 5290 9520 0857 53  
BIC: OKOYFIHH  
Reference: Name of the School

One payment per school is preferred. If this is not possible, please include the name of the dancer in the reference/message for the payment. Payment for the grade exams may be combined with Turku Feis entry fee payments. **Deadline for all payments is February 8, 2020.** Cash payment on the day is possible for schools outside Finland – please request upon registration. No refunds can be made.

## SCHEDULE:

The grade exams start at approximately 9am and run for most of Sunday. Dancers will be asked about any time restrictions they may have (e.g., due to travel) after registrations have been received. The final exam schedule will be sent by email to all teachers and dancers. Please make sure that dancers' email addresses on the registration form are correct.

## TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Turku can be reached directly by air from some cities in Europe and flight connections via Helsinki are available from major cities around the world. From Turku airport there is a bus connection to the city center (Föli bus number 1). The bus does not run 24/7, so please check the timetables here <https://www.foli.fi/> before travelling. You can also take a taxi to the city center for a price of approx. 30-50 € depending on the route and traffic.

If you are travelling via Helsinki, there are frequent bus and train connections to Turku both from the city center and from the airport. For bus information and tickets, see for example <https://www.matkahuolto.fi/> and for trains <https://www.vr.fi/>.

## DANCES:

<i>GRADE</i>	<i>DANCES</i>	<i>SPEED</i>
<b>Prelim</b>	Easy Reel <u>or</u> Light Jig	122-124 116
<b>1</b>	Easy Reel Light Jig	122-124 116
<b>2</b>	Basic Slip Jig Basic Single Jig	124 124
<b>3</b>	Primary Reel Basic Heavy Jig	116-118 96
<b>4</b>	Primary Slip Jig St Patrick's Day	120 94
<b>5</b>	Advanced Reel Basic Hornpipe <i>Walls of Limerick</i>	113 144
<b>6</b>	Advanced Slip Jig The Blackbird <i>Siege of Ennis</i>	113 144
<b>7</b>	Advanced Heavy Jig Garden of Daisies <i>Four Hand Reel</i>	73 138
<b>8</b>	Advanced Hornpipe Job of Journeywork <i>Humours of Bandon</i>	113 138
<b>9</b>	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time and the <i>High Caule'd Cap</i>	
<b>10</b>	Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (different from those in Grade 9) and the <i>Eight Hand Jig</i>	
<b>11</b>	Advanced Reel Advanced Slip Jig Advanced Heavy Jig King of the Fairies 2 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>	113 113 73 130
<b>12</b>	Light Double Jig Single Jig Advanced Hornpipe Three Sea Captains Jockey to the Fair 2 modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of 5 submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9, 10 & 11) and the <i>Morris Reel</i> and the <i>Sixteen Hand Reel</i>	116 124 113 96 90

## **RULES & REGULATIONS:**

1. Only Basic Steps may be danced in the Preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2 and 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.
6. All candidates must produce previous reports before proceeding to higher grades. Reports must be presented at examinations.
7. A candidate may only attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one exam.
8. A three month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
9. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per "Ár Rincí Céilí" as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12 inclusive.
10. Dance costumes should not be worn.
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. Dancers taking the exams must be associated with a currently registered CLRG teacher.
15. Grade exams must be examined by at least 4 examiners up to grade 10 plus two different full examiners for grades 11 and 12.
16. A choice of examiners by the teacher is allowed up to grade 6, using a minimum of 2 examiners through these grades.
17. The same examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of 3 years.
18. From grade 7-10 the examiner is appointed by the Udarás from the rotation list.
19. 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.
20. All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.