

The O' Rourke School of Irish dancing presents...

Féile Áine 2025



Cláráithe Leis an gComisiún le Rincí Gaelacha

- Date:** February 1st and 2nd 2025
- Venue:** Limerick Racecourse, Greenmount Park, Co. Limerick V94 K858
- Adjudicators:** Brendan Croghan, A.D.C.R.G., Munster
Aileen Madden, A.D.C.R.G., London
Bernadine Cresham-Ball, A.D.C.R.G., Connacht
- Musician:** Stephen Walker Munster

10 minutes from
Limerick City!

Featuring:
Championship Stage
Open & Preliminary Championships
Céilí Championships
Full Grades Syllabus – *Open to all Regions*
Future Stars ('Tiny Tots')
Adult Competitions

Entries submitted via EntryTable.ie

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Approved by:

Feis Registrar on behalf of Comhairle na Mumhan.

Christopher G. Ryan B.G.

ENTRIES

Craobh Comórtas €35.00

(4 results - 3 solo results and one overall result)

Craobh Comórtas incorporating **Preliminary** €45.00

(5 results – 3 solo results and two overall results)

Prelim Championships incorporated into first 2 Rounds of Craobh Comórtas for all age groups

Craobh Comórtas **Preliminary only** €25.00

Ceili Championships 5 euro per dancer

Teachers please email entry in advance - fees payable on the day.

Grades

Solo dances €5; Príomh Comórtas €15; Future Stars €7

Admission to the feis is to be paid in advance when registering for the feis via www.entrytable.ie. Please bring receipt to the feis as proof of admission as you will be required to show up on entry to the feis. €5 per family.

Entries will close when the cap is reached.

Please enter early to avoid disappointment.

If the entry cap is not reached, entries may be taken on the day with a €5 surcharge.

AWARDS

Craobh Comórtas

1st-5th receive Trophy and Sash

Medals presented to all competitors in the Light round; 50% in rounds 2 and 3. Highest Placed Boy/Girl will receive a 1st Placed Trophy in all Craobh Comórtasí.

Preliminary Championships:

1st - 5th receive Trophy & Sash.

Grades:

Trophies awarded to all 1st place winners in all Grade Competitions.

Príomh Comórtasí:

3 results (overall, two solo results)

Overall result: Trophies For 1st-5th place. Medals awarded to all competitors. Solo results: Plaques for 1st place. 50% of competitors placed.

NOTES

- In championships, there will be a **recall** where there are 21 or more competitors.
 - There will be a separate Boys/Men championship if there are more than 5 entered in an age group.
 - **All times are approximate** & competitions may start 30 minutes prior to stated time. Please follow social media for updates on how the feis is running.
 - In solo grades competitions for Túsgrád, Primary and Méangrád, dancers will dance 32 bars of each dance;
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- A **final timetable** will be issued when all entries have been received.
 - **Refunds** cannot be given unless the feis is cancelled.
 - Results will be given in a separate area as required to ensure timetable runs accordingly.

SATURDAY – DRAFT TIMETABLE

SOLO AND CEILI CHAMPIONSHIPS - All times approximate

- Required dances for solo championships are Hornpipe/Heavy Jig, Reel/Slip Jig, Set Dance
- Heavy round will be danced first in all C.C. U10 and older.

<i>SOLO AND CEILI CHAMPIONSHIPS</i>	
8.30am	9-10 Championship
	10-11 Championship (alternating)
11.00am	11-12 Championship
	12-13 Championship (alternating)
	U16, O16, U13 and U11 Ceilí Championships
2.00pm	13-14 Championship
	14-15 Championship (alternating)
4.00pm	15-16 Championship
	16-17 Championship (alternating)
6.00pm	17-18 Championship
	over 18 Championship (alternating)

SUNDAY – DRAFT TIMETABLE

GRADED COMPETITIONS & CHAMPIONSHIPS - All times approx.

		Stage A	Stage B	Stage C
Bungrád				
8.30am	Reel	U7	U8	U9
	Slip Jig			
	Single Jig			
	Light Jig			
	Príomh Comortas*			
9.45am	Reel	U10	U11	O11
	Slip Jig			
	Single Jig			
	Light Jig			
	Príomh Comórtas*			
	Future Stars ('Tiny Tots')	U6		
Túsgrád				
11.00am	Reel	U8	8-10	10-12. O12
	Slip Jig			
	Single Jig			
	Light Jig			
	Heavy Jig			
	Traditional set dance			
	Príomh Comórtas**			
Primary				
12.45	Reel	U8 5	8-10 10	10-12. O12
	Slip jig			
	Single jig			
	Light jig			
	Traditional set dance			
	Heavy Jig			
	Príomh Comórtas**			
Árdgrád (Championships)				
3.30pm	U7 Príomh Comórtas	Reel <u>and</u> Light <i>or</i> Single jig		

	7-8 Championship	Reel, Light Jig/Heavy Jig, Traditional Set – all competitors will dance three rounds.		
	8-9 Championship			
Meángrád				
4.30pm	Reel	U8 3	8-10 10	10-12 O12
	Slip jig			
	Single jig			
	Light Jig			
	Traditional Hornpipe			
	Heavy Jig			
	Hornpipe			
	Príomh Comortas**			
Adults				
7.00pm	Bungrád reel	Adults (Any Age)		
	Open reel			
	Choice of Jig (Light/Single/Slip)			
	Choice of Heavy Dance (Trad. set/Heavy Jig/Hornpipe)			
	Trophy Dance (any dance)			
	2 Hand, 4 Hand, 6 Hand, 8 Hand			

Príomh Comórtas Dances

*Bungrad PC – any two light dances already danced

**Tús, Primary, Meán PC – U7 & U8 will dance any two light dances already danced. All other PC - heavy dance already danced, followed by any light dance already danced.



Future Stars ('Tiny Tots')

This is aimed at children under 6 who are not quite ready to compete in a graded competition. Each dancer will perform 16 bars of the easy reel on stage, one at a time, accompanied by a teacher, parent or sibling if desired. This a fun display of the talent of our 'Future Stars'! All dancers will receive a special award for participation.

Scoil Uí Ruairc Welcomes You to Féile Áine 2024!



Dear teachers and parents,

We look forward to welcoming you to Féile Áine 2025. It will take place in Limerick Racecourse on the 1st and 2nd of February. Our syllabus includes preliminary and open championships, ceili competitions, grades competitions, our 'Future Stars', and adult competitions.

Shannon airport is the nearest airport. The venue is approximately 35 minutes drive from Shannon airport, and approx. 20 mins from Limerick city.

Pre-entry is required on entrytable.ie. Entries will close when the cap is met.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for past support and look forward to welcoming you all to Limerick and Clare for what we hope will be a lovely weekend of dancing.

Orfhlaith Ní Bhriain

Director

Scoil Uí Ruairc



Feis Rules

FEIS RULES AND CONDITIONS

- In Bun and Tus grad competitions, dancers are permitted to wear either class costumes or day wear e.g. skirts and tops (Munster Specific rule)
- The use of artificial carriage aids is strictly forbidden except in cases of a medical condition where a doctor's certificate may be requested. 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.
- In order to comply with the health and safety measures, all dancers lining upside 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 the costume stitching or any arm attachments by the time of their rotation will not be permitted to perform.
- Make up / false - eye lashes will not be permitted for dancers in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group. Effective from 1st March 2014.

(Please note that dancers in this age group who might be in a Ceili Team Under 11 will be permitted make up for team this age group competitions, i.e. Under 11 Ceili Championships.)

- Under no circumstances should dancers walk around any dancing venue in their underwear. Neither should dancers (regardless of age) change into or out of costume in the main dancing hall, if at all possible. At all times, dancers should be properly attired.
- In Reel competitions under 5 years, dancers must perform Easy Reel material only... (Munster specific rule).
- Should a dancer fall on stage, the adjudicator MUST ring the bell to stop the performance of the dancer(s). The dancer(s) so affected will be permitted to re-dance at the discretion of the adjudication panel, or by a majority of adjudicators, where there is a judging panel. 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 may be permitted to re-dance on completion of a declaration form exonerating the committee of liability for any consequences.
- Should a dancer lose a heel or a complete shoe he/she may stand back allowing the other dancer, 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.
- No blocks en pointe, stationary or moving, is allowed for all ages up to and including under 12 age group, with exceptions of 11 to 12 age group who may perform who may perform this work as, and from, 1st September.
- All Graded competitions are open to all regions
- Port competitions must have both a light and heavy result where both jig types have been performed.
- Grading up rule (Effective January 1st 2009) : For those competitions where grading up occurs :Less than or equal to 20 (1 dancer grades up); 21 – 39 inclusive (2 dancers grade up) ; Greater than or equal to 40 (3 dancers grade up)

Bun Grad:

- Confined to competitors who have never previously won first place for the dance specified for that competition in any other registered competition in any other grade or under any age limit
- Dancers must perform basic material only

Tus Grad:

- Confined to competitors who have never previously won first place for the dance specified for that competition in any other registered competition in any other grade or under any age limit other than in Bun Grad
- Dancers must perform their first advanced material. This should exclude clicks, twists, swivels, cross keys, rocks etc.

Primary Grad (Munster specific criteria):

- Confined to competitors who have never previously graded out of a competition for the dance specified for that competition in any other registered competition in any other grade or under any age limit other than Bun or Tus or Primary Grade.
- Dancers can perform the same level of material acceptable in Mean or Ard Grad competition.
- Solo costumes can be worn by dancers in this grade
- Once a dancer wins a dance in Primary grade, they are no longer eligible to enter that dance in that grade again

Mean Grad:

- Confined to competitors who have never previously won first place under the upper age-limit specified for the competition (or under a higher age-limit) outside of Bun grad and Tus grad.
- A registered competition for the dance specified for the competition
- The same level of material can be performed for Mean grad as Ard Grad.
- A competition in which there are five competitors or less shall not count for grading purposes i.e. the winner of such a competition shall be entitled to dance again in a competition for the same dance in the same age group and grade. (1994).

Ard Grad:

- Open to any dancer who:
 - is a pupil of a registered teacher
 - is qualified to compete as regards age and place of residence
 - is not suspended from competitions under any rule or by a decision of An Coimisiún or a Regional Authority.
 - is entered with the permission of his teacher.
- A competition in which there are five competitors or less shall not count for grading purposes i.e. the winner of such a competition shall be entitled to dance again in a competition for the same dance in the same age group at mean grad. (2007)

Comhairle na Mumhan Feis Procedures



· Where a dancer has won first prize and thereafter fails to win a prize for that particular dance, the teacher of that dancer may, when a period of two years has elapsed, apply to the regional council to have the dancer re-graded as a mean grad dancer.

Craobh Comortas (Championship):

- A competition may be entitled a "Championship" only when it is an Ard Grad competition and
- Is judged by at **least 3 Adjudicators**.
- Competitions, in the case of a step dancing competition are required to perform at least two dances, one of which must be a heavy dance and the other a light dance.
- U6 Craobh Comórtas are not permitted (Munster specific – Sep 1st 2015).
- All competitors will receive an award in the light round of any Craobh Comórtas competition.

Priomh Comortas (Premier Championship):

- The title "Priomh Comortas" or Premier Championship may be ascribed to a competition in any grade judged by **one adjudicator**, where the following conditions apply:
- **Two dances** to be performed by each competitor.
- In a Priomh Comortas with an upper age of 8 years or less the compulsory dances must consist of either:
 - Those stipulated for the older age groups and set out above or
 - Two light dances (Munster Specific).
- When a dancer wins First place in a Priomh Comortas competition, they are deemed to have won **both dances** in that competition, even if they are not awarded first place when individual round results are awarded.
- U6 Championships must be Priomh Comórtas (Munster specific – Sep 1st 2015).

Preliminary Championship Ruling (Effective from Jan 1st 2022 – All of Ireland)

A Preliminary Championship must be adjudicated by 3 or more Adjudicators and must consist of 2 Rounds, 1 Light Round – Reel/Slip Jig, and 1 Heavy Round – Heavy Jig/Hornpipe. Preliminary Championships may run as a "stand alone" competition or may be incorporated into the Open Championship. Dancers may compete in an Open or a Preliminary Championship or both.

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in a Preliminary Championship:

- Dancers must not have placed in the top 3 in an Open Championship judged by 3 or more adjudicators. · Dancers must not have won a Preliminary Championship more than 2 times in the current year, HOWEVER, if there are 5 or less in a Preliminary competition the dancer is still eligible to compete in Preliminary Championship.
- Dancers must not have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in the current year (2022) or previous year (2021). · Dancers must not have recalled in the actual Championship at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann in the current year (2022) or previous year (2021).
- Dancers having won 2 Preliminary Championships may not compete in any Mean grad competition for the remainder of the year HOWEVER, if a dancer has won only one Preliminary Championship they may continue to compete in Mean grad (with the exception of the dances with which they won the Preliminary Championship).

EXCEPTIONS PERTAINING TO OIREACHTAS IN INDIVIDUAL REGIONS

· Dancers who qualify for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne where there are five dancers or less in the competition at their Regional Oireachtas are exempt from this ruling. They may remain in the Preliminary Championships if they so wish. · Boys who have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne but were not placed in the top 3 at their Regional Oireachtas and who otherwise fulfil the Preliminary criteria, may continue to compete in Preliminary Championships.

Feis procedures

- The Feis Committee reserves the right to refuse Admission / Entry to the Feis.
- Any objections, other than those related to adjudicator's decisions, must be lodged in writing to the Feis Committee. There will be a fee of EUR 20 associated with such an objection. If the feis committee cannot resolve the issue satisfactorily, the objection will be forwarded to Comhairle na Mumhan.
- 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, cine recorder, commercial film, with or without flash enhancement, is expressly forbidden in competition. (Jan 2005), except in Bun & Tus Grád competitions. · The use of taped music (e.g., iPad, iPod, Tape Recorder) is permitted for Subsidiary Ceili competitions.

Feis admin

- Entries will only be accepted from teachers currently registered with An Coimisiún.
- Age is reckoned from January 1st
- The Adjudicators decision is final.
- The committee, as far as is practicable, will provide a stage surface suitable for dancing. However, the committee cannot accept any liability whatsoever for injuries sustained while on stage. The lodgement of any entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer and by his/her parent/guardian/teacher.

· **Child Protection: Please email our Designated Liaison Person: munsterdlp@gmail.com**