

Painter Larson Academy of Irish Dance  
2016 Registration Packet

Thank you for registering with PLAID Irish Dance Academy. Please fill out the registration form in this packet. If you are competing under the PLAID name or taking any classes offered by PLAID teachers or assistants (this includes competitive dancers, beginner, adult dancers and any students not currently competing) a registration form must be on file. A failure to submit the proper paperwork will result in the student's inability to participate in classes due to inaccurate coverage by PLAID insurance and withdrawal of any entries to competitions registered under PLAID.

**Registration Fee**

The fee for one (1) dancer is \$75 and \$25 for each additional dancer with a maximum of \$150 per family. Payment is due Dec 15<sup>th</sup> for **all** PLAID families. Registration fees are used to maintain PLAID's eligibility to participate in regional, national and world Irish dancing organizations as well as membership in the PLAID Irish dance booster organization, all of which sponsor events for students throughout the year.

**Yearly Tuition**

Tuition for each student, based on the number of hours and classes available per year will be:

Shamrock	1 class per week	\$30 per month
New Beginner	1 class per week	\$65 per month
Beginner Soft Shoe	1 class per week	\$65 per month
Beginner Soft Shoe	2 classes per week	\$95 per month
Advanced Beginner	2 classes per week	\$95 per month
Intermediate	2 classes per week	\$115 per month
Prelim Prep	2 classes per week	\$125 per month
Prelim/Open	2 classes per week	\$125 per month
Adult	Punch Card	4 Classes/\$60, 8/\$110(save \$10), 12/ \$160(save\$20)
Fri Int/Prep/Prelim/Open	Punch Card	4 Classes/\$60, 8/\$110(save \$10), 12/ \$160(save\$20)

***Multi dancer family-discount:*** Full price for 2 dancers (highest tuition rate) + \$50 for each additional dancer  
Example: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. dancer in one family *excludes punch card*

***Extra Classes:*** Students are encouraged to attend any and all classes offered at their level.

***Special Classes:*** Oireachtas classes, World classes, National classes, Workshops, and Ceili classes may be subject to additional charges. A schedule of dates, times, locations and prices will be emailed to participating dancers in advance of start dates.

***Private Lessons:***

Private Lesson

1 hr solo w/ TCRG ----- 50.00 per hour (PLAID) + 10.00 Studio Rental (Stage One)

1 hr solo w/ non TCRG ----- 30.00 - 50.00 per hour (Teacher) + 10.00 Studio Rental (Stage One)

Semi Private Lesson

1 hr 2 – 4 dancers w/ TCRG -- 25.00 per hour, per dancer (PLAID) + 10.00 Studio Rental (Stage One)

1 hr 2 dancers w/ non TCRG - 15.00 - 25.00 per hour, per dancer (Teacher) + 10.00 Studio Rental (Stage One)

**Payment Schedule**

In an effort to simplify the payment process, avoid late charges for parents and make studio lease payments in a timely manner, the PLAID yearly tuition shown above will be collected as follows:

- Payments will be made on a monthly basis but submitted to the school quarterly.
- Families will submit three checks, one for the current month due and the other post-dated for the next two months.
- The first check will be deposited on the first day of the month for the current payment due, and the other two post-dated checks will be held and deposited on the first day of each of the following two months.

**The 2014 Tuition Schedule**

Due Date	3 Checks Post Dated As:	\$10 Late Charge As Of:
Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> , Feb. 1 <sup>st</sup> , March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup>
March 25 <sup>th</sup>	April 1 <sup>st</sup> , May 1 <sup>st</sup> , June 1 <sup>st</sup>	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	July 1 <sup>st</sup> , Aug. 1 <sup>st</sup> , Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	July 1 <sup>st</sup>
Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> , Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> , Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>

NOTE: There will be a \$25 fee for bounced checks. Make checks payable to: **PLAID**

***Special Arrangements:*** If a family wishes to pay cash, is unable to pay or they anticipate a problem with any of the checks, they must inform Michelle Larson prior to the first of the month, so that other arrangements can be made.

**Missing Class**

There are NO REFUNDS OR ADJUSTMENTS made for missed classes. Tuition is based on enrollment, not frequency of attendance. Tuition must be paid despite possible changes in classes taught by a substitute instructor, instructor vacations as explained below, student vacations, or absences. Tuition prices are based on lessons at the student's home location. There is no extra tuition, if a student attends more than a normal month's worth of lessons (because a month is long or because the dancer attends other location's classes except adult dancers). These classes are considered a bonus and are used to offset missed classes due to holidays throughout the year when the studios are closed.

**In the event that a teacher misses a class and a substitute cannot be found, PLAID reserves the right to cancel the class.**

***Excused Absences:*** In the case of serious illness or injury tuition payment may be refunded. These cases must be accompanied by a doctor's note and tuition will only be refunded on a pro-rated basis based on the number of full weeks remaining the month. Students expelled for unacceptable conduct will not be eligible for a refund.

### **PLAID Holidays**

These include Memorial Day, Labor Day, Halloween, the week after the Oireachtas (Thanksgiving week), two weeks at Christmas (Dec. 17-Jan. 2, classes resume Jan 3) and the month of July.

NOTE: July 11 – July 30 will be dedicated to workshops and camps which will take the place of regular class.

Essentially it will be a month worth of dance class in either a week or three days, depending on the level of the dancer.

Expect your child to attend these special classes for at least one week during this month. Additional fees on top of monthly tuition may apply and a schedule of dates, times, and fees will be emailed as soon as information is available.

### **During Dance Class**

#### **Attire**

Shamrocks	Shorts and a T-shirt and black ballet slipper with white socks
New Beginner	Shorts and a T-shirt and black ballet slipper with white socks
Beginner A & B:	PLAID T-shirt and black shorts (solid black t-shirt and bike or soccer shorts are fine)
Intermediate:	PLAID T-shirt and black shorts
Advanced:	PLAID T-shirt and black shorts

***NOTE:*** The 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month will be set aside for dancers to wear feis or other PLAID event T-shirt's and any week with a holiday dancers may wear holiday attire appropriate to the holiday. T-shirts are available to order/purchase in the studio.

### **Rules of Behavior**

No gum chewing (choking hazard)

No homework, spare time should be spent practicing or watching other dancers

Ask for permission to leave the dance floor or the studio

Water only allowed in the studio, all other food or drink must be consumed outside

Pick up trash and put it in the trash or recycle containers

Exemplary behavior with courtesy to instructor and classmates is expected at all times

### **Performances and Competitions:**

Though it is not required for students to participate in performances or competition, it is an enjoyable experience and a natural part of the progress of the dancer. Performance opportunities arise throughout the year with the majority being in March. It is at the discretion of the director to decide the merits of the occasion. This also includes auditions offered by outside dance troops, companies or programs. **No student is allowed to perform in an event unless approved.**

### **Staying Informed**

It is important that all parents and adult students register as members of the [www.larsonirishdance.com](http://www.larsonirishdance.com) website; emails and a calendar are updated to keep families informed. Those competing may also wish to check the [www.westernusregion.com](http://www.westernusregion.com) website and/or register with the [www.feisworx.com](http://www.feisworx.com), [www.feisinfo.com](http://www.feisinfo.com), [www.larsonirishdance.com](http://www.larsonirishdance.com), [www.facebook.com/larsonirishdance](https://www.facebook.com/larsonirishdance), [www.twitter.com/PLAIDIrishDance](https://www.twitter.com/PLAIDIrishDance) website. Parents and adult dancers are expected to attend any school and/or booster club meetings.

If there are any questions, concerns or need for any information, please contact Michelle Larson by phone call or text (562) 761-6111, mail 112 E Amerige, Fullerton, CA 92832, E-mail [Michelle@larsonirishdance.com](mailto:Michelle@larsonirishdance.com) or drop a note at the studio addressed to Michelle.