



**Midlands Regional Council**  
Comhairle Lar na Breataine

## *Oireachtas Rince Lar Na Breataine*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

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

### **Adjudicators: -**

Chris Ryan - ADCRG – Cork, Ireland  
Caroline Green-Parfery - ADCRG – Glasgow, Scotland  
Edward Searle - ADCRG – Columbus, Ohio, USA  
Marion Flanagan-McCarthy – ADCRG - Oxford, England  
Rachael Corr - ADCRG – Belfast, Ireland

### **Musicians:-**

Dean Crouch – Cavan, Ireland  
Aidan O'Neill – London, England

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

Registered with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha

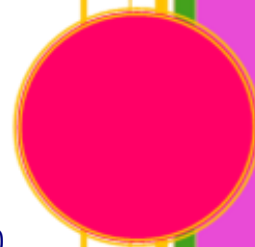


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Kevin McCarron ADCRG – MRC Chairperson  
Email:- [secretary@midlandsregionalcouncil.co.uk](mailto:secretary@midlandsregionalcouncil.co.uk)

### **ENTRY FEES**

- Mini Midlands.....£20
- Under 5s mixed Solo Championship.....£40
- Under 6s, Under 7s, Solo Championships .....£40
- Under 8s, Under 9s Solo Championships .....£60
- Under 10s upwards (Qualifying Solo Championships) .....£75
- Four Hand per team.....£20
- Ceili per team.....£40
- Family Fee \* (includes siblings only).....£160

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



## DOOR ENTRANCE CHARGES

- Day Charge £10.00 per adult, 2<sup>nd</sup> day concession £5.00. Senior Citizen £5.00 per adult per day. Please inform parents that admission is by cash.
- We would politely ask that parents conduct themselves in a respectful & courteous manner to those operating and monitoring our admissions desk.

**Closing date for entries is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 without exception**

Designated Midlands Region Child Protection Officer – Helena McCarron – 07966 513693

## 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.
- Bank Transfer – Lloyds Bank, Sort Code: 30-97-17 Account No: 01833441 Please use your school's name as a reference. NB *Private individuals/parents cannot avail of this service. Payment must be banked simultaneously when entries are lodged with* **Derri Coupland- Email:- [midlands.oireachtas@gmail.com](mailto:midlands.oireachtas@gmail.com)** Entry forms can be downloaded from [www.midlandsregionalcouncil.co.uk](http://www.midlandsregionalcouncil.co.uk)  
*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 emailed to each teacher to verify entries received and processed. A timetable will be produced once all entries have been received.

## The Minis of The Midlands

Following the undeniable success of the 'Tiny Tots' and 'Rising Stars' concept in past years, 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, i.e., 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 £20.00.

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 or Hop Jig	No Recall
Under 8 girls Under 9 girls Under 9 boys	Reel and Heavy Jig	Traditional Set Dance

## Age Groups U10 upwards (Qualifying age groups) incorporating Preliminary Championship – U10 to U15 inclusive, these competitions will commence with HEAVY DANCE

Number of Bars to be danced (U10 upwards)

Reel – 48 Bars

Slip Jig – 40 bars

Heavy Jig – 48 bars

Hornpipe – 40 bars

Age Group	Dances	Recall
Under 10 upwards (Qualifying Age Groups)	As per 2026 CLRG World Syllabus Rules & regulations must be adhered to as directed & published by CLRG.	Under 10 set dance must be in Jig Time Set dance of choice for all other age groups

## CEILI AND FOUR HAND CHAMPIONSHIP

All teams to perform any eight-hand dance or 4 hand dance from An Rinci Ceili & subsequent directives from CLRG.

Ceili	Under 8	Girls	Mixed
Four Hands	Under 10 Under 12 Over 12	Girls Girls Girls	
Ceili (World Qualifying)	Under 10 Under 12 Under 15 Under 18 Senior Adult Ceili	Girls Girls Girls Girls Girls	Mixed Mixed Mixed - Mixed Any
Four Hands (World Qualifying)	<b>Under 10</b> Under 12 Under 15 Over 15 <b>A mixed 4 Hand Reel for 8-11 years is an extra competition for ORNC 2026.</b>		<b>Mixed</b> Mixed Mixed Mixed

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.
- Adult Ceili must perform any 8 Hand Ceili from Ar Rince Ceili. Adult Ceili members must not have competed in any solo, figure or ceili competitions, at any Feiseanna registered with CLRG since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. All teachers are asked to refer to CLRG syllabus for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2026.
- 2025 World medal holders and qualifiers from this year's secondary qualifying must compete at Oireachtas Rince Lar Na Breataine 2025 to be eligible to compete at the World Championships 2026 unless they can provide certified Doctor's Note to the Secretary of the Midlands Regional Council in advance of Oireachtas Rince Lar Na Breataine 2025.
- Competitors must dance in numerical order as far as possible. - 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 £25.00 fee and handed to the Regional Council Secretary Declan McHale 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 hall is prohibited

## **.1. PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES**

- A minimum number of three Adjudicators must officiate.
- The age groups for a Preliminary Championships are Under 10 to U15 inclusive
- 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.
  - Competitors that qualify for and compete in Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne in the Previous 12 months cannot compete in a Preliminary Championship except where the dancer 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.

## **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.
- Oireachtas 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 competitor or competitor's parent or guardian wish to be excluded from any of these photographs, then the Oireachtas Organisers should be informed in writing prior to the event commencing.



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## **SPONSORSHIP PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

- **FULL-PAGE ADVERT IN THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**
  - **FEATURE ON THE EVENT BIG SCREEN**
- **SPONSOR ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING THE EVENT**
  - **SOCIAL MEDIA PROMOTION**



## Accommodation

The chosen hotel for this year's event is– **Holiday Inn, Coventry Road, Birmingham, B26 3QW,**

Telephone Number: 0121 780 6700

Booking Reference Code – **Dance 25**

Hotel Rates are: -

Single: £115.00 per room per night, Double room/Single occupancy with breakfast

Double: £125.00 per room per night, Double room/Double occupancy with breakfast

Family: £135.00 per room per night (Max 2 adults 2 children under 12 years old and based on sharing a sofa bed, maximum occupancy) with breakfast

Family: £145 per room per night (Max 3 adults or 2 adults and 1 child above 12, queen bed & sofa bed, maximum occupancy) with breakfast

Bookings for Teachers open on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Bookings open to the public on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and **the Rate will close on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.**