

# RYAN-KILCOYNE NEWS REEL



RYAN-KILCOYNE SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING - SEPTEMBER 2018

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**Welcome!** Welcome back to all of our dancers and a warm “Hello” to our new students! For news and information be sure to visit our website at [www.ryankilcoyneschool.com](http://www.ryankilcoyneschool.com).

**Tuition:** Parents undertake the obligation to pay the entire year’s tuition when they enroll. Tuition for the year is paid in four installments. The first payment, which includes the registration fee, and registration form are due at the first class attended. The second payment is due by November 15th. The third payment is due by February 1st. The fourth payment is due by April 15th. Tuition must be paid whether the child attends class or not. All tuition must be paid up-to-date or the dancer will not be allowed to participate in classes, competitions, or school functions. Tuition information and registration forms can be found on the “Classes” page at [www.ryankilcoyneschool.com](http://www.ryankilcoyneschool.com).

## **Class Locations:**

- Monday classes are held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 84 East Oakland Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901.
- Wednesday classes are held at the American Legion, 41 Linden Avenue, Newtown, PA 18940.
- Thursday class is held at Christina’s Studio, 14 Creekside Drive, Ivyland, PA 18974.

For directions and class times, visit the “Classes” page at [www.ryankilcoyneschool.com](http://www.ryankilcoyneschool.com).

## **Additional Practices:**

**Tuesdays/Thursdays/Saturdays** at Christina’s Studio, 14 Creekside Drive, Ivyland, PA 18974:

*(dates and times to be determined on a monthly basis)*

pay as you go; \$25/dancer

*Preliminary-Open Championship dancers and/or dancers preparing for majors only*

Contact Molly if interested at [mollyccurran@gmail.com](mailto:mollyccurran@gmail.com).

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## Class and Practice Dress Code:

Students are required to wear the following to all classes:

- Black uniform short\* (available at <http://RyanKilcoyne.logosoftwear.com>)
- White uniform t-shirt\* (available at <http://RyanKilcoyne.logosoftwear.com>)
- Socks and appropriate dance shoes are required to participate in any class; beginners should wear socks and a light sneaker to start
- *Please arrive 5 minutes early, and make sure shoes are tied properly in double knots.*
- Hair (including bangs if long) should be tied back neatly off the face
- NO GUM CHEWING
- NO CELL PHONES or similar devices (iPods, iPhones, Smartphones, video games, etc.)

\*Students are expected to be in full uniform by October 1st.

**Note:** Returning high school/college age prelim and open students are not required, but are encouraged, to purchase the class uniform. Please wear black shorts/skorts (inseam should be no shorter than 3.5 inches) and white short-sleeve t-shirts/shirts (NO spaghetti straps, halter tops, bare midriffs, necklines cut below the collar bone, or inappropriate decorations) to class.

## Items for Sale:

If you are in the market for a solo dress, please check out the "Items for Sale" page at [www.ryankilcoyneschool.com](http://www.ryankilcoyneschool.com). There are a number of solo dresses available within the school. If you would like to post a dress on the page, please contact Lisa at [lpevrard@gmail.com](mailto:lpevrard@gmail.com).

If you are in need of dance shoes, please contact Margaret Mayorga at for a current listing of available used shoes at [mmayorga77@gmail.com](mailto:mmayorga77@gmail.com).

**Show us how you are doing!** If you have photos you would like to share on the school photo album, please submit your photos via [irishdance@ryankilcoyneschool.com](mailto:irishdance@ryankilcoyneschool.com) (Please type "Ryan-Kilcoyne Photos" in the subject line). We're also on Facebook as **Ryan Kilcoyne** and on Instagram as **ryan\_kilcoyne**.

## The Ryan-Kilcoyne School of Irish Dancing 2018 Blackout Feis Saturday, October 13, 2018

If you haven't already, please register for the Ryan-Kilcoyne School of Irish Dancing 24th Annual Feis, scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the Maple Point Middle School in Langhorne, PA.

- The syllabus is available at [www.ryankilcoyneschool.com](http://www.ryankilcoyneschool.com) on the "Our Feis" page.
- Registration is via FeisWeb (<http://www.feisweb.com/>).
- There is a link to FeisWeb on the "Our Feis" page for your convenience.
- ***Note that you cannot register for the feis at class nor can you drop off your payment at class. Please follow the registration and payment instructions on FeisWeb.***
- The closing date for entries without a late fee and/or change-of-entry fee is September 29, 2018.

All Ryan-Kilcoyne families are required to have a parent and/or guardian volunteer four (4) hours of their time at the feis. It sounds like a lot of time but it is a fun time, and it goes by quickly! We do need a tremendous amount of help to pull this off! The Ryan-Kilcoyne Parent Volunteer information is available on the "Our Feis" page of the website. **Sign-up today!!!**

### Special 2018 Blackout Feis Rules:

1. All dancers, Beginner through Champion, are asked to wear modest attire, **NOT** formal solo/school costumes.
  - a. Suggested attire is a black skirt, or skort, for girls/ladies with a black top that must meet the costume requirements set forth by the NAIDC. Girls/ladies should wear black tights.
  - b. Boys/men may wear black long pants and shirt; collared shirt and/or tie is not necessary.
  - c. Either long or short-sleeves are acceptable.
  - d. Branded attire (e.g., Nike, Adidas) should be small and discreet.
2. School branded attire on stage is not necessary.
3. Wigs or hairpieces are not necessary.
4. Bling on attire is not necessary.
5. Again, all dancers are asked to wear modest attire, **NOT** formal solo/school costumes.

## **FYI Definitions:**

**Feis** (pronounced fesh) is an Irish dance competition. Feis is the Irish word for festival. The competitions are categorized by age group and skill level. The competitive levels are: Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice, Prizewinner, Preliminary Championship, and Open Championship. The plural of feis is *feiseanna*.

**Syllabus** is a listing of the competitions in a feis by age, gender, and skill level, as well as the rules of the feis, fees, and where to send entries.

**Oireachtas** (pronounced oh-ROCK-tus) is a large feis, organized by regions. Dancers placing highly qualify for the World Championships (Oireachtas na Cruinne). There are solo and team competitions. Our school will participate in the Mid-Atlantic Region Oireachtas held at the Philadelphia Marriot in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Friday, November 23rd — Sunday, November 25th this year.



***For those participating in the Oireachtas this year, here is a heads-up on the fees. Participating dancers will be notified soon!***

Mid-Atlantic Oireachtas Entry Fees – Due by Monday, October 1st:

Solo Dancing: \$60

Traditional Set: \$25

Ceili: \$15 per competitor/competition

Family Weekend Admission Fee: \$50

Family Maximum: \$200 (not including the \$50 family fee)

***Please note that dancers will not be registered for the 2018 Oireachtas unless their Ryan-Kilcoyne 2017-2018 account is paid in full and they have registered for the 2018-2019 school year.***