



An Coimisiún Le Rincí Gaelacha

50ú Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021

The 50th World Irish Dancing Championships 2021

Dublin Convention Centre, Spencer Dock
North Wall, Dublin D01 T1W6, Ireland

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- Sunday 4th April, 2021**



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Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne – Covid 19 Restrictions

An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha reserves the right to amend this syllabus to facilitate Covid19 restrictions. It is only by working together with a flexible, understanding and co-operative outlook, that this event can take place.

At the time of the syllabus being released it is anticipated that there is a high possibility of some sort of social distancing requirement still being in place during the course of the Oireachtas. This could result in a maximum number of attendees being admitted into competition arenas at any one time and determine a finite number of people allowed to accompany any one competitor. Attendees should keep this in mind when making travel arrangements.

- Although it is hoped that all competitions will run as per the syllabus, it should be noted that due to possible on-going social distancing requirements that may still be in effect at the time of the Oireachtas, adjustments to the syllabus may be required. These may include but not restricted to:
 - o Solo Championships being decided over a lesser number of rounds and dances.
 - o Team events being curtailed
 - o Restricted access to venues for non-competitors
 - o Restricted facilities available, including practise and warm up areas, vendors and food and beverage outlets
 - o Possible changes to Result and Presentation procedures
- At all times, An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha will closely observe and follow the advice from the HSE (Health Service Executive of Ireland) and WHO (World Health Organization). All attendees will be required to follow all social distancing policies and screening that will be in place during the Championships.
- It is highly recommended that dancers should fully prepare **ALL** dances as outlined in the syllabus.

It is anticipated that a final days only timetable will not be available until after 26th February 2021 with the final detailed timetable not released until after 5th March 2021.

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Please note the following points carefully: -

The venue will be the Dublin Convention Centre, Spencer Dock, North Wall, Dublin D01 T1W6, Ireland

The event will run from Sunday, 28th March – Sunday 4th April 2021, both dates inclusive.

1. The closing date for all entries will be **Friday, 5th February 2021 at 5.00pm IST (Irish Standard Time)**. Late entries will be accepted up to **Friday, 12th February 2021 at 5.00pm IST (Irish Standard Time)**, at a special higher rate of double the normal entry fee up to an additional maximum fee of €400 per class.
2. Entries for competitors qualifying for the first time at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann 2020 will be accepted up to **Friday, 26th February 2021 at 5.00pm IST (Irish Standard Time)**.
3. See page 23 for entry fees and other relevant information. Please note: Entry fees are non-refundable for any reason whatsoever after **Friday, 12th February 2021**.
4. It will be necessary for all solo competitors participating in Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 to have qualified at a Regional or National Oireachtas in 2019, a Regional Oireachtas 2020 or at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann 2020 or 2021. (See page 18, rule 2)
5. Dancers serving a six-month period of refrainment from competition under the Transfer Rules of An Coimisiún at the time of the Oireachtas are not eligible to compete.
6. In Solo Dancing Championships awards will be made to all dancers recalled for the open set dance round in respect of Competitions 1 to 12, 32 and 33. In Competitions 21-31, awards will be made to all dancers recalled for rounds 3, 4 & 5.
7. It is not necessary for céilí teams participating in Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 to have qualified at a Regional Oireachtas. (See page 19, rule 7)
8. All Eight Hand Céilí Dancing Championships will include mixed and girls' only sections, except for the 16-19 age group where there is only a girls' section. Four Hand Competitions for mixed teams only will be available in the 11-13, 13-16 and Over 16 age categories.
9. All Figure Dancing Championships will include mixed and girls' only sections.
10. Only BLACK shoes (light and heavy) may be worn at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 for competitions. Only BLACK light shoes may be worn for presentations.
11. The decisions of all adjudicators at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 are final, subject to the rules of each competition.
12. **Where there is no specific rule contained in this syllabus, the general rules and directives of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha that are effective at the time of the Championships will apply.**

NEW FOR 2021

- **Mixed Four Hand Competitions in the Under 13, 13-16 and Over 16 age categories have been introduced.**
- **Only one Ceili Dance required. Both Parts need to be prepared**
- **Restriction on Ceili Dances allowed**
- **New definition of completing a dance. Page 5, Item 9**
- **The absolute minimum age for dancers in team competitions is 8 years as at 1st January 2021. Dancers aged 7 and younger will not be permitted to compete**
- **All dates will be strictly adhered to particularly in regards to closing dates and dates for submission of stories and music for Figure and Dance Drama Events**
- **Change to Venue Fees**
- **The Dance Drama may be a stand-alone event. If so, tickets will be available at €20 at the venue and on-line at www.clrg.ie beforehand**
- **In all Girls Solo Competitions over 12 years, dancers must be prepared to dance five times. (Rounds 1,2,3,4 & 5 as outlined on Page 7). In all other competitions (1-12, 32 and 33), competitors must be prepared to dance 3 times**
- **Changes to recall ratios. Refer to Items 5 & 6, Page 5, Item 5.**
- **Maximum number of Ceili Competitions any one dancer can compete in is three (whether Four Hand and/ or Eight Hand Ceili Competitions). See Page 9, Item 3.**
- **Changes to continuous dancing in Figure Competitions. See Page 13, Item 4.**
- **Major changes to qualifying criteria in both solo and céilí categories**

In regards to competitions 38-49

Movements in Ceili dances are intended to flow naturally. Although the numbers of bars may be specified in *Ár Rince Céilí 2014*, the natural flow and rhythm of the dance takes precedence over strict compliance with the written breakdown of bars.

OBJECTIONS

Any objections, other than those relating to adjudicators decisions, must be lodged in writing and addressed to An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha prior to the announcement of the result of that particular competition. A fee of €25, which will be returned if the objection is upheld, is to accompany the objection.

Solo Dancing Championships 2021

Rules and Directives, Competitions 1-12 and 21-33

1. The required dances for each round of each championship are set out on pages 6 and 7.
2. In Solo Dancing, the age of a competitor shall be taken as on 1st January 2021. Where a competitor's birthday falls on 1st January he/she shall, for the purposes of the Oireachtas, be regarded as under the age attained on that day. Competitors who are eligible to dance under 13 from 1st January 2021 are permitted to do block/en-pointe work from 1st September 2020. Competitors in younger age groups are not permitted to dance such movements.
3. In all competitions, competitors must commence performances of Reels, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jig and Hornpipe from the designated starting positions.
4. Competitors will dance for 48 bars in the Reel and Heavy Jig and 40 bars in the Slip Jig and Hornpipe after an 8-bar introduction. Competitors beginning to dance before or after the stipulated 8 bar introduction will automatically receive ZERO marks and ZERO points from all adjudicators for that round.
5. In Competitions 1-12 and 32 and 33:
 - a. 1 – 20 entries Rounds 1, 2 and 5 All Dance Set
 - b. Over 20 entries Rounds 1, 2 and 5 50% Dance Set

In Competitions 21-31:

 - a. 1 – 20 entries Rounds 1, 2 and 5 All Dance Set
 - b. 21 - 50 entries Rounds 1, 2 and 5 50% Dance Set
 - c. 51 – 70 Entries Rounds 1 to 5 50% recall for Day 2 All Dance Set
 - d. Over 70 Entries Rounds 1 to 5 50% recall for Day 2 2/3rds Dance Set
6. Should a competitor reach the final round, they will be required to submit the name and metronomic speed of their open set dance nominated by them to the stage steward. All set dances nominated must be on the list given on page 8 of this syllabus. In the open set dance round a competitor may choose his/her starting position.
7.
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) An incorrect metronomic speed submitted for an open set dance can only be changed prior to the commencement of the playing of the relevant set dance for that competitor.
 - (c) Introductions to open set dances will be played only once and no alteration in that speed of music will be permitted.
 - (d) 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.
 - (e) Competitors beginning to dance before or after the stipulated set dance introduction will automatically receive ZERO marks and ZERO points from all adjudicators for that round.
8.
 - (a) If a competitor fails to complete the Heavy Jig or Hornpipe round of a championship, they will receive ZERO marks and ZERO points from all adjudicators for that round. As a courtesy, they will be allowed to dance the equivalent light shoe round and whilst they will receive marks from each adjudicator they will automatically receive ZERO points and will not be allowed to progress further in the Solo Championship.
 - (b) If a competitor fails to complete the Reel or Slip Jig round of a championship, they will receive ZERO marks and ZERO points from all adjudicators for that round and will not be allowed to progress any further in the Solo Championship.
 - (c) A competitor who fails to complete the open set dance round will receive ZERO marks and ZERO points from all adjudicators for that round and cannot appear in a medal winning position.
9. Definition of complete means that all bars as outlined in the syllabus are danced without any stops. Choreographed pauses in steps are permitted.

Fir & Buachaillí Craobhchomórtais sa Rince Aonair

MEN & BOYS SOLO DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Com.	Craobhchomórtas (Championship)	(Round)	Rincí (Dances)	Blianta breithe (Year of Birth)
1	Fir Sinsir os cionn 21 Senior Men over 21	1	Double Jig	1999 nó roimhe / or earlier
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	
2	Fir 20 -21 Men 20-21	1	Hornpipe	2000
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	
3	Fir 19 – 20 Men 19 - 20	1	Double Jig	2001
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	
4	Fir 18 – 19 Men 18 - 19	1	Hornpipe	2002
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	
5	Fir 17 – 18 Men 17 - 18	1	Double Jig	2003
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	
6	Buachaillí 16 – 17 Boys 16 - 17	1	Hornpipe	2004
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	
7	Buachaillí 15 – 16 Boys 15 - 16	1	Double Jig	2005
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	
8	Buachaillí 14 – 15 Boys 14 - 15	1	Hornpipe	2006
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	
9	Buachaillí 13 – 14 Boys 13 - 14	1	Double Jig	2007
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	
10	Buachaillí 12 – 13 Boys 12 - 13	1	Hornpipe	2008
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	
11	Buachaillí 11 – 12 Boys 11 - 12	1	Double Jig	2009
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	
12	Buachaillí 10 – 11 Boys 10 - 11	1	Hornpipe	2010
		2	Reel	
		5	Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	

Mná & Cailíní Craobhchomórtais sa Rince Aonair

LADIES & GIRLS SOLO DANCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Com.	Craobhchomórtas (Championship)	(Round)	Rincí (Dances)	Blianta breithe (Year of Birth)
21	Mná Sinsir os cionn 23 Senior Ladies over 23	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Double Jig Slip Jig Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	1997 nó roimhe/ or earlier
22	Mná 21 – 23 Ladies 21 -23	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Double Jig Slip Jig Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	1998 or 1999
23	Mná 20 - 21 Ladies 20 - 21	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Hornpipe Reel Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	2000
24	Mná 19 - 20 Ladies 19 - 20	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Double Jig Slip Jig Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	2001
25	Mná 18 - 19 Ladies 18 - 19	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Hornpipe Reel Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	2002
26	Mná 17 – 18 Ladies 17 - 18	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Double Jig Slip Jig Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	2003
27	Cailíní 16 – 17 Girls 16 - 17	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Hornpipe Reel Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	2004
28	Cailíní 15 – 16 Girls 15 - 16	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Double Jig Slip Jig Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	2005
29	Cailíní 14 – 15 Girls 14 - 15	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Hornpipe Reel Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	2006
30	Cailíní 13 – 14 Girls 13 - 14	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Double Jig Slip Jig Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	2007
31	Cailíní 12 – 13 Girls 12 - 13	1 & 3 2 & 4 5	Hornpipe Reel Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	2008
32	Cailíní 11 – 12 Girls 11 - 12	1 2 5	Double Jig Slip Jig Set Dance in 2/4 or 4/4 time	2009
33	Cailíní 10 – 11 Girls 10 - 11	1 2 5	Hornpipe Reel Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time	2010

Rincí Leithleacha Ceadaithe – Set-Dances Permitted

Only set dances included in the following list may be performed in competitions at the Oireachtas. Minimum metronomic speeds as outlined below must be adhered to.

Am 2/4 - 2/4 Time

Íoslúas - Minimum Speed

Bóthar An Lóiste / The Lodge Road	76
Glóir Rodney / Rodney's Glory	76
An Londubh / The Blackbird	76
Planxstaí Daibhéis / Planxty Davis	76
Rí na Síog / King of the Fairies	76
Titim Paris / The Downfall of Paris	76

Am 4/4 - 4/4 Time

Íoslúas - Minimum Speed

Aon agus Dó na Píobaireachta / Ace and Deuce of Piping	76
Cuan Eochaille / Youghal Harbour	76
Cúlú Bonaparte / Bonaparte's Retreat	76
An Fiach / The Hunt	76
Gairdín na Nóiníní / Garden of Daisies	76
An Greas Giúrnála / Job of Journeywork	76
Madame Bonaparte / Madame Bonaparte	76
An Píobaire / The Piper	76
Rásaí Chill Choinnigh / Kilkenny Races	76
An Réice Fáin / The Rambling Rake	76
An Súisín Bán / The White Blanket	76
Cladhair na Súile Gorma / The Blue-Eyed Rascal	76
An Mangaire Fáin / The Roving Pedlar	76
Na Ceithre Máistrí / The Four Masters	76

Am 6/8 - 6/8 Time

Íoslúas - Minimum Speed

Na Trí Captéin Mara / The Three Sea Captains	66
Na Buachaillí Báire / The Hurling Boys	66
Cuimil An Mála / Rub the Bag	66
Cuir Thart An Crúsca / Hurry the Jug	66
An Gaeger Meisceach / The Funny Tailor – The Drunken Gauger	66
An Maide Droighnéan / The Blackthorn Stick	66
Lá Fhéile Pádraig / St. Patrick's Day	66
An Marcach Chuig an Aonach / Jockey to the Fair	66
Planxstaí Drúirí / Planxty Drury	66
Pléaracha na Bandan / Humours of Bandon	66
An Rógair Buí / The Orange Rogue	66
Rogha Iníon De Brún / Miss Brown's Fancy	66
Planxstaí Aodh Ó Domhnaill / Planxty Hugh O'Donnell	66
An Scéaláí / The Storyteller	66
An Bheidhleadóir ag an Crann Sí / The Fiddler Around The Fairy Tree	66
An Geag Síléaladh / The Sprig of Shillelagh	66
An Ceoltóir Fáin / The Wandering Musician	66
Loch an Rith Amach / The Vanishing Lake	66
Bean an Ghlantacháin / The Charlady	66

Am 6/8 + 9/8 - 6/8 + 9/8 Time

Íoslúas - Minimum Speed

Bhuil an Fear Mór Istigh? / Is the Big Man Within?	66
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Team Dancing Championships 2021

Age concessions in team competitions

A team in a competition for céilí or figure dancing may include dancers who are under the minimum age limit stipulated for the competition subject to the following conditions which must be strictly adhered to.

1. A teacher may include a number of underage dancers not exceeding 50% of a céilí team or 50% of a figure team without seeking prior permission but must inform the Council / Organising Committee or An Coimisiún in respect of Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021, in writing, prior to the Oireachtas and furnish the names of the underage dancers. These dancers may also compete in a team in their own age-group in either a competition for mixed teams or a competition for girl's only teams. Alternatively, they can compete in both mixed teams and girl's only teams in a higher age group, but subject to rules 3, 4 and 5 below.
2. A teacher may include more than the 50% under age dancers in a céilí team or 50% in a figure team as stated above provided that: -
 - (a) The permission of An Coimisiún is obtained in writing and the names and dates of birth of the under-age dancers furnished with the application.
 - (b) The number of underage dancers does not exceed 75% of the team i.e. 3 in a four hand, 6 in an eight hand, 9 in a twelve hand and 12 in a sixteen hand.
 - (c) The underage dancers (up to the 75% maximum) may compete in both mixed teams and girls' only teams in the higher age-groups, but subject to rules 3 and 4 below.
 - (d) Where the number of underage dancers allowed dance in a higher age group exceeds 50% in céilí or 50% in figure, only 50% in céilí or 50% in figure may also compete in teams in the lower age group.
3. **None of the above conditions will operate to permit a dancer to compete in a total of more than three céilí championships (Four Hand and/or Eight Hand) at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne.**
4. **The absolute minimum age for dancers in team competitions is 8 years as at 1st January 2021.** Dancers aged 7 and younger will not be permitted to compete.
5. An Coimisiún will only consider applications which fall within the above limits.
6. Where in a Regional Oireachtas due to a very small entry, a competition is for mixed teams and girls' only teams, then for qualifying purposes at Oireachtas na Rince Cruinne 2021 the teams involved shall be treated as if these were separate competitions. Please note that for 2021 only, the requirement to participate at Regional Oireachtaisí to qualify Céilí teams has been removed.
7. Please note that the above age concessions apply uniformly to a Regional Oireachtas in 2020, Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann 2021 and Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021.
8. In Team Dancing the age of a competitor shall be taken as on 1st January 2021. Where a competitor's birthday falls on 1st January, he/she shall, for the purposes of the Oireachtas, be regarded as under the age attained on that day.
9. **A DANCER MAY ONLY COMPETE FOR ONE SCHOOL OF DANCING IN EITHER SOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS, TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS OR BOTH.**

Céilí Dancing Championships 2021

Rules and Directives, Competitions 38 – 49

1. These rules & directives must be read in conjunction with the General Rules and other relevant sections of this syllabus.
2. Each team must be eligible to dance in accordance with page 19, rule 7.
3. Each team must be ready to perform one 4 hand dance or one 8 hand dance of their choice from Ár Rincí Céilí 2014 in all age groups as per the dances listed on Page 10, Item 12. For the first performance, part A will be danced. If recalled, or in the case where all teams are required to perform again, they will be required to perform Part B of the same dance.
4. In all Céilí competitions, the same dancers will dance both performances. Where a dancer who takes part in the first dance sustains an injury and is thereby deemed unfit to take part in the recall dance, a substitute dancer may participate with the permission of An Coimisiún.
5. A 'mixed' team means four boys and four girls in an eight dance and two boys and two girls in a four hand dance. It is not permissible to dance a girl as a boy or vice versa.
6. **Boys competing in a four hand Ceili Championships may not compete in any eight hand Ceili Championship either in their own age group or an older age group** at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021.
7. A girl may compete in a girl's only céilí championship (competitions 41, 42, 43, 44, 45) even if she is a member of a team in a competition for mixed teams (competitions 38, 39, 40, 46, 47, 48, 49), subject to age concessions on page 9.
8. The names and dates of birth of all team members and details of underage dancers, if any, must be submitted with the entry and any later changes notified to An Coimisiún.
9. A dancer must not be a member of more than one team in the same competition except in the case of an unforeseen emergency and then only with the permission of An Coimisiún or its designated representatives.
10. The members of a team must be pupils of the same school of dancing. A dancer may be borrowed with the permission of An Coimisiún only in an emergency, i.e. injury or illness which occurs during the actual Oireachtas. A formal application must be made in writing to An Coimisiún for the above or in any other circumstances.
11. Apart from the variations described below, dances must be performed in accordance with the latest edition of Ár Rincí Céilí 2014, unless otherwise indicated in any directives on céilí dances published by An Coimisiún. Movements and figures must be performed in the order specified, and the dancers must move in the manner stipulated. Where neither Ár Rincí Céilí 2014 nor the directive specifies how a movement should be performed, the teacher may use his/her discretion with regard to interpretation. **Unnecessary embellishments must be avoided.**
12. For the purposes of the 2021 Oireachtas only the following dances may be performed. Parts A and B of the stipulated dances will be as follows:

Dance	Part A	Part B
Morris Reel	Lead Around, Body & 1st Figure (Tops only)	Lead Around, Body & 2nd Figure (Tops only)
Cross Reel	Lead Around, Body & 1st Figure (Tops only)	Lead Around, Body & 2nd Figure (Tops only)
8 Hand Reel	Lead Around, Body & 1st Figure (Tops only)	Lead Around, Body & 2nd Figure (Tops only)
8 Hand Jig	Lead Around, Body & 1st Figure (Tops only)	Lead Around, Body & 2nd Figure (Tops only)
Trip to the Cottage	Lead Around, Body & 1st Figure (1st Tops only)	Lead Around, Body & 2nd Figure (Tops only)
High Cauled Cap	Lead Around, Body & 1st Figure (1st Tops only)	Lead Around, Body & 2nd Figure (1st Tops only)
St. Patrick's Day	Lead Around, Body & 1st Figure (Tops only)	Lead Around, Body & 2nd Figure (Tops only)
Four Hand Reel	Lead Around, Body & 1st Figure (Tops only)	Lead Around, Body & 2nd Figure
Humours of Bandon	Lead Around, Body, 1st Figure (Tops only), Body	Lead Around, Body, 2nd Figure (Once only) Body

13. For the purposes of the 2021 Oireachtas, the following dances may **not** be performed: The Gates of Derry Lannigan's Ball, the Three Tunes and the Sweets of May.

14. Awards will be given for at least 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in all Céilí Dancing Championships.
15. Recalls in Céilí Dancing Championships will be calculated as follows:
 - 10 teams or less entered:** All teams to dance both rounds. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with Page 20, Rule 24 with additional recall medals awarded up to 50% of the teams entered
 - More than 10 teams entered:** There will be a 50% recall. Prizes will be awarded in accordance with Page 20, Rule 24 with recall medals awarded to those teams recalled but not placed in a medal winning position.
16. Opening Formation: - In the 'set-up' of eight hand dances leading or first tops must be the couple with their backs to the audience and facing the back of the stage. In the 'set-up' of four hand dances leading or first tops can either be the couple with their backs to the audience and facing the back of the stage or top couples with right shoulders to the audience.
17. 'Threes': - 'Ordinary Threes' or 'Skip/Hop Threes' may be used in dances in Reel Time. The different threes may not be mixed in the same dance. A team must be consistent e.g. if they start using 'Skip/Hop Threes' they may not change to 'Ordinary Threes' later in the dance.
18. 'Sevens': - Where a seven followed by threes is required it must be a seven followed by distinct threes i.e., the seven and threes must not be 'run into each other'. Where a seven followed by threes is required, the threes must not be substituted by movements such as 'Point and Point' etc.
19. Dance or Swing Around Movements: These movements must be performed in an even, continuously, turning manner. A backwards/forwards or zigzag type of movement must be avoided, especially in Trip to the Cottage.
20. A team that fails to perform a dance as stipulated in Ár Rincí Céilí 2014 or any subsequent directives published by An Coimisiún, **in the first round** of a Céilí Dancing Championship, will receive ZERO marks and ZERO points from all adjudicators in that round. Where the number of teams entered requires a recall, such a team cannot appear in the recall. In competitions of 10 or less teams, the team as a matter of courtesy will be allowed to dance their second dance but cannot place overall in a medal winning position.
21. A team that fails to perform a dance as listed above and as stipulated in Ár Rincí Céilí 2014 or any subsequent directives published by An Coimisiún **in the second round** of a Céilí Dancing Championship, shall receive ZERO marks and ZERO points from all adjudicators in that round and cannot place in a medal winning position. In competitions of more than 10 entries where a recall has been required such teams as a matter of courtesy will receive a recall medal. In competitions of ten or less, a team failing to perform a dance as stipulated in Ár Rincí Céilí 2014 or any subsequent directives published by An Coimisiún cannot place in a medal winning position.

Céilí Dancing Championships 2021

Sonraí na gComórtas – Details of Competitions

		Round 1	Round 2
COMÓRTAS 38	Minor Mixed Four Hand Céilí Dancing Championship 11-13 One four hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 39	Junior Mixed Four Hand Céilí Dancing Championship 13-16 One four hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 40	Senior Mixed Four Hand Céilí Dancing Championship Over 16 One four hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 41	Sub Minor Girls Eight Hand Céilí Dancing Championship 8-11 One eight hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 42	Minor Girls Eight Hand Céilí Dancing Championship 11-13 One eight hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 43	Junior Girls Eight Hand Céilí Dancing Championship 13-16 One eight hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 44	Senior Girls Eight Hand Céilí Dancing Championship 16-19 One eight hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 45	Senior Ladies Eight Hand Céilí Dancing Championship Over 19 One eight hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 46	Sub Minor Mixed Eight Hand Céilí Dancing Championship 8-11 One eight hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 47	Minor Mixed Eight Hand Céilí Dancing Championship 11-13 One eight hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 48	Junior Mixed Eight Hand Céilí Dancing Championship 13-16 One eight hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B
COMÓRTAS 49	Senior Mixed Eight Hand Céilí Dancing Championship Over 16 One eight hand dance as specified in Item 12, Page 10	Part A	Part B

In all Ceilí Competitions at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne, over-elaborate entrances and exits from stage must be avoided.

Dancers should walk directly to their starting positions from stage left avoiding the start and stop, coordinated turns and complicated manoeuvres that are becoming increasingly common.

At the conclusion of the performance, couples should turn in place to face front of stage. When the bell is rung, only one bow is permitted. All couples should exit stage right.

Talking on stage before, during or after the performance must also be avoided.

Figure Dancing Championships 2021

Rules and Directives, Competitions 51-55

1. These rules & directives must be read in conjunction with the General Rules and other relevant sections of this syllabus.
2. Each team must consist of not fewer than eight (8) and not more than sixteen (16) dancers.
3. Each dance must portray, in a manner suitable for a general audience, a specifically Irish historical or traditional story, event or theme. **Stance and body movement must be performed with modesty in mind.**
4. Each team member must be on stage from the commencement of the dance and shall dance **(using footwork)** continuously for the duration of the dance except where, to emphasise a figure, short pauses for up to 4 bars may be permitted. Pauses for longer than 4 bars by some team members are allowed (as in céilí dancing) if other team members continue to dance **(using footwork)**.
5. The names of all team members must be submitted with the entry and any later alterations notified to An Coimisiún.
6. Teachers are required to submit a written account of their dance, which **should not exceed 250 words**, no later than **Friday, 5th March 2021**.
 - Only the stage steward may read the story. Music will not be permitted as the story is being read.
7. Stories received after **Friday, 5th March 2021** will not be read. Where there are extenuating circumstances for late submission of a story, an appeal may be made to the Oireachtas Committee in writing. If allowed, such stories will only be accepted after a penalty of up to €500 has been received.
8. Every dance must be capable of being performed on a stage not greater than 28' x 28'.
9. A mixed team must have a minimum of 4 boys.
10. A dancer must not be a member of more than one team in the same competition except in the case of an unforeseen emergency and then only with the permission of An Coimisiún or its designated representatives.
11. There shall be no restriction on dancers in girls' competitions (51, 52 and 53) also participating in a competition for mixed teams (54 and 55) subject to age concessions on page 8.
12. Basic steps, found in *Ár Rincí Céilí 2014* are strongly recommended. **Solo dancing steps are not permitted as part of a figure dance.**
13. There are no restrictions on hand movements and hand claps are permitted.
14. **MUSIC MUST NOT EXCEED FOUR MINUTES DURATION.** Each dance will be electronically timed and the timing will commence from the start of music playing and finish when the music stops. Additional music will be permitted for teams exiting the stage after the completion of their performance, **however this must be on the same track as the main music. Separate tracks will not be permitted.**
15. (a) Only Irish music or music of related ethnic origin in 2/4, 4/4, or 6/8 time, or a combination of those times will be permitted. Any change of music must last for at least 16 bars.
(b) All music must comply with the ownership, source, licensing and submission requirements as outlined on Page 14.
(c) The arrangements for musical accompaniment are set out on page 14.
16. Teams will be adjudicated under the following headings:

(i) Portrayal of story through Dance and Music	(ii) Figure Content
(iii) Footwork and execution	(iv) Teamwork and Presentation
17. Awards will be given for at least 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in all figure dancing championships to a maximum of 50%.
18. The throwing of a dancer or any form of acrobatics including but not limited to somersaults, backward and forward rolls, handstands etc., is strictly prohibited.
19. Any team found to be in contravention of any of the above cannot be placed in a medal winning position.

MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT FOR FIGURE AND DANCE DRAMA EVENTS

1. For some years it has been customary for many teams in figure-dance and dance drama at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne to provide their own musical accompaniment at these events. This custom, to which An Coimisiún does not object, has in fact added to the attraction of these championships. We are therefore once again requesting that in 2021 as many teams as possible arrange to have their own live or recorded musical accompaniment. However, if a team is not able to do this, an official accompanist will be rostered, provided the teacher so requests by **Friday, 5th March 2021** and supplies two copies of the music required together with details of changes of tempo, etc., (if any).
2. It will be a matter for the teacher concerned to make arrangements with these official musicians (whose names, when available, will be supplied to them) for consultation or rehearsal at a time suitable to the musicians prior to the competition. Neither An Coimisiún nor the musicians concerned will be responsible for any errors or misunderstandings that may occur in such cases.
3. Where a team opts to use live musicians for their performance, the number of musicians must not exceed three.
4. Where a team opts to use pre-recorded music, copies of music must be forwarded electronically to the office no later than **Friday, 12th March 2021**. Recordings must be of a high quality and in a downloadable format. **Only music submitted in .WAV or .MP3 formats will be accepted.** Where a team wishes to exit the stage to music this music must be included within the one track of the music track submitted. A separate track for exiting the stage will not be accepted.
5. A penalty of up to €500 will be imposed where music is received after **Friday, 12th March 2021** but before **Friday, 19th March 2021**. No music will be accepted after **Friday, 19th March 2021**.
6. **Music tracks and Figure stories must be submitted to the dedicated Email address: music@clrg.ie.**
7. Absolute final copies of music (only in regards to quality of recording and not music content) will be accepted up to **Friday, 19th March 2021**. Change of music at the event will be strictly prohibited.
8. NO COMBINATION OF RECORDED MUSIC AND LIVE MUSICIANS WILL BE PERMITTED.

OWNERSHIP AND SUBMISSION OF MUSIC

- It is a legal requirement and therefore imperative that the person submitting music for accompaniment for a figure dance or dance drama either owns all rights to the music or has been licensed to use the music for a stage performance.
- Teachers must submit the source of their music by **Friday, 5th March 2021**.
- Where it is suspected that a commercially produced work is included in such music, An Coimisiún reserves the right to seek written evidence of such licensing before allowing such music to be played during the figure dancing competition.
- **A sub-committee of An Coimisiún le Rince Gaelacha will verify the suitability or otherwise of music and stories submitted. Any music or story deemed unsuitable or out with the rules will be returned for immediate amendment.**

Figure Dancing Championships 2021

Sonraí na gComórtas – Details of Competitions

Each team in competitions 51 – 55 will perform one figure dance not exceeding 4 minutes duration. (Please read the rules and directives carefully). **See also page 9 regarding age concessions for teams.**

COMÓRTAS 51	Craobh Rince Fóirne Mionúr na gCailíní faoi 13 Minor Girls Figure Dancing Championship under 13
COMÓRTAS 52	Craobh Rince Fóirne na gCailíní Sóisir 13 – 16 Junior Girls Figure Dancing Championship 13 – 16
COMÓRTAS 53	Craobh Rince Fóirne na Mná Sinsir os cionn 16 Senior Ladies Figure Dancing Championship over 16
COMÓRTAS 54	Craobh Rince Fóirne Mionúr faoi 13 (Measctha) Minor Mixed Figure Dancing Championship under 13
COMÓRTAS 55	Craobh Rince Fóirne os cionn 13 (Measctha) Mixed Figure Dancing Championship over 13

The members of a team must be pupils of the same School of Dancing.

Dance Drama Championship 2021

Rules and Directives, Competition 61

1. These rules & directives must be read in conjunction with the General Rules and other relevant sections of this syllabus.
2. Each team must consist of not fewer than eight (8) and not more than twenty (20) dancers.
3. Each dance must portray, in a manner suitable for a general audience, a specifically Irish historical or traditional story, event or theme. **Stance and body movement must be performed with modesty in mind.**
4. Each team member must remain on stage or side stage for the duration of the dance.
5. The names of all team members must be submitted with the entry and any later alterations notified to An Coimisiún.
6. Teachers are required to submit a written account of their dance, which should not exceed 250 words, no later than **Friday, 5th March 2021**.
 - Only the stage steward may read the story. Music will not be permitted as the story is being read.
7. Stories received after **Friday, 5th March 2021** will not normally be accepted. Where there are extenuating circumstances for late submission of a story, an appeal may be made to the Oireachtas Committee in writing. If allowed, such stories will only be accepted after a penalty of up to €500 has been received.
8.
 - (a) Every dance must be capable of being performed on a stage not greater than 28' x 28'. Entrance can be from either stage left or stage right.
 - (b) Lighting can be dimmed or raised but excessive or complicated changes of lighting must be avoided. Only the venue lighting may be used. Additional lighting including strobes etc. will not be permitted.
 - (c) Where stage-props are required these must be provided by teams themselves. Props must be portable and of a kind that can be placed and removed easily and quickly. The use of "smoke", "straw", "confetti", "liquid" etc. will not be permitted. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**
 - (d) Teams will be allowed up to 5 minutes to prepare the stage and up to 5 minutes to clear the stage. **Times will be strictly enforced.**
9. Where a team opts to use pre-recorded music, then the rules for musical accompaniment as detailed on Page 14 must be adhered to. **NO COMBINATION OF RECORDED MUSIC AND LIVE MUSICIANS WILL BE PERMITTED.**
9. A dancer cannot be a member of more than one team in the same competition except in the case of an unforeseen emergency and then only with the permission of An Coimisiún or its designated representatives.
10. Only Irish music or music of related ethnic origin, which must consist of reels, jigs, slip-jigs, single-jigs, hornpipes, Irish marches or Irish slow airs or a combination of any of those dance tunes, marches or slow airs, will be permitted. Where drumming is used this must also be in the stipulated tempos.
 - All music must comply with the ownership, source, licensing and submission requirements as outlined on Page 14.
 - The arrangements for musical accompaniment are set out on page 14.
11. Spoken words or songs are not permitted as part of a dance-drama. This includes miming to spoken words or songs on tape or any other recorded medium. Video or image projection before, during or on completion of a performance is not permitted.
12. Elements to be considered in a team's performance will include:
 - Portrayal of theme including dance content and music (30 marks)
 - Dancing (30 marks)
 - Costume (10 marks)
 - Impact on adjudicator (30 marks)
13. Awards will be given for at least 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Dance Drama championships to a maximum of 50%.

14. The throwing of a dancer or any form of acrobatics including but not limited to somersaults, backward and forward rolls, handstands etc., is strictly prohibited.
15. Any team found to be in contravention of any of the above cannot be placed in a medal winning position.
16. The time allowed for music for each dance drama will be a minimum of **four minutes** and up to a maximum of **6 minutes**.
17. Each dance drama will be electronically timed and the timing will commence from the start of the music playing and finish when the music stops.
18. Additional music will be permitted for teams exiting the stage after the completion of their performance.
19. Teams will be required to check the CLRG website for any additional information regarding terms and conditions of delivery of Dance Drama props to the venue.

Dance Drama Championship 2021

Sonraí na gComórtais - Details of competition

Each team in competition 61 will perform one dance drama not exceeding 6 minutes duration (**please read the rules and directives carefully**).

COMÓRTAS

61

Craobhchomórtas Damhasdhrámaíochta
Dance Drama Championship (All ages)

GENERAL RULES OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2020

CONFINEMENT OF COMPETITIONS & QUALIFICATION

1. All competitors:
 - (a) Must be pupils of teachers who, at the date of entry, are registered with An Coimisiún for the year 2020/2021.
 - (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').
 - (c) Must, in the case of solo competitors, have qualified to take part in the Oireachtas in accordance with the qualifying rules below.

2. To qualify to take part in any solo championship a dancer must:
 - (a) Have won first place in a solo championship (in any age group) at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019, or
 - (b) **Have participated** in the appropriate championship at his/her Regional Oireachtas and either (i) qualified automatically as a consequence of having been placed in a medal winning position in any solo championship at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019 or (ii) achieved a qualifying place in his/her Regional Oireachtas or
 - (c) Have been placed in a medal winning position (other than first place) at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019 but failed to take part in his/her Regional Oireachtas for a reason acceptable to An Coimisiún (See rule 5 below), or
 - (d) Have attained a qualifying place at the National Oireachtas in 2019 of the country in which he/she normally resides. (See rule 4), or
 - (e) Have attained a qualifying place at Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann 2020 or 2021.

3. Although 2019 World Championship winners are excused from the requirement of taking part in their Regional Oireachtas, **nevertheless they are strongly urged to do so.**

4. Dancers who fail to achieve a qualifying place at their Regional Oireachtas and who were not placed in a medal winning place at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019 will be counted as qualifiers if they achieve a qualifying place at the National Oireachtas of their country of residence, i.e. in the case of residents of the United States and Canada, the North American Irish Dancing Championships 2019; in the case of residents of Australia, the Australian National Championships 2019; in the case of residents of New Zealand, the New Zealand National Championships 2019; in the case of residents of Ireland (32 counties), the Irish National Championships 2019; in the case of residents of Great Britain, Mainland Europe, Russia, Asia or the Middle East, the Great Britain Championships 2019 or at Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann 2020 or 2021.

5. Should a dancer for good reason fail to take part in his/her Regional Oireachtas and either:
 - (a) wish to have his/her qualification based on having attained a medal winning position at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019 accepted, or
 - (b) wish to avail of qualification based on having been placed in a qualifying place at his/her National Oireachtas 2019 or at Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann 2020 or 2021 application must be made to An Coimisiún as soon as possible after the Regional Oireachtas (or before it when practicable) giving full details of the reasons for non-participation, and requesting permission to participate in Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021. If the reason for non-participation is one of health or injury an appropriate medical certificate must be submitted within 7 days of the **completion of their Regional Oireachtas.**
 - (c) **Only dancers who have entered their Regional Oireachtas can possibly avail of this rule.** Suspension under the transfer rule of An Coimisiún will not be acceptable as a reason for non-participation in a Regional Oireachtas. The acceptance or rejection of any application shall be at the sole discretion of An Coimisiún.

6. A Regional Council may, with the formal sanction of An Coimisiún require dancers to compete in solo competitions on the Regional Oireachtas syllabus additional to the championship events in order to fulfil the participation requirement referred to in Rule 2 above.

7. There are no qualifying requirements for any Four Hand or Eight Hand Céilí Championship at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021, however teams are strongly urged to enter any team competitions at their Regional Oireachtas where such competitions proceed. Teams must comply with age concessions on page 9.
8. Recognition as a Qualifying event for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 may **not** be given to a Regional Oireachtas which: -
- is **not** held by **Sunday 31st January 2021** unless written permission is granted by An Coimisiún, or
 - attendance at the Oireachtas is restricted resulting in all dancers in a Region being unable to attend due to Covid 19 travel restrictions imposed by the local or national Health Authority of the area, or
 - is **not** run in accordance with the rules and directives of An Coimisiún, or
 - does not furnish on the official form lists of qualifiers, details as to the number of participants in each competition and any other information required to An Coimisiún by **Monday, 8th February 2021**.
9. (a) The number of qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 at a Regional or National Oireachtas shall be determined by the number of competitors from that **particular qualifying region** who **actually dance** in the event concerned and **not the number entered**.
- In calculating the number of qualifiers from a Regional Oireachtas dancers deemed to have already qualified by having attained medal winning positions at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019 will count as competitors but not as qualifiers.
 - A World medal holder from Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019 can be replaced by an additional qualifier at a Regional or National Oireachtas in 2019. Please note that they cannot be replaced again at a 2020 Regional Oireachtas.
 - If a World medal holder from Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019, including a world champion, does not compete at a Regional Oireachtas 2020, then an additional qualifying place is **not** created for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021.
 - Where a Regional Oireachtas does not proceed in 2020, then the rankings from the equivalent Regional Oireachtas in 2019 will be used to determine solo qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021. Qualifiers from 2019 that are unable to attend may be substituted once to allow for full Regional representation.
 - Where a 2020 Regional Oireachtas proceeds, there is no substitution for non-attendees from the 2019 Oireachtas.
10. (a) Qualifiers from a National Oireachtas 2019 or Oireachtas na hÉireann 2020 must also have competed in their Regional Oireachtas 2019 to endorse this qualification. In the case of Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann 2021, qualifiers must also compete at their Primary Oireachtas, where these events have taken place.
- Qualifiers from a National Oireachtas 2019 or Oireachtas na hÉireann 2020 or 2021 do not create additional qualifying places at a Regional Oireachtas 2020.
11. The number of qualifiers from the respective competitions at a Regional or National Oireachtas shall be as follows: -
- In the case of competition 1 the number of qualifiers shall be seven (7) where the number of competitors is twenty or less plus one additional qualifier for **each five, or part of five** in excess of the first twenty eligible competitors.
 - In the case of all other solo age groups the number of qualifiers shall be five (5) where the number of competitors is twenty or less plus one additional qualifier for **each ten, or part of ten** in excess of the first twenty eligible competitors.
12. The maximum number of qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 from a Regional Oireachtas 2019 or 2020 is determined by Rules 9, 10 and 11.
13. The number of qualifiers at Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann 2021 to qualify for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 will be set at 70% of those recalled in any championship. In the event of no recall being required in any particular championship, 70% of dancers who complete all three rounds will qualify. There will be no additional qualifiers at Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann 2021 to replace world medal holders from Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019.
14. (a) In the case of competitions at Oireachtas na Cruinne 2021 which are in one-year-age-groups, the qualifying events at a Regional or National Oireachtas should also be held in one-year age groups.
- The Heavy and Light rounds at a Regional or National Oireachtas must be as per the syllabus for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2020, with **any** set dance on recall. However, competitors in the 9 - 10 age groups must dance a Set Dance in 6/8 or 6/8 + 9/8 time on recall.

15. Any dancer qualifying at a Regional or National Oireachtas in 2019 will be entitled to enter Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 provided they enter and participate at their Primary Oireachtas in 2020. This special provision will not be allowed where the dancer is serving a 6 months restyling period. For the purpose of this syllabus, Primary Oireachtas 2020 refers to all primary regional Oireachtas held before **31st January 2021**.

CONFLICT SITUATIONS WITH ADJUDICATORS

16. Any qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021, including World Champions from Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019, who are subject to a conflict situation with any selected Adjudicator **cannot compete at this event**, but are entitled to carry forward their qualifying place to Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022, provided they compete at their Regional Oireachtas in 2021.
17. **“Next-in-line”** dancers from a Regional Oireachtas in 2019 or 2020 are entitled to fill the places vacated by any “conflicted” qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 who are not also medal winners from Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019. A conflicted dancer can only be replaced at one event, therefore if replaced in 2019, their place cannot again be filled again at the 2020 Regional Oireachtas.
18. A “next-in-line” dancer is a dancer who is ranked in result order after all qualifying places have been filled.
19. Dancers who are entered in Team Competitions at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 who are subject to a conflict situation with any selected Adjudicator **cannot compete at this event**.

AGE LIMITS

20. The age of a competitor shall be taken as on **1st January 2021**. Where a competitor’s birthday falls on 1st January he/she shall, for the purposes of the Oireachtas, be regarded as under the age attained on that day.
21. In competitions where there is a minimum age limit, for example, ‘8 – 11’, ‘11 - 13’, ‘13 - 16’ etc. a teacher may include in a team dancers who are under the specified minimum age limit. This concession is subject to the conditions set out in the explanatory notes on page 9 of this syllabus.
22. **The absolute minimum age for dancers in team competitions is 8 years as at 1st January 2021.** Dancers aged 7 and younger will not be permitted to compete.
23. Birth Certificates must be furnished before, during or after a competition if requested.

PRIZES

24. The minimum number of prizes awarded in each solo competition will be based on the number who entered as follows: -

No. Entered	Prizes	No. Entered	Prizes	No. Entered	Prizes
1-8	3	12-15	5	21-25	7
9-11	4	16-20	6	26-30	8

Plus one additional prize for each 10, or part of 10 entries in excess of the first 30 competitors in the Oireachtas programme.

25. Perpetual trophies awarded in 2019 must be returned to the An Coimisiún representative responsible for trophies, in good time and in the condition in which the trophy was received. Good time is to be taken as prior to the commencement of the championship for which the trophy was won at the previous event. Solo or team competitors failing to comply with this rule will be refused the right to compete at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 until a fine of €200 is received by An Coimisiún. The holder and his/her parents shall be responsible for any loss of or damage to a trophy while in the holder’s possession.
26. Team entries must include a list of all team members and dates of birth and any later changes must be notified to An Coimisiún without delay.

27. A competitor must not be a member of more than one team in the same competition except in exceptional circumstances and then only with prior permission of An Coimisiún or its designated representatives.

ORDER OF DANCING, CONDUCT & MISHAPS

28. Competitors must: -
- (a) Obey all instructions of the Oireachtas officials, otherwise permission to compete may be withdrawn;
 - (b) Dance in numerical order as published in the official programme. Commencement numbers for each round of a competition will be printed in the programme.
 - (c) Check-in before the time scheduled for the commencement of the championship.
 - (d) Present themselves to the stage stewards in good time to dance in the appropriate numerical order otherwise the stage steward may refuse permission to dance.
29. **Should a competitor or their teacher feel that there was a reasonable and convincing reason for being late they may lodge an appeal which will be immediately determined by an ad hoc sub-committee comprised of the stage steward and two other members of An Coimisiún, one of whom must be an officer. The decision of the subcommittee on the matter shall be final.**
30. An Coimisiún will, as far as is practicable provide a stage surface suitable for dancing. However, An Coimisiún cannot accept any liability for injuries sustained while on stage. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer.
31. Should a dancer lose a heel or a complete shoe or have an open lace he/she may stand back –allowing the other dancer(s), where applicable, to continue dancing uninhibited. In such a case the dancer concerned will be permitted to re-dance as soon as it is deemed practicable by the stage steward.
32. (a) Should a dancer **fall** on stage, whether in solos or in teams, the adjudicator **MUST** ring the bell to stop the performance of the dancer(s). Dancers so affected will be permitted to re-dance and will be marked then at the discretion of each individual adjudicator.
- (b) Should a dancer slip, bump into another dancer or have a costume malfunction whether in solos or in teams, the bell **may** be rung at the discretion of the adjudicators to stop the performance of the dancer(s). Dancers so affected will be permitted to re-dance and will be marked then at the discretion of each individual adjudicator.
- (c) Should in the opinion of the stage steward, having obtained medical advice if necessary, a dancer be unfit to re-dance and if such dancer insists on his/her right to do so then the dancer concerned will only be permitted to re-dance on completion of a declaration form exonerating An Coimisiún of liability for any consequences. Any repeat accident/incident which results in that dancer being unable to complete the required number of bars of any round, will result in the dancer withdrawing without question from the championship.
33. (a) If a dancer falls during the last 8 bars in a performance of their Reel, Slip Jig, Heavy Jig or Hornpipe, then he/she will only dance the last 16 bars of that dance again at a time convenient to both dancers and stage stewards.
- (b) If a dancer falls during the set part of their recall, they will only dance the set part again at a time convenient to both the dancer and the stage steward.
34. A competitor must not walk off the stage during a performance unless instructed to do so by an adjudicator or stage steward. A dancer who dismisses themselves from the stage without such permission will receive ZERO marks and ZERO points from all adjudicators.
35. If at any time during a performance on stage an adjudicator feels that due to the health and safety of a performer on stage or an infraction of Social Distancing protocols in place at the time occurs, then the performance must be stopped and the adjudicator **MUST** ring the bell.
36. **Respect for fellow competitors on stage is a requirement at all times. Lack of respect or courtesy for fellow competitors by aggressive dancing on stage will be subject to penalty at the discretion of each individual adjudicator.**

MUSIC SPEEDS

- 37.** In all solo championships the speeds of the musical accompaniment will be as follows: -
Reel...113 Slip Jig...113 Heavy Jig...73 Hornpipe...113
(a maximum deviation of ± 1 point will be permitted).
- 38.** In all Céilí Championships, teams will be required to provide their desired metronomic speed to the Stage Steward prior to walking on stage. It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that the correct speed has been given.

COISTE FAIRE (PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMMITTEE)

Whilst acting under delegated powers passed to it for the duration of Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021, An Coiste Faire will investigate any incident of unfair or inappropriate behaviour either observed independently or brought to its attention. An Coiste Faire will also ensure that all rules of an Coimisiún are fully adhered to. Adjudicators, whether employed at the Oireachtas or otherwise, and teachers attending the event, will be obliged to fully cooperate with any such investigation and comply with any request. Failure to co-operate will result in disciplinary action by An Coimisiún.

INTERPRETATION OF RULES

Decisions of An Coimisiún as to the interpretation of these Rules and in relation to all other matters pertaining to the Oireachtas shall be final. The submission of an entry shall be taken to signify that the teachers and their pupils concerned accept all these Rules in full and agree to abide to them.

CÁRRIAGE AIDS

- (a) Any competitor found to be using artificial carriage aids and subsequently refuses to remove same, will be subject to disqualification from that particular competition. Medically prescribed apparatus (proof of which may be required) will be exempt from this ruling.
- (b) Any competitor wearing their shoes on the wrong feet will be treated in the same manner as if using carriage aids and be subject to disqualification from that particular competition.
- (c) To comply with health and safety measures, all dancers lining up side stage prior to any round of a competition will be required to perform the simple exercise of raising arms to shoulder level unhindered. If unable to do this due to costume stitching or arm attachments, by the time of their rotation, these dancers will not be permitted to perform.

Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021 Entry Fees

Solo Dancing Championships.....	€120
Team Dancing Championships (per dancer)	€25
Family Maximum Entry Fee	€300

Prepaid Venue Fee per family TBC

(Please note that Covid-19 restrictions will apply which will include all attendees in addition to competitors, pre-registering for attendance prior to the event. (Limitations on attendees per competitor are a distinct possibility).

Further information regarding the venue fee and registration process will be distributed at a later date.

Casual attendees

Door Fees	First Day	Additional Days
Adult	€30	€25
Students	€20	€15
Senior Citizens	€10	€10
Children (12-18)	€10	€10
Children (<12)	Free	

Notes: To claim the €5 discount on subsequent days, the attendee must still have an earlier day's wristband on their wrist. Children <12 and 12-18 must be accompanied by a fee paying adult

Dátaí Iontrála – Dates for Entries

1. All entries to be made via www.clrgentries.com
2. The closing date for all entries will be **Friday, 5th February 2021 at 5.00pm IST (Irish Standard Time).**
3. Late entries will be accepted up to **Friday 12th February 2021 at 5.00pm IST (Irish Standard Time)**, at a special higher rate of double the normal entry fee up to an additional maximum fee of €400 per class. **Please note the closing date and cut off times for entries will be strictly adhered to.**
4. Entries for competitors qualifying at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann 2020 will be accepted up to **Friday, 26th February 2021 at 5.00pm IST (Irish Standard Time).**
5. Entries received from teachers not registered for 2020/2021 will be returned.
6. Please note that entries for Figure Dancing and Dance Drama competitions will only be endorsed for acceptance upon verification of music by the relevant sub-committee of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha.

Admission to Venue - Teachers, Adjudicators and Competitors

Please check CLRG website for any additional information regarding terms and conditions of entry to the venue.

CLRG Media Policy - Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne

Any form of unauthorised photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means e.g. mobile phone, standard camera, video camcorder, commercial film, with or without enhancement, is expressly forbidden.

An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha has appointed an official photographer for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne, who will take photographs and videos of competitors, competitions and presentations. Such photographs and videos may be subsequently used for the marketing and promotional purposes of the organisation including the publication of www.clrg.ie, Céim and CLRG social media outlets.

An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha may also appoint other agents during the Championships for special promotional projects and reserves the right to permit suitably accredited photo-journalists to take photographs on a case by case basis. Should any dancer or dancer's parent or guardian wish to be excluded from any of these photographs, please contact any member of the Oireachtas Committee with relevant details.

PLEASE NOTE: Other than the photographs taken by the official photographer, authorised agents of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha or accredited photo journalists, all photographs captured at the event including images of competitors and

presentations may only be taken for personal use. They may not be redistributed, sold, lent or passed on to third parties. They may also not be used for commercial purposes or used in any publication or posted to any website without the express written permission of An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha and the parents or guardians of all dancers included in any picture.

PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT will not be permitted inside the competition rooms with the exception of individuals that have a valid CLRG photo pass. Attendees are not allowed to bring zoom lenses greater than 70mm inside the dance events, and no individuals will be granted access to take photographs on or near the stage during the competitions.

MEDIA APPLICATIONS: Accredited journalists may apply for event access and photo passes by contacting the Public Relations Officer at pro@clrg.ie. All applicants will be required to complete the necessary paperwork and be compliant with our child protection policy and all rules of CLRG.

Ignoring or failing to comply with the above will lead to expulsion from the premises

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING

This premier International Event will be host to thousands of dancers, families and teachers from all over the world.

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne are now available. Advertise your business, your school or your organisation during the fabulous eight days of the event.

Sponsors will be acknowledged during the Oireachtas competitions and Awards ceremonies.

Thank you for your support of Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2021.



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