



Midlands Regional Council
Comhairle Lar na Breataine

Oireachtas Rince Lar Na Breataine

Friday 20th, Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd November 2026

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

Adjudicators: -

Bernadine Cresham-Ball - ADCRG – *Mayo, Ireland*

Deborah Whelan - ADCRG – *London, England*

Eileen McLaughlin - ADCRG – *Glasgow, Scotland*

Claire McDermott-Crouch – ADCRG – *Cavan, Ireland*

Christina Ryan-Kilcoyne - ADCRG – *Pennsylvania, USA*

Musicians:-

Dean Crouch – *Cavan, Ireland*

Aidan O'Neill – *London, England*

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Enquiries to: **Declan McHale** TCRG - MRC Secretary

Kevin McCarron ADCRG – MRC Chairperson

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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, 2nd 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 23rd October 2026 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** Entry forms can be downloaded from 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.

Age Group	Dances	Recall
Under 5 Mixed	Reel (32 Bars) and Hop Jig (32 Bars)	No Recall
Under 6 Girls	Reel (40 Bars) and Light Jig (40 Bars) or Hop Jig (40 Bars)	No Recall
Under 7 Girls	Reel (40 Bars) and Light Jig (40 Bars) or Hop Jig (40 Bars)	No Recall
Under 7 Boys	Reel (40 Bars) and Light Jig (40 Bars) or Hop Jig (40 Bars)	No Recall
Under 8 Girls	Reel (40 Bars) and Heavy Jig (40 Bars)	Traditional Set Dance
Under 9 Girls	Reel (40 Bars) and Heavy Jig (40 Bars)	Traditional Set Dance
Under 9 Boys	Reel (40 Bars) and Heavy Jig (40 Bars)	Traditional Set Dance

Age Groups U10 upwards (Qualifying age groups) incorporating MRC PRELIM CHAMP – U10 to U15 inclusive, these competitions will commence with HEAVY DANCE

Age Group	Dances
Girls U10	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Jig Set Dance
Girls U11	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Slip Jig (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Girls U12	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Girls U13	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Slip Jig (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Girls U14	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Girls U15	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Slip Jig (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Girls U16	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Ladies U17	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Slip Jig (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Ladies U18	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Ladies U19	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Slip Jig (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Ladies U20	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Ladies U22	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Slip Jig (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Senior Ladies	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Slip Jig (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Boys U10	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Jig Set Dance
Boys U11	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Reel (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Boys U12	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Boys U13	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Reel (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Boys U14	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Boys U15	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Reel (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Boys U16	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Men U17	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Reel (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Men U18	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Men U19	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Reel (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Men U20	Hornpipe (40 Bars) / Reel (48 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice
Senior Men	Heavy Jig (48 Bars) / Reel (40 Bars) & Open Set Dance of choice

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.

Team Dance	Age	Category	Category2
Ceili	Under 8	Girls	Mixed
Four Hands	Under 10	Girls	
	Under 12	Girls	
	Under 15	Girls	
	Over 15	Girls	
Ceili (World Qualifying)	Under 10	Girls (WQ)	Mixed (WQ)
	Under 12	Girls (WQ)	Mixed (WQ)
	Under 15	Girls (WQ)	Mixed (WQ)
	Under 18	Ladies (WQ)	-
	Senior	Ladies (WQ)	Mixed (WQ)
	Adult Ceili	-	-
Four Hands (World Qualifying)	Under 10		Mixed (WQ)
	Under 12		Mixed (WQ)
	Under 15		Mixed (WQ)
	Over 15		Mixed (WQ)

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 will be allowed to compete in any eight-hand Ceili Championship either in their own age group or an older age group – please note that this will only be allowed at our Midlands Oireachtas and NOT at the World Championships 2027.
- Adult Ceili must perform any 8 Hand Ceili from Ar Rince Ceili. Adult Ceili members must be 18 or older, who have not competed during the previous five (5) years, except as an adult level dancer (Beginner or Advanced).

OIREACHTAS RULES

- 2026 World medal holders and qualifiers from this year's secondary qualifying must compete at Oireachtas Rince Lar Na Breataine 2026 to be eligible to compete at the World Championships 2027 unless they can provide certified Doctor's Note to the Secretary of the Midlands Regional Council in advance of Oireachtas Rince Lar Na Breataine 2026.
- 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

MRC PRELIM CHAMP RULES – NEW FOR 2026

This competition is unique to the Midlands Oireachtas.

PLEASE NOTE - Results of this competition will be over the 3 rounds - Heavy Round, Light Round and Set Dance Round.

Competitor Eligibility Rules

A competitor is not eligible to compete if any of the following conditions apply:

- They have won two Preliminary Championships (with 6 or more competitors) during the previous two years.
- They have won three Preliminary Championships (regardless of the number of competitors) during the previous two years.
- They placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in an Open Championship with UP TO 20 competitors during the previous year.
- They placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th in an Open Championship with MORE THAN 20 competitors during the previous year.
- They qualified for and competed in Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne during the previous year. **Exception: This rule does not apply where the dancer automatically qualified at their Regional or National Oireachtas due to insufficient competitors.**

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.

Accommodation & Parking

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

Bookings only via Email: reservations@hiairport.co.uk

Booking Reference Code – **Dance 26**

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 open to all from **Monday 5th October 2026**, and the Rate will close on **Thursday 22nd October 2026**

*****Car Parking - New for 2026*****

Car parking will be charged at £7.50 per day per car for day visitors and £12.00 per car per night for overnight visitors.