

# The Fairfield County Championships

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH 2026**



**New Canaan High School  
468 South Avenue  
New Canaan, CT 06840**

**Co-Chairpersons:  
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& Joanna Walsh  
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**Entries Deadline: Friday, January 16th, 2026  
Maximum – 650 Entrants**

*Member, An Coimisiun, Dublin [www.CLRG.ie](http://www.CLRG.ie)  
Member, New England Region IDTANA*

**All Adjudicators & Musicians will be  
listed on Website as available.  
Final Stage Schedule will be posted at  
[www.penderkeady.com](http://www.penderkeady.com)**

The Feis will be governed by the rules of An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha, the Irish Dance Teachers Association of North America, and the New England Region.

## Release, Waive, Hold Harmless Agreement

I acknowledge that this activity involves exertion and carries with it the potential for injury. I hereby agree to waive the right to take legal action or join in any actions against the **Harney Pender Keady Academy, HPK Staff, PKIAF Volunteers, New Canaan Middle School**, and/or any affiliates and associates for injuries incurred during practice and/or performance in any location. I hereby agree to indemnify, protect and save harmless the parties above or any of them from all judgments, cost and expenses whatsoever arising on account of any action, claim or demand by the minor child of mine, or any child for which I am acting in guardianship or supervisory capacity. It is understood and agreed that the participant is physically fit and prepared for participation in the activities which will be undertaken, and the participant has not been advised by any doctor or other medical person that participation in these activities should be avoided and/or limited. Participation in any competition or performance is at the sole discretion and decision of the parent or guardian.

**NO COOLERS** permitted in New Canaan High School. Food & beverages will be available in cafeteria. **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES WILL BE PERMITTED OUTSIDE THE CAFETERIA**

**New Canaan High School is a Smoke-Free Environment. NO SMOKING IS PERMITTED ON THE CAMPUS - EITHER INDOORS OR OUTDOORS.**

**No dancing on any of the floors in the school except for the stages or practice areas**

**ENTRIES CLOSE ON Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2026.** Any entry received after 1/16/26 will be accepted only with \$50 late fee. Entries received after cap of 650 is achieved, will be notified of rejection. No entries will be accepted after 1/19/25. **NO REFUNDS**

**All Competitors must register and  
pay through FeisWeb at  
[www.FeisWeb.com](http://www.FeisWeb.com)**

All Solo/Grade Competitions Including Traditional Set <b>Per Dance</b>	\$15.00
Preliminary Championship	\$50.00
Open Championships (incl. 2 solos)	\$65.00
<b>Family Admission Fee MUST be included with Entry Fee</b>	\$25.00
<b>Treble Reel Competitions for Charity 410, 411, 518 &amp; 519 can be entered online .</b>  <b><u>CHARITY:</u></b>  <b>MID-FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY CARE CENTER</b>  <b>You can also enter treble reel competitions on day of feis</b>	\$15.00 Minimum Donation
<b>Maximum Family Fee – EXCLUDING Treble Reel Competition for Charity and Family Admission/Gate Fee.</b>	\$200.00

## IRISH SODA BREAD COMPETITION

**600 - 12:00 Noon – NO CHARGE –  
Delivered by 11AM and wrapped in plastic wrap.  
Come to Entry Desk**

**PLEASE NOTE: SOLO COSTUMES ARE NOT PERMITTED IN PRE-BEGINNER, BEGINNER AND ADVANCED BEGINNER CATEGORIES. CLASS COSTUMES OR SKIRTS AND BLOUSES ONLY.**

**PRE-BEGINNER – Open to dancers who have never competed in a feis. Boys & Girls combined will dance one step, one at a time. Speed – 115**

Boys and Girls	Light Jig
Under 5	1
Under 6	2

**ALL SOLOS WILL DANCE TWO STEPS, TWO AT A TIME.**

**BEGINNER** – A competitor who is taking dancing lessons for less than 12 months. A Beginner must move to Advanced Beginner the next year.  
Music speeds: Reel/Slip Jig – 122, Lt. Jig – 115

Boys and Girls	Reel	Lt Jig	Slip Jig
Under 5	10	11	12
Under 6	13	14	15
Under 7	16	17	18
Under 8	19	20	21
Under 9	22	23	24
Under 10	25	26	27
Under 11	28	29	30
Under 12	31	32	33
12+	34	35	36
Adult	37	38	39

**ADVANCED BEGINNER** – A dancer who has completed one year in Beginner and has not won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in this category.  
Music speeds: Reel/Slip Jig – 122, Lt. Jig – 115  
Tr.Jig – 92; HP – 138

Boys and Girls	Reel	Lt. Jig	Slip Jig	Treb. Jig	Trad. HP
Under 6	101	102	103	104	105
Under 7	106	107	108	109	110
Under 8	111	112	113	114	115
Under 9	116	117	118	119	120
Under 10	121	122	123	124	125
Under 11	126	127	128	129	130
Under 12	131	132	133	134	135
Under 13	136	137	138	139	140
13 +	141	142	143	144	145
Adult	146	147	148	149	150

**NOVICE GRADE** – A competitor who wins 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Adv. Beg. category and never placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice.

Music speeds: Reel/Slip Jig – 113; Lt.Jig – 115  
Tr.Jig – 73 or 92; HP – 113 or 138

Boys & Girls	Re el	Lt. Jig	Slip Jig	Treb Jig	HP	Trad Set
Under 6	201	202	203	204	205	206
Under 7	207	208	209	210	211	212
Under 8	213	214	215	216	217	218
Under 9	219	220	221	222	223	224
Under10	225	226	227	228	229	230
Under11	231	232	233	234	235	236
Under12	237	238	239	240	241	242

Under13	243	244	245	246	247	248
Under14	249	250	251	252	253	254
14 +	255	256	257	258	259	260
Adult	261	262	263	264	265	266

**PRIZEWINNER** – A competitor who has placed 1<sup>st</sup> in a particular dance in Novice will advance to Prizewinner in that particular dance.

Music speeds: Reel/Slip Jig – 113;  
Tr.Jig – 73 or 92; HP – 113 or 138

Boys and Girls	Reel	Slip Jig	Treb Jig	HP	Trad Set
Under 6	301	302	303	304	305
Under 7	306	307	308	309	310
Under 8	311	312	313	314	315
Under 9	316	317	318	319	320
Under 10	321	322	323	324	325
Under 11	326	327	328	329	330
Under 12	331	332	333	334	335
Under 13	336	337	338	339	340
Under 14	341	342	343	344	345
14 +	346	347	348	349	350
Adult	351	352	353	354	355

**PRELIMINARY Championship – See Rule #15 - will start at 8:45 a.m.** Competitions 400, 401, 402, 403, 404 and 405 will dance 3 at a time. Hard shoe first.  
Select from light/heavy dances listed above:

A = Reel / Jig                      B = Reel / HP  
C = Slip Jig / Jig                  D = Slip Jig / HP

Preliminary Championships				
Under 8	400A	400B	400C	400D
Under 9	401A	401B	401C	401D
Under 10	402A	402B	402C	402D
Under 11	403A	403B	403C	403D
Under 12	404A	404B	404C	404D
Under 13	405A	405B	405C	405D
Under 14	406A	406B	406C	406D
Under 15	407A	407B	407C	407D
Under 16	408A	408B	408C	408D
16 +	409A	409B	409C	409D
Adult	410A	410B	410C	410D
<b>PRELIMINARY TREBLE REEL</b> <b>Competitions for CHARITY</b> <b>(see Entry Fees box)</b> <b>(Boys &amp; Girls combined)</b>				
Under 12	411	12 & over	412	

Second Chance Preliminary Championships				
Under 8	450A	450B	450C	450D
Under 9	451A	451B	451C	451D
Under 10	452A	452B	452C	452D
Under 11	453A	453B	453C	453D
Under 12	454A	454B	454C	454D
Under 13	455A	455B	455C	455D
Under 14	456A	456B	456C	456D
Under 15	457A	457B	457C	457D
Under 16	458A	458B	458C	458D
16 +	459A	459B	459C	459D
Adult	460A	460B	460C	460D

**OPEN Championships – See Rule #17 – will start at 8:45 a.m.; 3 rounds, hard shoe first. All Competitors will dance 2 at a time heavy and light rounds. Solo awards will be given for soft and hard shoe dances. Absolutely NO DANCE CHANGES will be accepted day of feis – NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Open Championships			
Girls		Boys	
Under 9	500 A	Under 9	501 A
Under 10	502 A,B,C,D	Under 10	503 A,B,C,D
Under 11	504 A,B,C,D	Under 11	505 A,B,C,D
Under 12	506 A,B,C,D	Under 12	507 A,B,C,D
Under 13	508 A,B,C,D	Under 13	509 A,B,C,D
Under 14	510 A,B,C,D	Under 14	511 A,B,C,D
Under 15	512 A,B,C,D	Under 15	513 A,B,C,D
Under 16	514 A,B,C,D	Under 16	515 A,B,C,D
Under 17	516 A,B,C,D	Under 17	517 A,B,C,D
Under 18	518 A,B,C,D	Under 18	519 A,B,C,D
18 +	520 A,B,C,D	18 +	521 A,B,C,D
Adult	522 A,B,C,D	Adult	523 A,B,C,D
<b>OPEN TREBLE REEL</b> <b>Competitions for CHARITY</b> <b>(see Entry Fees box)</b> <b>(Boys &amp; Girls combined)</b>			
Under 14	524	14 & over	525