

OIREACHTAS RINCE LAIGHEAN 2021

Cláraithe leis an Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha



DATA: 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th November 2021

IONAD: Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath

MOLTOIRI: Angela Duggan Dowd - Connacht
Des Bailey - Connacht
Esther Bromley - Italy
David Smith - Scotland
Michael Stanley - England

CEOLTÓIRÍ: Paul O'Donnell Co. Antrim
Kevin Joyce Co. Louth

TÁILLÍ IONTRÁLA: Craobh Chomórtaisí € 65.00
Maximum Family Fee (including 2 children) € 120.00
Max Family Fee (including 3 or more children) € 175.00

N.B. The above entry fees also include door admission, online results & official programme.

IONTRÁLAITHE CHUIG: Entries for Oireachtas Rince Laighean will be online via www.feisentry.com. The website will be open for entries from Monday September 27th 2021 at 11am and will close on **Wednesday October 13th at 6pm. All entry fees MUST be paid online at time of entry.** Teachers and/or individual parents will have the facility to submit the online entry and payment.

DÁTA DEIRIDH: 13th October 2021

EOLAS: All enquires to the comhairle secretary, Nina Burke.
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Comhairle Laighean Chairperson Address

A Chairde,

Tá áthas orm, ar son Chomhairle Laighean, siollabas Oireachtas Rince Laighean 2021 a sheoladh chughaibh. Is í an t-Oireachtas an ócáid is tabhachtaí dúinn i rith na bliana agus táimid ag súil go mór, mar is gnáth, le bhur dtacaíocht. Táimid ag súil freisin go mbainimid go léir taitneamh as an seachtain seo.

I'm very happy, on behalf of Comhairle Laighean, to send you the syllabus for the qualifying section of Oireachtas Rince Laighean 2021. "The Leinsters" is the most important occasion on our regional calendar and we, as a council, are looking forward to welcoming you to the Oireachtas and to your continued support after what has been a truly difficult 18 months for everyone. It will be great to be back! The venue for this year's Oireachtas will be the Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co Westmeath. It is the responsibility of all teachers to ensure that all dancers entered are resident in Leinster. This will be strictly adhered to.

Due to ongoing uncertainty regarding teams we have made the decision to delay our teams section of Oireachtas Rince Laighean to January 2022 for now. Hopefully we will have more clarity on the resumption of teams at both class and competitions and we will be able to start planning our teams day in line with government guidelines. We are delighted to announce that in lieu of the teams day on Sunday we will now offer Bun, Tús and Lár Grád Príomh Comórtas competitions and traditional set dance competitions for all our grades dancers. More information on this will follow in a separate syllabus.

Once again we will have no recall in our championships. Instead all dancers will be afforded the opportunity to perform their set dance. There will also be a preliminary section incorporated into the girls' championships from U/8 to U/18. This will be based on the first two rounds of the competition and entry is subject to the Leinster Rule for Preliminary Championships. The third rounds of the championships are optional for preliminary dancers. The onus is on the the person making the entry to tick the box for the dancer eligible to avoid tabulation problems on the day. We will not be in a position to re-tabulate results once they have been announced. Results will not be sold but available online at the end of each day's competitions. Daily admission is included in the entry fee also.

We are once again using the online entry system via www.feisentry.com for our entries for the Leinsters. The team at Feis Entry are more than happy to assist anyone experiencing any difficulties. Just contact them for help if needed. Anyone who has not used the system before is advised to register once the online system is open in case you have any problems getting set up for the first time. This will avoid any last minute problems and ensure that your entries are submitted on time. Please note that all entries submitted online must be paid for at the time of entry. This is new for this year. There is also the option for parents to enter and pay directly online themselves.

The success of the Oireachtas depends heavily on sponsorship and advertising and we would be very grateful if you or businesses known to you would consider sponsoring competitions or placing an advertisement in the official programme. Our programme will be online this year & full page advertisements will cost €100, half page €60. Sponsorship of championships is available at €250, to include a coloured advertisement. Teachers may avail of a special rate of €60 for a full page and €40 for a half page. Banner space will also be for sale on the Comhairle website, www.leinsterdancing.com. Please e-mail comhairlelaigheanclrg@gmail.com for further information.

We are so looking forward to spending time with colleagues, parents and dancers that have been separated from each other for what has been such a long time. Although we have continued to support each other throughout what can only be described as a life changing event for us all, it will be wonderful to watch our talented dancers perform once again live on stage. I look forward to seeing you all at Oireachtas Rince Laighean 2021 & would like to take this opportunity to wish all teachers & dancers the best of luck at the event.

Is mise le meas,

Marcus Maloney

Cathaoirleach Comhairle Réigiúnach Laighean

Chairperson - Comhairle Laighean CLRG

Oireachtas Rince Laighean 2021 – Covid 19 Restrictions

Comhairle Laighean 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 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 the competition hall 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:

- Solo Championships being decided over a lesser number of rounds and dances.
- Team events being curtailed.
- Restricted access to the venue for non-competitors.
- Restricted facilities available, including practise and warm up areas, vendors and food and beverage outlets.
- Possible changes to Result and Presentation procedures.

At all times, Comhairle Laighean 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 may be in place during the Championships.

Craobhacha Cáilithe - Qualifying Championships

**Please note: There will be NO recall - Set may be in any timing
(except for U/10 competitions where set dance must be in 6/8 time)**

1.	Fir Sinsir	Os Cionn 20	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach
2.	Fir Soisir	19 – 20	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach
3.	Fir Soisir	18-19	Cor & Port 1 Rince Leithleach
4.	Buachaillí	17 – 18	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach
5.	Buachaillí	16 – 17	Cor & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach
6.	Buachaillí	15 – 16	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach
7.	Buachaillí	14 – 15	Cor & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach
8.	Buachaillí	13 – 14	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach
9.	Buachaillí	12 – 13	Cor & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach
10.	Buachaillí	11 – 12	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach
11.	Buachaillí	10 – 11	Cor & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach
12.	Buachaillí	9 – 10	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach (6/8 Time)
13.	Mná Sinsir	Os Cionn 22	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach
14.	Mna Sinsir	20 – 22	Port Luascadh & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach
15.	Mná Soisir	19 – 20	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach
16.	Mna Soisir	18 – 19	Port Luascadh & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach
17.	Cailíní	17 - 18	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach
18.	Cailíní	16 – 17	Port Luascadh & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach
19.	Cailíní	15 – 16	Cor & Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach

20.	Cailíní	14 – 15	Port Luascadh & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach
21.	Cailíní	13 – 14	Cor & Cornphíopa 1 Rince Leithleach
22.	Cailíní	12 – 13	Port Luascadh & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach
23.	Cailíní	11 – 12	Cor & Cornphíopa 1 Rince Leithleach
24.	Cailíní	10 – 11	Port Luascadh & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach
25.	Cailíní	9 - 10	Cor & Cornphíopa 1 Rince Leithleach (6/8 Time)

Craobhacha Neamh-Cháilithe - Non Qualifying Championships

26.	Buachailli	7 – 8	Cor & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach Tradisiúnta ón liosta do Chomórtas
27.	Buachailli	8 – 9	Cor agus Port Trom nó Cornphíopa. 1 Rince Leithleach Tradisiúnta ón liosta do Chomórtas
28.	Cailini	7 - 8	Cor & Port Trom 1 Rince Leithleach Tradisiunta on liosta do Chomortas
29.	Cailini	8 - 9	Cor & Port Trom no Cornphiopa 1 Rince Leithleach Tradisiunta on liosta do Chomortas
30	Buachailli & Cailini	Faoi 7	Cor, Port Singil, Port

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1. All dancers resident in the province of Leinster (excluding Louth), who wish to participate in Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2022 must compete at Oireachtas Rince Laighean 2021. Dancers who have attained medal-winning places at Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2019 and compete in the relevant qualifying championship at Oireachtas Rince Laighean 2021 will be deemed qualified thereby.
2. It is the responsibility of teachers to ensure that all dancers entered from their class are resident in Leinster. Comhairle Laighean reserve the right to ask for proof of address.
3. Qualifying for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne will be determined as follows:
4. All Competitions except Number 1
 - i. Five qualifiers from the first twenty or part of twenty competitors who participate in the appropriate championship plus one additional qualifier for ten or part of ten competitors thereafter.
 - b) Competition 1
 - i. Seven qualifiers from the first twenty or part of twenty competitors who participate in the appropriate championship plus one additional qualifier for five or part of five competitors thereafter.
5. **Age Limits**
 - a) The age of a competitor shall be taken as on 1st January 2021.
6. In the case of Qualifying Championships competitors will dance for 48 Bars of music in the Reel and Jig and for 40 Bars in the Slip Jig and Hornpipe. Qualifying Championships will all commence with the Heavy Dance Round. Dancers who do not present themselves for competitions immediately they are called may forfeit their chance to compete. Dancers must dance in accordance with the numerical system decided by Comhairle Laighean.
 - a) In all championships **ALL** dancers will perform one light dance and one heavy dance and one set dance. All Set Dances must be on the list of authorised Set dances. **There will be no recall.**
7. All solo competitions are confined to dancers resident in Leinster (excluding Louth).
8. A dancer who fails to complete one of the dances in the first two rounds will not appear in the third round.
9. With regard to toe movements, no block, en pointe, stationary or moving is allowed to be performed for all ages up to under 12. Dancers who compete under 13 from 1st January 2022 may perform en pointe movements from September 1st 2021.
10. In all competitions all competitors will perform their set dances. A dancer who fails to complete all three rounds of a championship cannot appear in a medal winning position.
11. In the case of set dances, introductions will be played only once and a dancer must set his/her speed during the one playing. Where a metronome is used, no variation of the speed of the music will be permitted once dancing is due to commence. The onus of ensuring that the stage steward is informed of the correct name and metronomic speed of the set dance will rest with the dancer. Should a dancer submit an incorrect metronomic speed to the stage steward and commence dancing

at that speed, then the dancer must continue to dance at this speed as no further opportunity of tempo change will be afforded.

12. In all competitions, competitors must commence their dance in the first two rounds from the designated starting points. In the set dance round a competitor may choose his/her starting point.
13. Should a dancer lose a heel or a complete shoe or their lace opens, he or she must 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. An Comhairle will, as far as is practicable, provide a stage surface suitable for dancing. However, An Comhairle cannot accept any liability for injuries sustained while on stage. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be acceptance of this provision by a dancer.
14. Should a dancer fall on stage, the adjudicator must ring the bell to stop the performance of the dancer(s). Should a majority of the adjudicator panel so decide, dancers so affected will be permitted to re-dance. Should, in the opinion of the stage steward, having obtained medical advice if necessary, a dancer be unfit to re-dance, and if such dancers insist on his or her right to do so then the dancer concerned will only be permitted to re-dance on completion of a declaration form exonerating An Comhairle from any liability for the consequences. Any repeat accident or incident which results in that dancer being unable to complete the required number of bars in any round will result in the dancer withdrawing without question from the championship.
15. All dancers should be shown the same level of respect. Exaggerated cheering or whistling for individual dancers or teams after their performance is not permitted.
16. Length of costumes must adhere to principles of modesty and enable dancers to safely execute their movements and steps. Adjudicators who determine a costume to be too short or to lack modesty may ask a competitor to change into black tights (of a denier not less than 70 per cent) in order for the dancer to continue in the competition. When wearing body suits with skirts, black tights (of a denier less than 70) must be worn from the age of 14 and above (i.e. 14 – 15 age group).
17. Teachers are requested to impress upon pupils that changing costumes, dressing and undressing of dancers will not be acceptable in the halls or public areas. For the sake of modesty and in the interests of safety to young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the feis scantily dressed.
18. If any parent wish their child to be excluded from any photographs that maybe uploaded onto social media websites, please ensure that the chairperson is informed in advance.
19. The Child Protection Designated Liason Officer for the Leinster Region is Órla NicConuladh. If you have any concerns for any child's safety at the event, please contact her via Dlpleinster@gmail.com.
20. In any situation not covered by these rules, the rules for qualification from the syllabus of Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne will apply.

Supplemental Qualifying for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022

- (a) Where the 2021 Regional Primary Qualifying proceeds:
- Qualifying requirements and ratios remain unchanged. In addition any dancer who qualified in 2019 or 2020 and does not qualify at the 2021 event, can use their 2019 or 2020 qualification to attend Worlds as long as they enter and compete at their 2021 Primary Oireachtas.
 - Where on medical grounds, including explicit Covid19 restrictions imposed on a dancer or a dancer's immediate family, a dancer is unable to attend the 2021 Primary Oireachtas, the normal appeal should be submitted within the appropriate timelines. Such appeals will only be considered where a dancer has entered their Primary Oireachtas 2021.
 - It should be noted that as World Medalists from 2019 were already "stepped" over at Primary and Secondary qualifying events in 2019 they should not be "stepped" over at the 2020 or 2021 Primary Oireachtas, as this would lead to their places being filled multiple times.
 - Please note that where a 2021 Primary Oireachtas proceeds, there is no substitution of 2019 or 2020 qualifiers unable to attend Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022.
- (b) Where 2021 Primary Qualifying does not proceed:
- Any dancer who was entitled to dance at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2020 will be entitled to dance at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022
 - **In addition, in recognition of the delay between qualifying and the actual World Championships and to allow full representation at Regional level, qualifiers may be substituted once where the original qualifier is unable to attend Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022.
 - **It should be noted that where a substitution occurs, then the place can only be cascaded to the first next in line dancer. Should this dancer also be unable to attend then the place cannot be cascaded down any further. **These lists have been submitted by the Regions to CLRG (April 30th, 2021)
- (c) Recognition of Qualification status for Dancers born in 2010:
- Although this year group was not recognised as having qualified in 2019, as they were only Under 9, the same provision as outlined in (a) and (b) above apply. Rankings and qualifying places from 2019 have been received and verified.

Ceili Team Qualification: There are no qualifying requirements for any Four Hand or Eight Hand Ceili Championship at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2022, however, teams are strongly urged to enter any team competitions at their Primary Oireachtas, where such competitions proceed.

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 31st, 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. Where an event does not meet such requirements, it has been recognised and accepted that some Regions may still want to proceed with an alternate dancing championship for that Region. However, such an event will not have qualifying status.

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Rules for Preliminary Competitions

A dancer may enter a preliminary competition if:

- a) They have not placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an Open Championship which has been judged by three or more adjudicators, in the current calendar year.
- b) They have not qualified for the World Championships or are a current medal holder
- c) They have not won a Preliminary Championship in that calendar year.

A dancer who wins a Preliminary Championship may not compete in a Preliminary Championship for the remainder of the calendar year. They may enter a Preliminary championship in the next year providing they comply with the above rules.

A dancer who wins a Preliminary Championship may not dance those dances in Mean Grád for the remainder of the calendar year.

Preliminary championships may be run as a 'stand alone' competition or be incorporated into the Open Championship.

All dancers entering competitions in Leinster must comply with these rules.

Effective from 1st April 2011