

RULES GOVERNING THE N. A. F. C. IRISH DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Adopted 10/1997, amended 10/2007)

Each NAFC Championship MUST be held on different weekends.

1. The Championships shall be known as:
 - a.) The North American Feis Commission Senior Irish Dancing Championship for the Gerry Campbell Perpetual Belt.
 - b.) The North American Feis Commission Junior Irish Dancing Championship for the Robert Gabor Perpetual trophy.
 - c.) The North American Feis Commission Minor Irish Dancing Championship for the George Sweetnam Perpetual Trophy.

ALL THREE CHAMPIONSHIPS, ALONG WITH THE VENUE AND DATE, MUST BE PRINTED CLEARLY ON ALL SYLLABI.

2. Perpetual Awards are the sole property of the NAFC. The winner must transfer the Championship award to the next year's Feis committee, one month prior to the date of said Feis. Replacement Award will be given by the next year's Feis Chair or a representative from the NAFC Board of Directors. These awards will be provided by the NAFC.
3. Drawing by Ballot to determine the member who will sponsor a NAFC Championship will be held at the NAFC Convention each year.
4. To be eligible to draw for a Championship, a member must be active and in good standing for five years, must have sponsored two Feiseanna during that time, **MUST** provide a venue with suitable facilities to run the Championship rain or shine, and be present at the Convention.
5. A member who has drawn a Championship will not be eligible to draw for said Championship again, until such time as all other eligible members have drawn said Championship. A member who has drawn one Championship cannot draw for a second Championship in the same year. All eligible member names will be put in a hat and drawn as follows:
 - First name drawn will be for the North American Senior Dancing Championship;
 - Second name drawn will be for the alternate;
 - Same procedure for the Junior Championship;
 - Same procedure for the Minor Championship.
6. A Feis committee hosting a NAFC Championship cannot have any other "**Dance Off**" in the same age group.
7. Five adjudicators who did not adjudicate the qualifying round on "The Day Of" are required for the NAFC Championships. The Host Feiseanna should try to select a fair representation of adjudicators from across the Regions or another Country.
8. It is the recommendation of the Board of Directors that the NAFC Championships be held in the middle of the day. The qualifying rounds to be held at the beginning of the day. This will place the NAFC Championships at a time that is most **PROMINENT**, rather than at the end of the day, when the only people left are those competing. **To help defray the cost of**

additional adjudicators and fees associated with hosting the NAFC Championships, the NAFC will provide a \$1,000.00 stipend to each of the hosting Feiseanna.

9. QUALIFYING AGE GROUPS:

SENIOR BELT	17 AND OVER
JUNIOR TROPHY	13 TO UNDER 17
MINOR TROPHY	UNDER 13

- 10.** Competitor's age will be calculated as of Jan. 1.
- 11.** Competitors who qualify for each Championship category must have placed **FIRST** in that category in any NAFC Sanctioned Feis, within one year prior to the date the Championship is held, (This includes the "Day Of") or from the previous time the Championship was held in that category.
- 12.** Competitors **must pay** the "Championship Fee" **if not** entered in the Host "Day of the Feis Qualifying Rounds."
- 13.** Competitors must dance a total of 3 dances: a choice of soft shoe, a choice of hard shoe and a contrasting set to the hard shoe chosen.
- 14.** Both males and females compete together in a NAFC Championship.
- 15.** There will be no second or third place awards in a NAFC Championship.
- 16.** Any interference by teachers or the audience on behalf of a competitor or competitors will mean immediate disqualification of the competitor or competitors.
- 17.** Competitors must report to the assigned stage, ready to compete when the Championship is announced. Under no circumstances will the Championship be delayed because a competitor is not present or refuses to dance when a Stage Manager calls his or her number. Any infraction of this rule will mean immediate disqualification of the competitor.
- 18.** The Host Feiseanna must print in their Syllabus the name of the Championship, the Qualifying age group for the said Championship and Rules 10 - 17.
- 19.** The Feis Chair is responsible for taking a picture of the winner and forwarding this, along with a list of the adjudicators to the NAFC secretary, within 15 days of the Championship.

Only first place will be revealed and no marks will be distributed.

If the winner is obvious to the judging panel then the competition will not be tabulated and the winner will be immediately announced.

Although it may be unnecessary to tabulate the results of this competition, if the winner is not immediately obvious to the judging panel after comparing firsts immediately following the completion of the competition, then the full competition will be tabulated.