

## Good luck to all dancers at this year's Oireachtas!

This guide should help you with some helpful info and basic instructions for the weekend. We look forward to welcoming you all in Milwaukee, WI!



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**Baird Center:** 400 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI

**Hilton Milwaukee Downtown:** 509 W Wisconsin Ave

**Hyatt Regency Milwaukee Downtown:** 333 W Kilbourn Ave

Information:

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## **The Baird Center**

**Baird Center: 400 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI**

NO OUTSIDE FOOD or BEVERAGE is to be taken into the Baird

Please note that this F&B rule is the policy of the Baird. Security will not let you in with food.

Exceptions are made for children with allergies.

**Our competitions will be taking place on the third and fourth floors:**

Stages A - C will be in the exhibit halls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Stages D - F will be in the Baird Ballrooms on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

**The Baird Center will be open to the public for our event during the following times:**

Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 9pm

Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 6am – 10pm

Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 5am – 10pm

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6am – 10pm

**The Baird Center will be accessible to enter by four main entrances:**

1. The Skywalk between the Hyatt Regency & the Baird
2. The Skywalk between the Hilton & the Baird
3. The main North Entrance to the building (which is 405 Kilbourn)
4. The main South Entrance to the building (which is 400 Wisconsin)

## **HOTELS**

**We have TWO flagship host hotels: Hilton & Hyatt Regency.**

Some things to note about each of these properties:

### **HILTON: 509 W Wisconsin Ave**

- The Hilton is connected to the South side of the Baird Center via a skywalk that connects to the hotel on its third floor.
- The escalators to the third-floor sky walk are not currently operational (they are being refurnishes). Stairs are an option, and all elevators are working.

### **HYATT REGENCY: 333 W Kilbourn Ave**

- The Hyatt is connected to the North side of the Baird Center via a skywalk that connects to the hotel on its second floor.

## Practice Rooms

There is a public practice space at the **Baird Center in N206B/C**

This is a 3,000 sq ft room that any competitor is allowed to access while the Baird Center is open. It will have a practice floor with Marley for dancers to use for practicing and warming up.

This is a shared space. Be respectful of others.

**Additionally, every hotel contracted within our block has a public practice space.** If you are staying at *any* of the hotels in our block, there is a room where you can go to stretch, practice, or even get ready in the morning (ie hair/makeup) at *every hotel property*. Again, these are shared spaces. Be respectful of others.

### **Here is a list of public practice rooms by hotel property:**

Hilton: Wright Ballroom A/B

Hyatt Regency: Lakeshore A

Brewhouse Inn & Suites: Mezzanine

Courtyard: Porter & Stout

DoubleTree: Milwaukee & Executive Rooms

Drury Plaza: Riverview & Marquette/Hop Room

Fairfield: Strauss

Homewood Suites: The Meeting Room

Hyatt Place: Meeting Place 1, 2, & 3

Kimpton: Assembly Hall (second floor)

Milwaukee Marriott: Governors & Mayors

Residence Inn: Marshall Field & Selfridges

Saint Kate: Da 1, Da 2

Springhill Suites: Commerce A

Cambria: Goodland

Aloft: Tactic 4 & 5

Many dance schools have contracted private practice space. For those rooms, your teachers have been told the designated location.

**Happy practicing!**

## Locations of things you may be looking for over the weekend....

### Tanning

Great Lakes Mobile Tanning

Hyatt Regency Hotel in **Lakeshore B** conference room

### Hair & Makeup Vendors

Eire Beauty, Camelia Rose, and Celtic Curls

Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lakeshore C conference room

### Perpetual Trophy Return

Baird Center: room **N205**. Volunteers will be prepared to accept trophies on Thursday between 2pm – 6pm. Be sure to return your trophy polished & damage free! Trophies must be returned the day before the age group dances, but if you will not be arriving by Thursday afternoon, please arrange for someone else to return the trophy OR contact [Alyssa.harling@gmail.com](mailto:Alyssa.harling@gmail.com) to arrange an alternate time to return the trophy.

### Mother's Room

Baird Center, located on 2nd floor, North building, next to service elevator, between two bathrooms, on the other side of N205

Baird Center, located on top floor, North building, Behind escalators, next to bathrooms, on the backside of the rooftop ballrooms

### Sensory Room

Baird Center, located on top floor, North building, Behind escalators, next to elevators

### Mass

Fr. Ryan G Duns, SJ will be offering mass on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm on STAGE B

### Dress Resale Room

If you are looking to buy or sell a used solo costume, there will be an IDTAMA-run consignment shop at the Baird. For \$25 you can put up to 2 dresses for sale in the room. Attendees may come to the room to try-on and potentially purchase a dress. Location: N206A at the Baird Center. Hours for the dress room are as follows:

Thursday 2 – 6pm ; Friday 8am – 5pm ; Saturday 8am – 5pm ; Sunday 8am – 12pm
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## **Help Desk**

The help desk will be located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Baird Center. It will be in the hallway area of the Exhibit Hall Foyers. This is where you can pick up your program book, donate to one of our fundraisers, or get Teacher lunch vouchers.

## **Patches**

Beautifully embroidered patches by NW Designs will be distributed to teachers. Please see your instructor to get your patch.

## **Photographer**

[FeisAction](#) will have a portrait studio as well be onsite to capture live shots during competitions. There is no need to pre-order photos. Every dancer and every round will be photographed. Just stop by their tables on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Exhibit Hall Foyers to check out the images and order photographs.

## **Northwest Designs**

Our official merchandise vendor, NW Designs, will be selling event apparel on site. You can even buy online [here](#).

## **Amy Mae Dolan's Mindset Workshops**

Located on the second floor of the North building in the Baird: N204A

## **Target Training**

Mindset & Mobility Clinics located on the second floor of the North building in the Baird: N208B

## FOOD OPTIONS WHILE IN THE BAIRD

**Please note that the Baird Center does not allow outside food or beverage!**

There will be a large Food Court area in **Exhibit Hall E on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**. This food court will be available at the following dates/times:

Friday 7am – 9pm ; Saturday 7am – 8pm ; Sunday 7am – 9pm
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**The Baird Center's Food Vendors are completely CASHLESS. Please be prepared to pay with a credit card.**

This area will offer LOTS of options, such as:

Cheeseburgers  
Chicken Tenders  
Grilled Chicken Sandwiches  
Hot dog  
Nashville Chicken Sandwich  
Bratwurst  
Veggie Burger  
French Fries  
Cheese Fries  
Wisconsin Cheese Curds  
Pretzels  
Nacho  
Candy  
Garden Salad  
Chicken Chop Salad  
Fruit cup  
Mac & Cheese  
Cousin's Subs  
Maui Wow Smoothies – a popular hit at the local feisanna!  
Baya Bar Acai Bowls – with breakfast options!  
Ian's Pizza  
Water  
Gatorade  
Energy Drinks  
Soda  
Domestic Beer  
Craft Beer

*Bartenders will also be setup outside the Awards Ceremony  
on the Exhibit Hall Floors from 3-9pm Friday/Sat/Sun*

## SOME EXTRA FUN ENTERTAINMENT OPTIONS

### Rod Vick Read aloud

Acclaimed author, Rod Vick, will be reading excerpts from some of his popular Irish dance novels throughout the weekend. These read-aloud events are free and open to anyone attending the event. The location is room **S103A** in the South Building of the Baird Center. He will be offering these at the following dates & times:

Friday @ 1pm ; Saturday @ 3:30pm ; Sunday @ 10am
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### Motivation Station

We have a positivity wall where dancers can leave each other encouraging messages or take a bit of courage & luck with them before their performances! Be sure to stop by!

Location: 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Exhibit Hall Foyers (outside of stages A – C)

### Kid's Wicked-Theme Party

This is a ticketed event. No tickets will be sold at the door. The party is from 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Hyatt - Regency Ballrooms A/B. Ticket sales have now closed.

### Teen Karaoke Party

This is a ticketed event. No tickets will be sold at the door. The party is from 8 – 11pm at Amped, 910 W Juneau Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233. Ticket sales have now closed.

### Adult Party

Unfortunately, this party has been cancelled due to low ticket sales.

### Sideline Squad

This is a perfect way to keep siblings of competitors busy while you focus on your dancer. You must purchase a camp time directly through their site: [Sideline Squad](#). Located in S203D at the Baird Center.

### No Dance Zone

This is a perfect quiet space to get away from the craziness. Absolutely no listening to Irish dance music, no practicing, nor getting ready (hair/makeup) in this space. It's a lounge area for those who need a break. Located in the MKE Market Lounge on the first floor of the Baird Center (directly inside the North Entrance).

### Pre-Awards Show

Each competition day will feature a 30-60 minute pre-award show to keep your family entertained while you wait for that highly anticipated awards presentation! Please keep in mind that families are kindly asked not to save entire rows or sections of chairs for the awards ceremony.



# COMPETITION PROTOCOLS

## Numbers/Programs

There are no numbers printed in the program. Competitors are still listed in dance order, but the numbers will not be included. There is a box provided for you to fill in the numbers once they are released. The first dancer is notated for each round to allow you to plan your morning accordingly. At 7:15am on Friday/Sunday, and at 7:45am on Saturday, the competitor lists with competitor numbers and start numbers will be posted online. You can visit [GoFeis](#), [IDTAMA website](#), or social media to find these list. These will only be posted after judges have been sequestered. After the lists are posted, check online to find your number. *Once you know your number*, then collect your number at the stage where you compete.

## Number Check

There will be a number check for solo championship competitions only (round 1 & 2). The check will be after every 30 dancers or at the completion of a small competition.

## Recalls

All recalls, prior to being read aloud in the hall, shall be released and posted online by GoFeis and IDTAMA website immediately following tabulations. (Please note that the traditional set recalls will not be posted until after ceili competitions have concluded to allow those dancers to focus on their team events).

## Awards

The solo and team award ceremonies will go back and forth on stages A & C. The running order of award presentations will be published closer to awards each evening. The awards will also be streamed on FeisTV.

Traditional Set awards are scheduled for 3:30pm on stages A, B, & C.

Saving seats will not be allowed during the pre-awards show or during the awards presentations.

## FeisTV

FeisTV will be streaming the Mid-America Oireachtas! You can watch all the dancing and results online and friends at home can follow the action. Visit [feistv.com](#) to purchase a personal pass.

Disclaimer: Consent through entry. By entering and participating, competitors (or their legal guardians) consent to being filmed, photographed, recorded, and broadcast by FeisTV for live streaming, promotional, archival, and related purposes.

# RULES

## Syllabus

A complete listing of the syllabus event rules can be found [here](#). By participating in the event, you acknowledge and accept these rules.

## Makeup Rule

A friendly reminder that competitors in Under 8, Under 9, and Under 10 events are prohibited from wearing makeup or false eyelashes per the Rules of An Coimisiún.

## Seating at the Event

The front two rows at all competition stages are reserved for teachers.

Additionally, no seat-saving will be allowed. We kindly ask that you please do not reserve whole rows of chairs by placing your items on chairs. The chairs at the event are meant to be sat in, and anyone found to be saving entire sections of chairs (even before awards ceremonies) will be asked to remove their items from the chairs so that attendees may utilize the available seating. Thank you for your attention to this.

## No Wristbands required to enter the event

Attendees will have free access to the Baird Center during designated hours.

## Costuming & Carriage Aids

Current CLRG rules will be applied and enforced. You can refer to the CLRG Rule Book, which includes a ban on any non-medically prescribed devices.

## Mischief

Any person caught damaging property (whether private property or that of a hotel/venue or that of the IDTAMA) will be requested to leave the premises immediately and will not be permitted to attend any remaining events at these Championships. All parties will be billed for damages.

Parents/guardians will be fully responsible for the whereabouts and the actions of their children. The IDTAMA will not be held responsible for personal injury, property damage, theft, loss, or any claim.

## Filming/Recording

The use of any device that is capable of taking videos will not be permitted during competitions.

## Decisions

All decisions made by the MAO 2025 Committee, the IDTAMA executive board, and/or the adjudicators for the event, in accordance with the rules for the event at the competition syllabus, will be final.

## **Set & Speed Verification**

For dancers competing in the solo championship events, your set dance and speed will be printed on the back of your number card. When you collect your number card in the morning, please check to ensure accuracy. If the set/speed are listed incorrectly, please notify the stage monitor so that they can update the list well in advance of the set rounds.

## **Falls on Stage**

Where a dancer is injured and medical attention is necessary, an athletic trainer from Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Sports Medicine (a team will be on-site) to address the needs.

If in the opinion of the stage steward, having obtained medical advice if necessary, a dancer is unfit to re-dance and if such a dancer insists on his/her right to do so, then the dancer concerned will only be permitted to re-dance on completion of a declaration form exonerating IDTAMA of liability for any consequences. This waiver must be signed by the parent of the dancer (or the dancer him/herself if over 18).

## SPONSORS

Thank you to this year's generous sponsors! Your support is truly appreciated:

American Company of Irish Dance

US Bank Wealth Management

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Sports Medicine Department

Bill Butke

Target Training

Sideline Squad

Gibson Irish Dance Imports

Wisconsin Winter Feis & St. Brigid's Feis

O'Hara Irish Dance Apparel

Fabulous Fairy Travel

## FUNDRAISERS: Irish Dancing with a Purpose

This holiday season, we are grateful for the gifts that Irish dance has brought to the children in our lives, and we are hoping to give back to kids less fortunate. Please consider giving back to the local community to help enrich the lives of kids in Milwaukee and the surrounding areas.

All collections will happen at the Information Desk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in the Exhibit Hall Foyer

### Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Toy Drive

Here are the [guidelines](#) for any toys donated:

- To keep our kids safe from infection, all donated items must be new/unused (store-bought and in their original packaging and cannot contain latex).
- We cannot accept handmade, gently used items, items that have been stored for an extended period of time, or food.
- Donated items cannot have additional labels, stickers, logos or attachments. This includes messaging from charities or other not-for-profit organizations.
- Please keep items to a "grab-and-go" size (no larger than 18" tall)
- We care for kids who may have experienced significant violence or trauma. All donations must be free from violent themes.
- We promote the social, dental, physical and mental health of those who we serve. All donations should support healthy habits.
- We care for kids and families of all religious and spiritual backgrounds and beliefs. All donated items must be free from both generic and specific religious or spiritual themes or messages.
- To keep our patients safe, especially those with food allergies or special dietary needs, we are unable to accept food items of any kind.
- Donation requests and items that will be declined:
  - Beanie babies
  - Toys from kids meals
  - Vending machine toys
  - Dollar store items
  - Outdoor activities (skateboards, pogo sticks, water toys, etc).
  - Beauty items: scented lip balm, nail polish, makeup
  - Crocheted/knit blankets
  - Completed greeting cards
  - Hats
  - Trading cards/sports cards
  - Comic books
  - Scented toiletries

### Hunger Task Force Food Drive

Hunger Task Force is Milwaukee's only Free & Local food bank and Wisconsin's anti-hunger leader. Raise funds and food for families in need! We will be collecting canned goods and monetary donations for anyone who wishes to contribute.

Here are the guidelines for foods donate:

- When choosing items to donate from the grocery store shelf, think about fruit packed in its own juices; low- and no-salt vegetables; whole wheat grains; or lean canned proteins.

## VENDORS

We are excited to offer an array of different vendors, and we hope you will support them throughout the weekend. The vendors will be located in the hallway/foyer areas of both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor at the Baird Center. Vendors will be open for business at the following times:

Thursday 2 – 6pm ; Friday 7am – 7pm ; Saturday 7:30am – 5:30pm ; Sunday 7am – 2pm*
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### Physical Training Vendors:

Lifted by Greta

Target Training

### Photography:

FeisAction

### Hair & Makeup (in the Hyatt):

Eire Beauty

Camelia Rose

Celtic Curls

### Tanning (in the Hyatt):

Great Lakes Mobile Tanning

### Official Merchandise & Apparel:

Northwest Designs

### Dance Shoes & Dance Accessories:

Gibson's Irish Imports

Irish Seams

Celtic Creations

Fab & Punk

### Other:

Rod Vick (Author)

Irish Dance Magazine

Sideline Squad

Versiti (Blood donation)

Amy Mae Dolan (mindset coach)

### Dress Designers:

Elevation Designs

Rising Star Designs

Celtic Klass

Eire Designs

\* Some vendors may choose to stay open later, but they may begin breaking down at 2pm

## Volunteer Opportunities

The stages and awards are run entirely by teachers in the region, and we are very grateful to their expertise and support.

There are other areas at the facility that could use some helping hands. These include (but are not limited to) the dress resale room, motivation station, stage building and takedown, and tabulations. If you are looking for an opportunity to assist, please consider signing up: [Volunteer Sign-up Genius](#)

## VENUE LAYOUT





