

Grade Exams at Feis Culkin 2017

Friday, November 3rd, 2017

The Culkin School of Traditional Irish Dance and the Culkin School Booster Club will be hosting grade examinations in conjunction with the 2017 Feis Culkin . The grade exams will be limited to Grades 1-6.

Date: The grade exams will be held Friday, November 3rd during the evening. Please note this is the day before the Culkin Feis (which will be held on November 4th, 2017).

Location: The examinations will be held at City Dance School and Conservatory, [1570 E Jefferson St, Rockville, MD 20852](#).

Time: Grade Exams 1-3 will begin promptly at 6:15pm. Please plan to arrive early at 6:00 to register and warm up. Grades 1-3 will take approximately 2 hours to complete. Grades 4-6 will begin check in at 7:15 with exams starting at 7:30pm and will take approximately 2.5 hours to complete.

Important rules for Culkin school Grade Exams:

Grades: Grades 1-3 and Grades 4-6 will run concurrently. You can attempt no more than 3 Grade Exams at a time.

Prior grades: Dancers must provide evidence of having completed previous grade exams, where applicable.

Permission: Please consult your TCRG for information and permission before applying for the grade exams.

Dances: Please see the grid below for the required dances.

Grade Dances

1. Basic Reel and Light Double Jig
2. Basic Slip Jig and Single Jig
3. Primary Reel and Basic Heavy Jig
4. Primary Slip Jig and St Patrick's Day
5. Advanced Reel, Basic Hornpipe, and the Walls of Limerick*
6. Advanced Slip Jig, The Blackbird, and the Siege of Ennis*

*Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as

per “Ár Rincí Foirne”.

Music: Music speeds will be played according to CLRG rules.

Length: Please note dances are 40 bars, which equates to 2.5 steps.

Examiners: Russell Beaton, SDCRG and Coleen Mulhern, ADCRG.

Registration: Register at <http://culkinschool.com/feis-culkin/>

Registration will open at 8:00 AM on Saturday, September 23, 2017. Please click on the link to take you to the Signup Genius for Grade Exam registration.

Dancers do not have to take part in the feis in order to take grade exams.

Fees: Please see the grid below with fees listed for each grade. Grade exam fees are not part of the feis family max. Nor are they subject to any discount for multiple children from the same family.

Exam Fee Schedule

Grades 1, 2, 3 \$25 each, \$75 for all 3

Grades 4, 5, 6 \$40 each, \$120 for all 3

Attire: Do not wear feis costumes. Candidates should wear a top and skirt or shorts or long pants, suitable for dance.

Age: There is no maximum age limit on the grade exams. Adults may participate.

Parents: Parents will not be allowed in the testing area, but may remain in the lobby area.

Contact: feisculkinreg@gmail.com

For further information about the rules and regulations for grade exams please review:

<https://www.clrg.ie/images/downloads/exams/Grade-Exam--Syllabus-2017.pdf>