

# Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann 2019

As the 2019 Championship approaches we would ask teachers to share the information below with their dancers and attendees to assist in a successful and happy event for all.

## **Family Fee**

Normal door entry fees have already been paid at time of entry and therefore, no additional door fee will be due on the day. This system is being continued to encourage people to attend the event on days other than when their own child is dancing and experience the wonderful performances of other dancers. A full complement of security will be on duty at both venues for the duration of the Championships.

## **Programmes**

Staff will be present at both venues to sell programmes at €15 each. Teachers can collect their complementary copies from the same locations. The desk in the INEC will be open between 2pm and 6pm on Saturday, 16th February for programme sales. On all other days, programme sales will be open in both venues at 7:00am until 30 minutes after the final rounds of the day commence.

## **Dancer Packs**

These will be available at the venue where **the dancer will compete** either from the CLRG office located in the Eagle's Nest adjacent to the shop, or in the foyer area of the Great Southern Hotel. In addition, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February only, all dancer packs for the week may be collected from the CLRG office in the Eagle's Nest of the Gleneagle Hotel between 2:00pm and 6:00pm. Thereafter all packs for dancers competing in the Great Southern Hotel will be available in the Great Southern Hotel only! We would ask all competitors to collect their numbers ahead of time to avoid queues and unnecessary stress. The opening times will be from 2:00pm till 6:00pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and then 7:00am till 4:00pm on all other days.

## **Shuttle Bus**

A frequent complementary Shuttle Bus service will be available from Monday to Friday between the INEC and the Great Southern Hotel. A 15 minute service will start at 6:30am each morning for 2 hours. This will reduce to a 30 minute service during the day and then increase again back to 15 minute intervals when the dancing/awards are finishing in the Great Southern Hotel. Timetables will be displayed at both venues.

## **First Aid**

The Order of Malta will be on duty for the duration of the event and situated in the foyer of both venues.

## **Draw of Adjudicator Panels**

The draw for adjudicators will be done on stage each evening for the following day.

## **Practise Area**

This is located in the Mangerton Suite and will be available from 2pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February until the conclusion of competitions. There will also be a warm up area available in the Great Southern Hotels from 7am on all days that competitions are being held there.

## **Recalls and Awards**

Please refer to the schedule as to where and when results will be announced. All dancers must be ready and in full costume and black light shoes at least 30minutes prior to published times. Results will not be delayed for dancers that are not ready to collect prizes when announced. Please note that solo results may be announced in a different location to the overall Championship results which will be announced in the INEC.

## **Solo Recalls**

All dancers recalled must perform their step on the right and left foot. Moreover teachers should ensure that solo recall performances must not start prior to bar 1. Starting on the 8<sup>th</sup> bar of the performance of the dancer before will be regarded as a wrong start and adjudicated accordingly. Dancers **must** start their recall step from the designated line at the back of the stage.

## **Results**

Normal paper results **will not** be available this year. All results will be published on the dedicated web page shortly after the solo championship result has been announced. The results will be found under the **'Results'** tab in the top right hand corner of [www.clrg.ie](http://www.clrg.ie). An Coimisiún has arranged free internet service throughout the venue to facilitate this. One paper copy will be displayed in the INEC foyer post event for people with no access to the internet.

## **Gaeilge**

An Coimisiún will be continuing on with the wonderful promotion of Gaeilge started last year for Bliann na Gaeilge. Everyone is encouraged to participate in and fully embrace the many events that will run alongside the championships. Pop up Gaeltacht spots with games and language sessions will be present. All are encouraged to try a word or two 'as Gaeilge' even if it is only "Fáilte" or Slán". All dancers will be further encouraged to try to say their number, name and speed of set dance in Irish when collecting their dancer packs. Please keep an eye on the CLRG website for more announcements in regards to this project. Learning a few words will be a lot of fun and teachers are encouraged to support this and lead the way by demonstrating their own enthusiasm for the language. In addition there will be subsidised rates for Tea and Coffee during certain times if patrons can ask for them 'as Gaeilge'. There is something for everyone!

## **Teachers Hospitality**

Munster teachers have very kindly agreed to provide this for all registered teachers and adjudicators and will be located on the first floor of the INEC. Due to a very heavy schedule, there will be no Teacher's Reception this year.

## **Qualifiers for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne**

A facility to accept entries for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2019 will be available for any dancer who qualifies at Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann. Dancers **must** submit their names at the All-Ireland Championships and fees may follow within 7 days if they are not available at the time. Only entries from dancers qualifying at the All-Ireland 2019 will be accepted via this facility. Entries will be collected at the CLRG office in the Gleneagle Hotel.

## **Honourees**

Our honourees for Oireachtas Rince na hÉireann are Roisin and Anthony Nolan. Their presentation will take place in the INEC immediately before the first results on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February. We hope that everyone will show their appreciation for the lifetime of dedication that Roisin and Anthony have given to Irish Dancing, our culture and language.

## **Sports and Energy Drinks**

An Coimisiún is concerned about the high level of such drinks being given to dancers and the effect it is having on their young bodies as evidenced by the number of competitors being sick side stage and during performances. Please avoid if possible.

## **Return of Trophies**

All trophies **must** be returned side stage to the office of Seán Fegan in time for the appropriate 2019 presentation. Trophies **will not be accepted** at either the CLRG office or at any of the information desks. All trophies will be fully inspected by the trophy officer on their return.

## **Second Hand Costume Facility**

There is no second hand costume facility at the venue. The hanging of costumes within the venue for private sale is strictly prohibited.

## **Vendors**

Vendors will be located in the INEC next to the main hall. A full list of confirmed vendors will be available on the CLRG website shortly.

Wishing everyone a very safe and trouble free journey to Killarney and the 2019 Championships.

*James McPutcheon*

Chairman – Coiste Oireachtas