

# Helsinki Grade Exams 2023

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**Helsingin Tanssikeskus, Sturenkatu 27, Helsinki, Finland**

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GRADES: Prelim - 12

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DEADLINE: May 10th, 2023 (grades Prelim - 10)  
January 13th, 2023 (grades 11 and 12)



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## FEES

### *Grades and fees:*

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Prelim	€13.00
1	€18.00
2	€18.00
3	€18.00
4	€25.50
5	€25.50
6	€25.50
7	€33.00
8	€33.00
9	€33.00
10	€33.00
11	€68.00
12	€68.00

### **REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT:**

Registration is done by teachers via google form: <https://forms.gle/FrHr4R7ySqEfyWkw9>

Registration need to be received no later than **Wednesday 10th of May 2023**. One payment per school together with the feis fee is preferable. Total payment to be received no later than **Wednesday 24th of May 2023**.

### *Payments are to be made to:*

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**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. Where applicable, both feis and grade exam fees should be paid within one payment per school. If this is not possible, please include the name of the dancer in the reference/ message for the payment. Please note that **cheques will not be accepted**. In case any problems with payment please contact [finlandfeis@gmail.com](mailto:finlandfeis@gmail.com).

# THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR GRADE EXAMINATIONS

## *Official rules:*

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1. Candidates must be associated with a currently registered CLRG teacher.
2. All 12 grade examinations must be completed for a candidate to be eligible to apply to take the T.C.R.G. examination.
3. Grade examiners of choice may be used for Grades 1-6, with a minimum of 2 different examiners to be used through these grades.
4. The same grade examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of **3 years**. This also applies where a regional authority or group of teachers/classes hold the examinations. As an example, for applications for 2021, grade examiners may not have examined in the class for the years 2020, 2019 or 2018.
5. The Rotation lists are in operation by An tUdarás Scrúdaithe for Grades 7-10. decisions are final.
6. Grade exams must be examined by at least 4 different examiners for grades 1- 10. the adjudicator during competition sessions.
7. Grades 11 and 12:
  - 7.1. Grades 11 and 12 **must** be conducted by S.D.C.R.G. examiners.
  - 7.2. As grades 11 and 12 are both uniquely tied to the T.C.R.G. examination, and
  - 7.3. graded by an S.D.C.R.G. examiner, briefing and questions/answers will be included to help the candidate understand the requirements and preparation necessary for all parts of the T.C.R.G. examination.
  - 7.4. Special application forms must be submitted for these exams.
  - 7.5. Candidates must be at least 16 years or older to take grade 11.
  - 7.6. Candidates must be at least 17 years or older to take grade 12.
  - 7.7. A different S.D.C.R.G. examiner must examine each of grades 11 and 12. These examiners must be different from the examiners who assessed any grade between grades 7-10.
  - 7.8. An tUdarás Scrúdaithe, where necessary, may appoint an S.D.C.R.G. examiner who has examined at any of the candidate's previous examinations.
  - 7.9. The results of grades 11 and 12 are not given to the candidates until they have been ratified by An tUdarás Scrúdaithe.
  - 7.10. The candidates will receive diplomas signed by both the examiner and chairperson of An tUdarás Scrúdaithe for grades 11 and 12. The chairperson of An Coimisiún will also sign the grade 12 diploma.
8. Each grade must be passed before a candidate may attempt the next grade.

9. Candidates must produce previous grade exam reports before proceeding to take the next grade. Reports must be presented at the examinations.
10. Grade examiners must ensure that all grades have been taken before examining the next grade. Please ensure that all previous grades are in order, as any exam taken in the future without confirmation of previous grades may not stand.
11. A candidate must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 - the Preliminary grade is optional.
12. Scrúdú Béil, or oral Irish exam, is required for grades 1-4 in Ireland.
13. A candidate may only attempt **three** consecutive grades at any one exam.
14. A three-month period must elapse before the next grade is attempted.
15. A candidate 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 retaken.
16. A candidate undergoing a six-month restyling period may take a grade examination.
17. A certificate is awarded for each grade. Grade examinations are unlike competitions in that each candidate performs the dances individually and receives a detailed written assessment.
18. A grade should be given for each solo dance performed and averaged to achieve the overall grade. Céilí dances should not be included in the average grade. Comments should be noted on the theoretical knowledge.
19. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all céilí dances as per *Ár Rincí Céilí* as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12. *The candidates must not be asked to teach these dances.* drink must not be consumed in the hall, neither is smoking permitted.
20. Dance costumes should not be worn.
21. Only basic steps may be danced in the preliminary grade and grades 1, 2 and 3.
22. 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.
23. 40 bars of music must be danced for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes.
24. Music speeds on the syllabus as per CLRG rules.
25. All modern set dances in grades 9-12 **must not** be repeated in any of these grades.
26. An Comhdháil Grades are accepted by An Coimisiún. Proof of having taken these examinations (certificates and marking sheets) must be submitted beforehand to An tÚdarás Scrúdaithe, and produced at the examination.
27. Helsinki grade exams will run in accordance with the Rules of An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha.

## Dances and speed

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

