



Welcome to the 2026 Bluegrass Feis! All competitions - *except June 20 music competitions, please read below* - are held at the Lexington Ice Center on Sunday, June 21.

**VENUE:** Lexington Ice Center, 560 Eureka Springs Drive, Lexington, KY. Conveniently 6 miles from I-75.

**LOOK:** In keeping with the tradition of our feis, black-out/casual costume is welcomed but not required.

**SCHEDULE:**

- The feis schedule is available on “Feis Info” on [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com).
- The venue will open at 7:15am; the feis begins promptly at 8am with PC and OC comps.
- Make sure to read the notes on the schedule and estimated competition times. *Competitions may begin as early as 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time.*
- You will find all grade-level competitions on page 2 of the schedule. Grades-level competitions (First Feis through Prizewinner) occur after lunch; grades-level dancers may report to registration beginning at 10am.
- Ceili/figure competitions and trad set specials will occur before the lunch break; the Cake Dance will occur before/during lunch break.
- Due to venue capacity, we kindly request that you depart soon after your final competition/results.

**CAMPING SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED.** We ask you to pack lightly!

- NO CAMPING behind any stages!
- Please DO NOT move the chairs, and be courteous - make sure chairs are available for those who may need them more than you do.
- Water and sports drinks permitted.
- Please do not bring in outside food. Absolutely no large coolers.
- Please plan to depart shortly after your final competition/results.

**PARKING:** There is a large surface lot at the Ice Center with ample parking spaces.

**ENTRANCE:** Enter through the main Ice Center entrance at the front of the building, down the stairs into the lobby. You will turn right immediately after entering the lobby to access the large gymnasium where feis Stages 1, 2, and 3 are. Walk through the large gymnasium to access the small gymnasium with Stage 4. *If you require an accessible entrance, please drive down the hill to the back parking lot. While \*no parking\* is allowed in the back lot, you may of course drive down the hill to provide drop-off to the accessible entrance. If you have any questions about the accessible entrance, please contact us by text at 859-444-4544.*

**DANCER NUMBER PICK-UP:** Beginning 7:30am for PC/OC and 10:00am for grades-level dancers - either outside the Main Entrance to the Ice Center, or in the Ice Center lobby, prior to entering the gymnasiums.

**DAY-OF FEIS REGISTRATION:** We will be allowing day-of feis registrations with a \$50 late fee, plus processing fee, family fee and fees for each competition entered. **You are required to use our [Day-Of Feis Registration Store](#) to complete your “day-of” registration.** Only after you complete your registration and payment should you approach tabulations to finalize your entry and pick up your dancer number. After you’ve completed your entry on the [Day-Of-Feis Registration Store](#), please bring your proof of purchase to tabulations to finalize your entry and pick up your dancer number. **We are metering late entries using this store - complete your 'Day-Of' entry ASAP!**

**CHANGE FEE:** There is a flat \$25 change fee for any changes to your existing entry (for example - changing the level of a grades dance, or moving a dancer from grades to PC). There will be no refunds if your original entry cost exceeds the cost of your updated entry. To change your entry or add dances, please be mindful of the schedule and arrive 90 minutes prior to the first competition in which you will compete. **You must pay for your Change Fee and provide information about the requested changes via our [Balances Due Store](#).** After you’ve completed your entry on the [Balances Due Store](#), please bring your proof of purchase to tabulations to finalize your changes and allow us to update your dancer’s number card.

#### **PC/OC/Adult/Advanced Adult Championship Notes:**

- PC (first chance) will dance softshoe, hardshoe. PC2 (second chance) will dance hardshoe, softshoe.
- Adult Championship, Advanced Adult Championship, and Open Championship will dance hardshoe, softshoe, set dance.

#### **GRADE-LEVEL NOTES (First Feis through Prizewinner)**

- Age groups remain on the same stage.
- Stages 1, 2, and 3 will be sharing musicians. All reels will be danced before light jigs; all light jigs before slip jigs, and so on. Thus, please do not check in for your 2nd dance before you dance your 1st dance, etc.
- Please speak to a stage monitor if you run into a stage conflict.

**CAKE DANCE SPECIAL:** See syllabus for details about this event. Cake Dance will be held on Stage 2 around 11:40AM. The Cake Dance is about celebrating Irish dance in all its forms, so get ready to cheer on the participants! And don’t forget your “Will Irish dance for cake!” t-shirt from our t-shirt vendor.

**MUSIC COMPETITIONS:** All music competitions are being held on Saturday, June 20 at 5pm at the McTeggart Studio, 570 Delzan Place, First Floor. The competitions will be adjudicated by Justin Bridgebeck and Jeremy Wade, founders of the Kentucky Irish Music Academy and musicians for the Bluegrass Feis. Following the competitions, Justin and Jeremy will host a masterclass on Irish music for all participants.

**CONCESSIONS:** The Ice Center has a concession stand which sells drinks, popcorn, hotdogs, candy, nachos, and more.

**FOOD TRUCKS:** Check out the food trucks! (Coffee, donuts, Filipino cuisine, and chicken restaurant next door to our venue)

**GRADE AWARDS:** Grade awards pick-up will be in the Ice Center lobby ONLY after confirming your results for ALL the dance competitions you were entered in. DO NOT come to the Awards Table to check results. All results are posted on [www.Feisworx.com](http://www.Feisworx.com). No printed results will be distributed. Please allow up to 30 minutes

after your dancer's final competition to check [www.Feisworx.com](http://www.Feisworx.com) for all the detailed results prior to picking up any awards your dancer may have won.

**PC/OC/Adult Championship AWARDS:** PC/OC/Adult Championship awards will be announced outside, behind the building (weather permitting); if location changes we will post this announcement throughout the venue. No printed results will be distributed; you may review adjudicator comments by logging in to your FeisWorx account.

**VENDORS:** Irish Seams will be our exclusive Irish dance essentials vendor at the Bluegrass Feis. We're happy to have Fine Designs at our feis selling feis t-shirts and other apparel.

**QUESTIONS?** If there is anything we can assist you with during the Bluegrass Feis, please stop by the Registration Table by the main entrance or ask any "Feis Crew/Volunteer," and we will be happy to help!