

The Southern England Regional Council
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GREAT BRITAIN
**IRISH DANCING
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
2019

SECONDARY QUALIFYING FOR OIREACTAS RINCE NA CRUINNE 2020

Friday 25th to Sunday 27th October 2019

Riviera International Conference Centre,
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Great Britain Championships

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ENTRY FEES

Under 6 - Under 9 Solo Entry £60 (Includes Door Fee)

Under 10 – Senior Solo Entry £70 (Includes Door Fee)

Ceili Per dancer - £15 (Includes Door Fee)

Maximum Family fee: £150 (Includes Door fee)

ADMISSION AND ACCESS TO HALLS

Admission to the venue – teachers, families and competitors

Access to all the halls at this year's Great Britain Championships will be pre-paid included with dancer entry fee. This allows all friends and families access to all the halls and competitions throughout the weekend and there is no additional door entry when you arrive.

Further details can be found on the Great Britain website – www.sercweb.com



New for 2019

We are pleased to announce we have introduced Preliminary Championship in Girls / Ladies competitions at this year's Great Britain Championship! The results will be taken from rounds 1 & 2 from U10 upwards. Please read eligibility criteria carefully below and rule 10.

NOTE: The eligibility criteria for the Preliminary Championships may well be different to such rules in your local Region - therefore you must read these rules carefully prior to entering a dancer for the Preliminary Championships.

Dancers who have been placed in the top 3 in an open Championship within the current or previous year (2018 & 2019) are not eligible to be placed in the Great Britain Championship Preliminary Result.

Dancers who have won 2 Preliminary Championships in the current or previous year (2018 & 2019) are not eligible to be placed in the Great Britain Championship Preliminary Result.

Dancers who have qualified / danced at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019 or that have qualified to compete at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2020 at any qualifying event, are not eligible to be placed in the Great Britain Championship Preliminary Result

If a dancer is to be entered for the Preliminary Championships this **MUST** be indicated on the entry form when submitting an entry. Alterations will be subject to the rules governing entries, as shown in this syllabus, and **NO** additions will be made to the list of competitors to be considered for the Preliminary Championships, over the duration of the event.

Where a dancer is eligible and is entered for a Preliminary Championship and from the date of the submission of that entry, to the commencement of the 2019 Great Britain Championships, this changes, it is the responsibility of the teacher to advise the entry managers, at INSTEPFM, and gain confirmation that this information has been received and noted. The dancer will therefore not be considered for inclusion in the Preliminary Championships result.

We are introducing solo medals awarded for rounds 1 & 2 – results will be taken from one adjudicator's marks in the light and heavy rounds.

Closing Date for entries is 9th September 2019 (postmarked) or
16th September 2019 (double entry fees apply).

All entries must be submitted online at: www.instepfm.com



Lodgement of Entries

- 1) The website for lodgement of entries is - **www.instepfm.com**. The website provides clear instructions on how to complete the lodgement process. All entries must be lodged through this website and full payment made by the 9th September 2019 or 16th September 2019 for entries with double fees.
- 2) Late entries will be accepted between 9th & 16th September 2019 only (postmarked) at double the normal entry fee. NOTE: No entries whatsoever will be taken if postmarked after 16th September 2019.
- 3) Following lodgement through the website, an email confirming all entries submitted and the total fee payable will immediately be sent to the teacher.
- 4) Payment must be received postmarked by 9th September 2019 for normal fees to apply. Failure to complete this procedure within the deadline will result in double fees being required to be paid for all entrants.
- 5) Payment must be sent to –
Des Silke, 133 Hatfeild Mead, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5PG.
Cheques must be made payable to SERC.
If you wish to pay by BACS please contact Des Silke to request details - desilke@instepfm.com or desilke648@icloud.com
- 6) Entries received after the final date will be treated as late and not accepted.
- 7) Members need to be aware that once entries are 'SUBMITTED' online they need to pay the amount on the confirmation email. If the amount on the confirmation email is not fully paid entries will not be accepted
- 8) It is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure that the entry as submitted on line is correct. When the confirmation email is received, names and dates of birth must be carefully checked. Spellings etc. as submitted by the teacher will be that which appears in the official programme.
- 9) Incomplete entries will not be accepted. All dancers' names for both solo and ceili entries must be submitted by the closing date.
- 10) No refunds will be made for any entry money received.
- 11) ALL entries are to be paid by Sterling cheque or banker's draft, and only **ONE cheque will be allowed per school entered**. Further entries will be subject to a £10 administration fee per cheque, which must be submitted at the time of payment. It is the responsibility of the submitting teacher to ensure that funds are available to cover all cheques.
- 12) Should a cheque be refused by the bank, SERC retain the right to refuse the entire entry and/or charge an administration fee of £10 to cover extra bank charges.



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The EU General Data Protection Regulation came into force on 25th May 2018 and has changed the way data protection is monitored within the European Union, <https://www.eugdpr.org/eugdpr.org.html>

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Personal information collection

The entry pack will be available for download from www.instepfm.com

The personal information that will need to be supplied is: **School Name, contact email address, Teachers Address, Contact telephone number, Competitors Name and Date of Birth.** This information will be stored, on a password protected laptop, by Instep Feis Management and will only be shared with the Southern England Regional Council and will be deleted on conclusion of the Great Britain Championships on Sunday 27th October 2019.

Competitor names, schools and dates of birth are **ONLY** used to place dancers in a specified age group and number order for the Great Britain Championships 2019. **This information is supplied by the competitor's Teacher by filling in the Entry Pack and Instep Feis Management only shares this information with the Southern England Regional Council.**

Age Groups & Dances

Mixed

1	5 and under 6 Years	born 2013	Reel, Single Jig, Round 3 choice of Light or Heavy Jig No Recall (All 3 dances)
2	6 and under 7 Years	born 2012	Reel, Single Jig, Round 3 choice of Light or Heavy Jig No Recall (All 3 dances)

Girls/Ladies Competition

3	7 and under 8 years	born 2011	Heavy Jig/Reel and Traditional Set No Recall (All 3 dances)
4	8 and under 9 years	born 2010	Heavy Jig/Reel and Traditional Set No Recall (All 3 dances)
5	9 and under 10 years	born 2009	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Jig Set upon recall
6	10 and under 11 years	born 2008	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
7	11 and under 12 years	born 2007	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall
8	12 and under 13 years	born 2006	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
9	13 and under 14 years	born 2005	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall
10	14 and under 15 years	born 2004	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
11	15 and under 16 years	born 2003	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall
12	16 and under 17 years	born 2002	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
13	17 and under 18 years	born 2001	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall
14	18 and under 19 years	born 2000	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
15	19 and under 20 years	born 1999	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall
16	Under 22 years	born 1998/1997	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
17	Senior Ladies	born 1996 or earlier	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall

Boys/Gents Competition

18	7 and under 8 years	born 2011	Heavy Jig/Reel and Traditional set No Recall (All 3 dances)
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19	8 and under 9 years	born 2010	Heavy Jig/Reel and Traditional set No Recall (All 3 dances)
20	9 and under 10 years	born 2009	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Jig Set upon recall
21	10 and under 11 years	born 2008	Heavy Jig/Reel and Open set upon recall
22	11 and under 12 years	born 2007	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
23	12 and under 13 years	born 2006	Heavy Jig/Reel and Open set upon recall
24	13 and under 14 years	born 2005	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
25	14 and under 15 years	born 2004	Heavy Jig/Reel and Open set upon recall
26	15 and under 16 years	born 2003	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
27	16 and under 17 years	born 2002	Heavy Jig/Reel and Open set upon recall
28	17 and under 18 years	born 2001	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
29	18 and under 19 years	born 2000	Heavy Jig/Reel and Open set upon recall
30	19 and under 20 years	born 1999	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
31	Senior Men	born 1998 or earlier	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall

Under 6 & 7 competition will commence with Reel - All other age groups will commence with Heavy Round Competitors will dance the following bars:

U6 & U7 - 48 bars in Reel and 40 bars in single jig, light/heavy jig (All 3 dances must be danced)

U8 & U9 - 48 bars in Reel and 40 bars in heavy jig (All 3 dances must be danced)

U10 – Senior - 48 bars in the Reel and Heavy Jig and 40 bars in slip jig and hornpipe

Under 10 Boys & Girls – Recall dancers must dance jig set only in line with An Coimisiún ruling

Ceili and Figure

32	Sub Minor Ceili - Under 10 Girls
33	Sub Minor Ceili - Under 10 Mixed
34	Minor Ceili - 10 and under 12 Girls
35	Minor Ceili - 10 and under 12 Mixed
36	Junior Ceili - 12 and under 15 Girls
37	Junior Ceili - 12 and under 15 Mixed
38	Senior Ceili - 15 and under 18 Girls
39	Senior Ceili - Over 18 Ladies
40	Senior Ceili - Over 15 Mixed
41	Minor Figure - Under 12 Girls & Mixed
42	Junior Figure - 12 and under 15 Girls & Mixed
43	Senior Figure - Over 15 Girls & Mixed
44	Adult Ceili Championship



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SECONDARY QUALIFYING EVENT

Eligible Dancers will be those permanently resident in England, Scotland, Wales, Mainland Europe and Asia only.

The number of World Championship qualifiers identified at the Great Britain Championships this year, who qualify for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2020 will be identified in accordance with the Qualifying Criteria set by the World Championships' syllabus.

There will be no additional qualifiers at The Great Britain Championships 2019 to replace world medal holders from Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019.

Competition Rules

- 1 A dancer's age group will be determined as from 1st January 2019
- 2 Where a competitor's birthday falls on 1st January 2019, he/she shall, for the purpose of the Championships, be regarded as under the age attained on that day.
- 3 A dancer may only compete for 1 school of dancing in solo dancing or team dancing or both.
- 4 Except in the case of Céilí Clubs, all competitors: (a) Must be pupils of teachers who, at the date of entry, are registered with An Coimisiún for the year 2019/2020. (b) Must not, on the date(s) of their competition(s), be under suspension from competitive dancing due to any rule of An Coimisiún (including the 'Transfer Rule').
- 5 Entries will only be accepted from dancing teachers registered with An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha for the year 2019/2020 and Ceili Clubs for competition 44 only.
- 6 The adjudicators' decision is final. Only members of the Southern England Regional Council and those officially assisting them in the running of the championships may approach the adjudicators during competitions.
- 7 Complaints or objections will only be accepted from registered teachers, in writing, and must be accompanied by a fee of £25.00, which may be refunded if the Southern England Regional Council upholds said objection.
- 8 Teachers are advised that all details required on the entry forms must be completed. Entry forms received in contravention of this rule will be returned.
- 9 Entries will only be accepted from dancers that are Preliminary grade and above. In the case of the U6- U9 Championships, dancers should be Open grade for the prescribed dances to be performed in their age group for these Championships. In case of doubt, clarification of attainment will be sought from the competitor's home regional council or other dancing authority.
- 10 Eligibility Criteria for Preliminary Championships:
Dancers who have been placed in the top 3 in an open Championship within the current or previous year (2018 & 2019) are not eligible to be placed in the Great Britain Championship Preliminary Result.
 - Dancers who have won 2 Preliminary Championships in the current or previous year (2018 & 2019) are not eligible to be placed in the Great Britain Championship Preliminary Result.
 - Dancers who have qualified /danced at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019 or that have qualified to compete at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2020 at any qualifying event, are not eligible to be placed in the Great Britain Championship Preliminary Result
 - The eligibility criteria for the Preliminary Championships may well be different to such rules in your local Region - therefore you must read these carefully prior to entering a dancer for the Championships.
 - If a dancer is to be entered for the Preliminary Championships this MUST be indicated on the entry form when submitting an entry. Alterations will be subject to the rules governing entries, as shown in this syllabus, and NO additions will be made to the list of competitors to be considered for the Preliminary Championships, over the duration of the event.
- 11 All competitors must be ready to dance 30 minutes prior to the published time. They must also report to the stage

stewards promptly and dance in the prescribed order. Failure to report in time to dance in order will lead to disqualification. Competitors are strongly advised to check the timetable for last-minute changes to times or halls, both leading up to the event and on the day of competition.

- 12 In all rounds, the minimum speeds of music as laid down by An Coimisiún will apply.
- 13 The recall in solo championships will be as follows –
 - Under 6, 7, 8 & 9 – 100% Recall
 - From Under 10 upwards - 50% recall of the number of dancers entered up to a maximum of 50 competitors. SERC reserve the right to amend this percentage
- 14 The onus of ensuring that the stage steward is informed of the correct name and metronomic speed of the nominated open set dance will rest with the competitor.
 - An incorrect metronomic speed submitted for an open set dance can only be changed prior to the commencement of the open set dance round.
 - Introduction to open set dances will be played only once and no alteration in that speed of music will be permitted.
 - Should a competitor commence dancing to an incorrect metronomic speed submitted to the stage steward then that competitor must continue to dance at that speed as no further opportunity of tempo change will be afforded.
- 15 In the event of a mishap on stage, e.g. a heel or shoe coming off, the dancer should retire to the back of the stage and remain there, allowing the other dancer(s) to continue with their performance. If a dancer fails to comply with this direction and leaves the stage, then he/she will be deemed to have failed to complete the round and will be eliminated from the championship
- 16 Should a dancer fall, and the stage situation be that he/she inhibits the performance or safety of other dancers on stage, the bell will be rung, and the group will be permitted to dance again. Should the fall happen in the last 16 bars of the dance then the dancer/s will be required to redance the last 16 bars only.
- 17 If a competitor sustains injury or illness during the course of a competition, and the organisers have reason to believe that such an illness or injury could be exacerbated by continued participation, he/she will be advised to retire from the competition. If this advice is ignored, then prior to continuation, the dancer (or in the case of a child or young person (5 to 17 years) an appropriate adult) will be required to sign a disclaimer form, which will be retained in the event of a possible future enquiry.
- 18 Any competitors found to be using artificial carriage aids will be requested to remove same. In the case of refusal, disqualification will follow. In the case of medical apparatus, this will be permitted upon the production of a letter from a medical practitioner or other documentary evidence in support, to prove authenticity and the requirement for the aid to be used or worn.
- 19 Any form of unauthorised photography which has the capability of capturing a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means, e.g. mobile phone, standard camera, video camcorder, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is expressly forbidden during competitions. Photographs taken at awards ceremonies are permitted. However, these must be for your own use, and not for public display purposes unless permission has been obtained
- 20 The rules of An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha as regards standards of dress must be adhered to in the venue; discretion must be exerted when dancers are changing for competitions. Changing areas will be provided.
- 21 Dancers taking part in results ceremonies will not be permitted to go onto stage to receive any award unless in full costume and wearing black dance shoes.
- 22 All dancers deserve the same respect and ovation on completion of their performance. Excessive and unique verbal celebrations will not be tolerated on completion of a performance.
- 23 All cups and shields are perpetual awards. These are the responsibility of the holder for the relevant year, who is responsible for loss and any damage not previously reported. Such cups and shields must be returned in good time for the corresponding competitions this year.
- 24 Mixed Ceili teams must consist of a minimum of 2 male dancers. All teachers are asked to please refer to the rules relating to Ceili in the An Coimisiún syllabus for Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2020.

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- 25 Members of adult ceili teams must not have competed in any solo, figure or ceili competitions, at feiseanna registered under the auspices of An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha, since 1st January 2017.
- 26 Adult Ceili (competition 44) can dance any dance from Ar Rince Ceili.
- 27 All teams entered for Adult Ceili (competition 44) must be entered in accordance with rule 4 above.
- 28 The Southern England Regional Council have made every effort to ensure that the stages constructed for the championships are of the correct specification in design and structure, considering health and safety issues. All stages are covered with Harlequin flooring. By entering the championships, competitors accept this statement, and neither the Centre Management nor the Southern England Regional Council can be held liable for any incident or event which could not be reasonably foreseen.
- 29 In the event of a dispute not covered by any of the rules of these championship, reference will be made to the Rules and Directives of An Coimisiún, appertaining to the issue or matter in dispute, that are in effect at the time of the Championships and which will be applied.

Performance related rules.

- 30 In all heavy dances the lead-round must be danced on both right and left feet.
- 31 Competitors will dance the following:
 - U6 & U7 - 48 bars in reel and 40 bars in single jig, light/heavy jig (all 3 dances must be danced)
 - U8 & U9 - 48 bars in reel and 40 bars in heavy jig.
 - U10 – Senior - 48 bars in the reel and heavy Jig, 40 bars in the slip jig and hornpipeIn all cases an 8-bar introduction will be played.
- 32 A dancer who fails to dance or complete rounds one or two of a championship will receive ZERO marks from all Adjudicators for that round, and will not feature in the recall. Where there is 100% recall the competitor will be allowed to dance the third round as a courtesy, but will not appear in the final result. This includes competitors who do not complete the correct number of bars by starting either before or after the 8-bar introduction.
- 33 A competitor who fails to dance or complete the open set dance round will receive ZERO marks from all championship adjudicators for that round and will not appear in the final result. This includes Competitors who begin to dance before or after the stipulated set dance introductory bars of music.
- 34 Only Part B will be danced in all Céilí Championships except in the Under 10 Ceili competitions, where Part A will be danced.
- 35 Traditional version of traditional set dances will only be accepted - no heel clicks, banging of toe on floor or stamps can be included. A reference video is available on the CLRG website.
- 36 In Championships 1, 2, 3, 4, 18 & 19 these will be judged by panels of five adjudicators. All other solo Championships will be judged by rotating panels of 3 adjudicators for each round. All Ceili and Figure Championships will be judged by set panels of 3 adjudicators.

General Conduct

Your attention is drawn to the legal position with regard to smoking in public places or buildings in England. The Riviera International Conference Centre is designated as such a public place, and smoking is therefore forbidden in all parts of the building. It is further recommended that hair spray and similar cosmetic or hygienic spray substances should not be used in the public area(s) within the venue.

In the event of unacceptable behaviour in the venue on the part of any member of the Irish dancing community, for the duration of the Championships, The Riviera International Conference Centre management reserve the right to deal with those who are responsible in accordance with their policies appertaining to such situations. The Southern England Regional Council will support such action with regard to unacceptable behaviour.

For all other enquiries not related specifically to entries, please contact either of the Co - Chairpersons for this year's event:

Declan Carroll TCRG and Seán Hennigan
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Provisional Days of Competition

Friday 25th October 2019

Under 6 Mixed
Under 8 Boys & Girls
Under 9 Boys & Girls
Under 10 Boys & Girls
Under 11 Boys & Girls
Under 12 Boys & Girls
Under 10 Ceili & Figure
Under 12 Ceili & Figure
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Saturday 26th October 2019

Under 7 Mixed
Under 13 Boys & Girls
Under 14 Boys & Girls
Under 15 Boys & Girls
Under 16 Boys & Girls
Under 15 Ceili & Figure
Adult Ceili
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Sunday 27th October 2019

Under 17 Boys & Girls
Under 18 Ladies & Men
Under 19 Ladies & Men
Under 20 Ladies & Men
Under 22 Ladies
Senior Ladies & Men
Under 18 Ladies Ceili
Senior Ceili & Figure
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