



**Midlands Regional Council**  
Comhairle Lar na Breataine

## *Oíreachtas Rince Lar Na Breataine 2021*

**Friday 26th, Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th November 2021**

Holiday Inn, Coventry Road, West Midlands, B26 3QW

### **Adjudicators:**

Bernadette Trainor - ADCRG- England  
Gary Healy- ADCRG - USA  
Catherine Coleman – ADCRG – Connaught  
Gerard Carson - ADCRG – Ulster  
Kevin McCormack - ADCRG – Leinster

### **Musicians:**

Dean Crouch – London  
Aidan O'Neill - London

Website: [www.midlandsregionalcouncil.co.uk](http://www.midlandsregionalcouncil.co.uk)  
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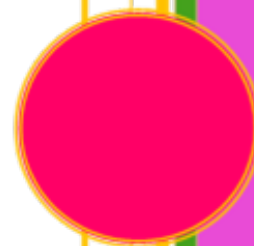


Enquiries to: Jenny Wilson-Flower MRC Secretary email: [mrcsecretary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mrcsecretary@hotmail.co.uk)

### **ENTRY FEES – includes full set of marks for solo championships**

- Mini Midlands.....£10
- Under 5s mixed solo championship .....£30
- Under 6s, Under 7s, 2 Solo Dances .....£40
- Under 8s, Under 9s solo championships .....£40
- Under 10s upwards (Qualifying solo championships) .....£50
- Four Hand per team .....£20
- Ceili per team .....£40
- Family Fee \* (includes siblings only) .....£120

*Please indicate clearly on entry sheets those eligible for family fee.*



## **Closing date for entries is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Designated Midland Region Child Protection Officer – Helena McCarron - 07966513693

### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- Fees must be paid with entries
- Entries will be returned if not accompanied with the relevant fee
- Cancellations are not accepted
- Cheques - Only One cheque per school please made payable to Midlands Regional Council. Send to Des Silke, 133 Hatfeild Mead, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5PG
- Bank Transfer - Teachers please use the MRC website for details. Please use your school name as a Reference. NB *Private individuals/parents cannot avail of this service. Payment must be banked simultaneously when entries are lodged with Des Silke, our bank account will be reconciled daily; missing payments or failure to comply with this will result in entries being returned.*

Computer-generated entry tabulation for each school will be e-mailed to each teacher to verify entries received and processed. A timetable will be produced once all entries have been received.

### **NEW FOR 2021**

#### **The Mini's of The Midlands**

Following the undeniable success of the 'Tiny Tots' and 'Rising Stars' concept The Midlands Region is proud to offer the opportunity for all our newest dancers to share in the excitement and the build up to our most prestigious event in the Midlands calendar.

The presentation of our 'Mini Midlands' is for children up to and including Under 6 who have never participated in a graded competition, ie Novice.

This competition is aimed at our smallest children who love their dancing lessons but aren't quite ready for a full 32 bar dance. The children will be dancing to live reel music at the speed 124. Each child will have the opportunity to perform to 16 bars of music on our main stage and will be clapped in time.

Each Mini Midlands dancer will receive a special prize in recognition of their participation.

Entry Fee is £10.

As a region we care deeply about our next generation of proud Irish dancers, this will be a celebration, this is for them.

### **SOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS**

#### **Under 5 – Under 9s (non-qualifying) - NB These competitions will commence with the REEL**

*Please state on entry sheets whether performing Easy or Advanced Reel.*

Number of bars to be danced U5 - 32 bars, U6 – U9 – 40 bars

Age Group	Dances	Recall
Under 5 mixed	Reel and Hop Jig	No Recall
Under 6 girls Under 7 girls Under 7 boys	Reel and Light Jig	No Recall
Under 8 girls Under 9 girls Under 9 boys	Reel and Heavy Jig	Traditional Set Dance

## U10 up (Qualifying age groups) Incorporating Preliminary Championship– NB These competitions will commence with HEAVY DANCE

Number of Bars to be danced (U10 up)

Reel – 48 Bars

Slip Jig – 40 bars

Heavy Jig – 48 bars

Hornpipe – 40 bars

Age Group	Dances	Recall
Under 10 up (Qualifying Age Groups)	As per 2022 world syllabus	Set dance of choice

## CEILI AND FOUR HAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

All teams to perform any eight-hand dance or 4 hand dance from An Rinci Foirne

Ceili	Under 8	Girls	Mixed
Four Hands	Under 12 Over 12	Girls Girls	
<b>Ceili</b>	<b>Under 10</b> <b>Under 12</b> <b>Under 15</b> <b>Under 18</b> <b>Senior</b>	<b>Girls</b> <b>Girls</b> <b>Girls</b> <b>Girls</b> <b>Girls</b>	<b>Mixed</b> <b>Mixed</b> <b>Mixed</b>  <b>Mixed</b>
<b>Four Hands (New for 2020)</b>	<b>Under 12</b> <b>Under 15</b> <b>Over 15</b>		<b>Mixed</b> <b>Mixed</b> <b>Mixed</b>

NB - Mixed team competitions - A mixed team may dance at a Regional Oireachtas with a minimum of one male dancer

Please note the following:

- Boys competing in a four hand Ceili Championship may not compete in any eight hand Ceili Championship either in their own age group or an older age group.
- 2019 World medal holders and qualifiers from this year's secondary qualifying must compete at Oireachtas Rince la Na Breataine 2021 to be eligible to compete at the World Championships 2022 unless they can provide certified Doctors Note to the Secretary of Midlands Regional Council in advance of Oireachtas Rince Lar Na Breataine 2021.
- Competitors must dance in numerical order as far as possible. Start numbers will be announced in official programme - If a dancer misses their turn they will not be allowed to dance.

- Objections regarding breach of rules should be made in writing by a teacher only. It should be accompanied by a £25 fee and handed to the Regional Council Secretary Jenny Wilson Flower within 1 hour of the competition conclusion to which the objection is applicable. Each objection must be put in writing separately with the appropriate fee. If the objection is upheld the fee(s) will be returned.
- The Midlands Regional Council will not be held liable for the loss or theft of any personal belongings.
- No flash photography, mobile devices, digital cameras, cine filming or camcorders will be allowed whilst dancers are performing as per CLRG rule.
- The use of mobile phones in the theatre is prohibited.

## 1.1. PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- A minimum number of three Adjudicators must officiate.
  - The first age group for a Preliminary Championship is Under 10.
  - Where a Preliminary Championship is held separate from an Open Championship, three rounds should be offered, namely; Reel or Slip Jig, Heavy Jig or Hornpipe and any Set Dance.
  - Where a Preliminary Championship is combined with an Open Championship, then the result should be taken from eligible dancers' ranking after the first two rounds.
  - Where there are separate Preliminary and Open Championships, dancers can compete in both at the discretion of the Feis organiser.
  - Where a competitor wins two Preliminary Championships they must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter.
    - For grading purposes, two wins will be taken as being in any two year rolling period. Where a dancer does not win a second Preliminary within two years of winning their first Preliminary Championship, then the first win will be deemed as having expired and the dancer starts afresh.
    - Where there are less than 6\* in a Preliminary Championship that win will not normally be considered for grading purposes. However, where a dancer wins three Preliminary Championships regardless of the number of competitors in each competition, that dancer must dance in Open Championship for a period of 12 months thereafter.
  - Dances performed in a Preliminary Championships do not count for grading in solo competitions.
  - Due to Covid-19 restrictions, and until further notice, please note the following:
    - All dancers\*, who are included on the official confirmed list of qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022, are not eligible to compete in Preliminary Championships until further notice. \*This excludes dancers that auto qualified at their Regional or National Oireachtas due to lack of numbers.
  - Dancers placing 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in an Open Championship with up to 20\* competitors or 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in an Open Championship with more than 20\* Competitors cannot compete in a Preliminary Championship for a period of 12 month.
  - Implementation date 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.
- 1.2. The Midland region allows dancers to participate in any 1 round of preliminary champs as a separate solo round – these dancers should not be included in the numbers indicated above with \*.

**Recognition as a Qualifying event for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022 An event will not be recognised as such where:**

(a) is not held by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, unless written permission is granted by An Coimisiun, OR

(b) attendance at the Oireachtas is restricted due to Covid 19 travel restrictions imposed by the local or national Health Authority of the area resulting in all dancers in a Region being unable to attend.

Exemption from section(b) passed at CLRG meeting September, 2021:

Any Oireachtas experiencing government mandates, recommendations against travel, or excessive quarantining requirements in any particular area of the region, will be allowed to continue as a qualifying event. Dancers impacted will retain their qualification without being required to participate. This is in effect due to Covid for the 2021 primary qualifying events only

## **Accommodation**

The chosen hotel for this year's event is– Holiday Inn, Coventry Road, Birmingham, B263QW,

Telephone Number: 01217806700

Booking Code – DET

Rates are:

Single: £80.00 per room per night

Double: £80.00 per room per night

Family: £90 per room per night (Max 2 adults 2 children under 12 years old)

**Bookings for Teachers open on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Bookings open to the public on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

## **MRC Media Policy**

All photographs of competitors, competitions 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 website (all forms of social media – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) without the express written permission of the organisers and the parents or guardians of dancers included therein.

Feis organisers may appoint an official photographer for the event, who will take photographs of competitors, competitions and presentations. Such photographs may be subsequently used for marketing and promotional purposes.

Should any dancer or dancer's parent or guardian wish to be excluded from any of these photographs, then the Feis Organiser should be informed in writing prior to the event commencing.