

Incredible Showing for Harling Dancers at the Mid-America Oireachtas (Regional Championships)

This year we sent 5 teams to compete in the 4-hand ceili competitions, 11 dancers to participate in the traditional set groups, and 7 dancers to compete in the prestigious solo championship categories. We are so proud of all your accomplishments!!

We are so proud to announce that ALL five teams made the recall and have qualified for the Nationals!

The U8 B team placed 4th out of 25 teams; The U8 A team placed 2nd out of 25 teams
Yes, you're reading that right, we had TWO teams in the top five!



The U10 team placed 7th out of 40 teams. The U12 girls team placed 19th out of 53 teams. And the U12 mixed team placed 4th out of 19 very strong teams – that was a great competition!



We also saw tremendous success in the traditional set categories:

Annika Orlando – 7th place in U7; Ainsley Wilson – 27th place U8; Mia DiSanto – 35th place U8; Samara Tovar – 36th place U8. Hailey Jans – 9th place U11; Simeon Otten – 1st place U11 out of very talented 101 dancers!

Yup, you're reading that correctly – the champion of the U11 traditional set competition was our very own Simeon Otten!



Lastly, we had two dancers recall in the solo championship categories. This is a big deal. The solo championship categories are the best of the best dancers in our region. Dancers need to “qualify” (though attaining certain placements at feisanna throughout the year) to even compete at this level, and then they spend four months intensely training three different dances to get their solo performances ready for the big stage. And in these solo champion events, our 7 dancers performed beautifully. Two of them were “recalled”: Ellie Poshek placed 39th in an extremely talented U12 age group, and Abi Dunlap placed 24th out of 59 dancers in the Girls U8, qualifying her for Nationals!

