

**Secondary Qualifying for Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2019**

*The North West Teachers & Adjudicators Association in conjunction with NWRC is proud to announce*

# *29th British National Championships*

*Friday 31st August to Sunday 2nd September 2018*



*Southport Theatre & Convention Centre  
The Promenade, Southport, PR9 0DZ*

## *Adjudicators - Moltóiri*

Anthony Costello	ADCRG	Munster
Brian Geraghty	ADCRG	Connacht
Dara O'Shea-Delap	ADCRG	Scotland
Dermot Cullen	ADCRG	SE Region
Edward Searle	ADCRG	Mid-America
Elaine Kavanagh	ADCRG	Leinster
Gavin Doherty	ADCRG	Ulster
Michelle Higgins-Wyse	ADCRG	Munster
Peter Boylan	ADCRG	Ulster

## *Musicians - Ceoltóiri*

Brian O'Sullivan	Scotland
Dean Crouch	England
Francis Ward	Ireland
Gerry Conlon	Scotland
Martin Daly	Scotland
Seamus O'Sullivan	Scotland

**Cláráithe leis An Choimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha**



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### **TEACHER ENQUIRIES:**

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### **ENTRY FEES**

SOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS	£50 PER DANCER
CEILI CHAMPIONSHIPS (£80.00 PER TEAM)	£10 PER DANCER
FAMILY MAXIMUM ( siblings ONLY)	£150.00

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES IS MONDAY 25th JUNE 2018**

### **DOOR ENTRY**

- 1 DAY ENTRY IS £15.00 PER ADULT - £5.00 FOR CONCESSIONS
- 2 DAY ENTRY IS £25.00 PER ADULT - £5.00 FOR CONCESSIONS
- 3 DAY ENTRY IS £35.00 PER ADULT - £5.00 FOR CONCESSIONS

### **CONTACT INFORMATION & SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS**

**General Email enquiries:** [enquiries@britishnationals.com](mailto:enquiries@britishnationals.com)

**Entry Enquiries:** [desilke648@icloud.com](mailto:desilke648@icloud.com)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/britishnationalchampionships](http://www.facebook.com/britishnationalchampionships)

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/BN\\_Champs](http://www.twitter.com/BN_Champs)

**Website:** [www.britishnationals.com](http://www.britishnationals.com)

**Syllabus and Entry Pack :** [www.instepfm.com/bn2018.html](http://www.instepfm.com/bn2018.html)

## **2018 BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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## REQUIRED DANCES

CODE	NAME	YEAR OF BIRTH	ENTRY FEE	R1	R2	R3
7 M	U7 MIXED	2011	£50.00	REEL	SINGLE JIG	LIGHT JIG
8 G	U 8 GIRLS	2010	£50.00	REEL	HEAVY JIG	TRAD SET
9 G	U 9 GIRLS	2009	£50.00	REEL	HEAVY JIG	TRAD SET
10 G	U 10 GIRLS	2008	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	JIG SET
11 G	U 11 GIRLS	2007	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
12 G	U 12 GIRLS	2006	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
13 G	U 13 GIRLS	2005	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
14 G	U 14 GIRLS	2004	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
15 G	U 15 GIRLS	2003	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
16 G	U 16 GIRLS	2002	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
17 G	U 17 GIRLS	2001	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
18 L	U 18 LADIES	2000	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
19 L	U 19 LADIES	1999	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
20 L	U 20 LADIES	1998	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
22 L	20 & U22 LADIES	1997 & 1996	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
SL	OVER 22 LADIES	1995 OR EARLIER	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	SLIP JIG	OPEN SET
8 B	U 8 BOYS	2010	£50.00	REEL	HEAVY JIG	TRAD SET
9 B	U 9 BOYS	2009	£50.00	REEL	HEAVY JIG	TRAD SET
10 B	U 10 BOYS	2008	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	JIG SET
11 B	U 11 BOYS	2007	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	REEL	OPEN SET
12 B	U 12 BOYS	2006	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
13 B	U 13 BOYS	2005	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	REEL	OPEN SET
14 B	U 14 BOYS	2004	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
15 B	U 15 BOYS	2003	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	REEL	OPEN SET
16 B	U 16 BOYS	2002	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
17 B	U 17 BOYS	2001	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	REEL	OPEN SET
18 M	U 18 MEN	2000	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
19 M	U 19 MEN	1999	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	REEL	OPEN SET
20 M	U 20 MEN	1998	£50.00	HORNSPIPE	REEL	OPEN SET
SM	OVER 20 MEN	1997 OR EARLIER	£50.00	HEAVY JIG	REEL	OPEN SET

**CEILI AGE GROUPS (£80.00 PER TEAM) - U10 - U12 - U15 - U18 Ladies - O18 Ladies - O15 Mixed - Ceili dances to be taken from Ár Rinci Ceili - PART A OR PART B MAY BE DANCED.**

**FAMILY MAXIMUM (siblings ONLY) - £150.00**

**BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - FRIDAY 31ST AUGUST TO SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2018**  
**PROVISIONAL DAYS - SUBJECT TO ENTRIES**

**BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - FRIDAY 31st AUGUST 2018**

**UNDER 7 MIXED**  
**UNDER 9 BOYS & GIRLS**  
**UNDER 10 BOYS & GIRLS**  
**UNDER 11 BOYS & GIRLS**  
**UNDER 12 BOYS**  
**UNDER 13 BOYS & GIRLS**

**BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2018**

**UNDER 8 BOYS & GIRLS**  
**UNDER 14 BOYS & GIRLS**  
**UNDER 15 BOYS**  
**UNDER 16 BOYS & GIRLS**  
**UNDER 17 BOYS & GIRLS**  
**UNDER 18 MEN**  
**UNDER 19 MEN**  
**UNDER 20 MEN**  
**SENIOR MEN OVER 20**  
**UNDER 10 GIRLS & MIXED CEILI**  
**UNDER 12 GIRLS & MIXED CEILI**  
**UNDER 15 GIRLS & MIXED CEILI**

**BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2018**

**UNDER 12 GIRLS**  
**UNDER 15 GIRLS**  
**UNDER 18 LADIES**  
**UNDER 19 LADIES**  
**UNDER 20 LADIES**  
**UNDER 22 LADIES**  
**SENIOR LADIES OVER 22**  
**UNDER 18 LADIES CEILI**  
**OVER 18 LADIES CEILI**  
**OVER 15 MIXED CEILI**

**CHANGES TO PROVSIONAL DAYS MAY OCCUR SUBJECT TO ENTRIES RECEIVED**

**PLEASE CHECK [WWW.INSTEPFM.COM](http://WWW.INSTEPFM.COM) FOR FINAL TIMETABLE PUBLICATION ON 31st JULY 2018**

### Lodgement of Entries

- 1 The website for lodgement of entries is - [www.instepfm.com](http://www.instepfm.com). The website provides clear instructions on how to complete the ENTRY process. All entries must be lodged through this website and full payment made by the closing date of Monday 25th June 2018 or 9th July 2018 for entries with double fees.
- 2 Late entries will be accepted between 26th June 2018 and 9th July 2018 (postmarked) at double the normal entry fee. **NOTE: No entries whatsoever will be taken if postmarked after 9th July 2018.**
- 3 Following lodgement through the website, an email confirming all entries submitted and the total fee payable will immediately be sent to the teacher.
- 4 Payment must be received postmarked no later than 25th June 2018 for normal fees to apply. Failure to complete this procedure within the deadline will result in double fees being required to be paid for all entrants.
- 5 Payment must be sent to – Des Silke, 133 Hatfeild Mead, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5PG
- 6 Entries received after the final date will be treated as late and not accepted.
- 7 Members need to be aware that once entries are 'SUBMITTED' online they need to pay the amount on the confirmation email. If the amount on the confirmation email is not fully paid entries will not be accepted. There will be a facility to pay direct into the British National Championships bank account - this information will be provided with the confirmation of Entry.
- 8 It is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure that the entry as submitted on line is correct. When the confirmation email is received, names and dates of birth must be carefully checked. Spellings etc. as submitted by the teacher will be that which appears in the official programme.
- 9 Incomplete entries will not be accepted. All dancers' names for both solo and ceili entries must be submitted by the closing date.
- 10 No refunds will be made for any entry money received.
- 11 ALL entries are to be paid by Sterling cheque or banker's draft, and only **ONE** cheque will be allowed per school entered. Further entries will be subject to a £10 administration fee per cheque, which must be submitted at the time of payment. It is the responsibility of the submitting teacher to ensure that funds are available to cover all cheques. Cheque to be made payable to "BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS."
- 12 Should a cheque be refused by the bank, BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ORGANISERS retain the right to refuse the entire entry and/or charge an administration fee of £10 to cover extra bank charges.



## 2018 BRITISH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - RULES OF THE COMPETITION

- 1** A dancer's age group will be determined as from 1st January 2018
- 2** Entries will only be accepted from dancing teachers registered with An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha for the year 2017/2018 only.
- 3** The adjudicators' decision is final. Only members of the North West Teachers Association and those officially assisting them in the running of the championships may approach the adjudicators during competitions.
- 4** Complaints will only be accepted from registered teachers, in writing, and must be accompanied by a fee of £50.00, which may be refunded if the North West Teachers Association upholds said objection.
- 5** Teachers are advised that all details required on the entry forms must be completed. Entry forms received in contravention of this rule will be returned.
- 6** All competitors must be ready to dance 30 minutes prior to the published time. They must also report to the stage stewards promptly and dance in the prescribed order. Failure to report in time to dance in order will lead to disqualification. Competitors are strongly advised to check the timetable for last-minute changes to times or halls, both leading up to the event and on the day of competition.
- 7** In all rounds, the minimum speeds of music as laid down by An Coimisiún will apply.
- 8** The recall in solo championships will be as follows –
  - \* Under 7, 8 & 9 – 100% Recall
  - \* From Under 10 upwards - 50% recall of the number of dancers entered up to a maximum of 50 competitors.
  - \* NW Teachers Association reserve the right to amend this percentage
- 9** The onus of ensuring that the stage steward is informed of the correct name and metronomic speed of the nominated open set dance will rest with the competitor.
  - \* An incorrect metronomic speed submitted for an open set dance can only be changed prior to the commencement of the open set dance round.
  - \* Introduction to open set dances will be played only once and no alteration in that speed of music will be permitted.
  - \* Should a competitor commence dancing to an incorrect metronomic speed submitted to the stage steward then that competitor must continue to dance at that speed as no further opportunity of tempo change will be afforded.
- 10** In the event of a mishap on stage, e.g. a heel or shoe coming off, the dancer should retire to the back of the stage and remain there, allowing the other dancer(s) to continue with their performance. If a dancer fails to comply with this direction and leaves the stage, then he/she will be deemed to have failed to complete the round and will be eliminated from the championship
- 11** Should a dancer fall and the stage situation be that he/she inhibits the performance or safety of other dancers on stage, the bell will be rung and the group will be permitted to dance again. Should the fall happen in the last 16 bars of the dance then the dancer/s will be required to redance the last 16 bars only.
- 12** If a competitor sustains injury or illness during the course of a competition, and the organisers have reason to believe that such an illness or injury could be exacerbated by continued participation, he/she will be advised to retire from the competition. If this advice is ignored, then prior to continuation, the dancer (or in the case of a child or young person (5 to 17 years) an appropriate adult) will be required to sign a disclaimer form, which will be retained in the event of a possible future enquiry.
- 13** Any competitors found to be using artificial carriage aids will be requested to remove same. In the case of refusal, disqualification will follow. In the case of medical apparatus, this will be permitted upon the production of a letter from a medical practitioner or other documentary evidence in support, to prove authenticity and the requirement for the aid to be used or worn.

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- 14 Any form of unauthorised photography which has the capability of capturing 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 during competitions. Photographs taken at awards ceremonies are permitted. However, these must be for your own use, and not for public display purposes unless permission has been obtained
- 15 The rules of An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha as regards standards of dress must be adhered to in public areas of the venue; discretion must be exerted when dancers are changing for competitions. Changing areas will be provided.
- 16 Dancers taking part in results ceremonies will not be permitted to go onto stage to receive any award unless in full costume and wearing **black dance shoes**.
- 17 All dancers deserve the same respect and ovation on completion of their performance. Excessive and unique verbal celebrations will not be tolerated on completion of a performance.
- 18 All cups and shields are perpetual awards. These are the responsibility of the holder for the relevant year, who is responsible for loss and any damage not previously reported. Such cups and shields must be returned in good time for the corresponding competitions this year.
- 19 With respect to team competitions, please refer to the rules in the An Coimisiún syllabus for Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2018.
- 20 The North West Teachers Association have made every effort to ensure that the stages constructed for the championships are of the correct specification in design and structure, taking into account health and safety issues. All stages are covered with Harlequin flooring. By entering the championships, competitors accept this statement, and neither the North West Teachers Association or Southport Theatre & Convention Centre can be held liable for any incident or event which could not be reasonably foreseen.
- 21 In the event of a dispute not covered by any of the rules of these championship, reference will be made to the Rules of An Coimisiún, appertaining to the issue or matter in dispute.

### Performance related rules.

- 22 In all heavy dances the lead-round must be danced on both right and left feet.
- 23 Competitors will dance the following :  
U7 - 40 bars in reel, single jig and light jig (all 3 dances must be danced) U8 & U9 - 40 bars in reel and 40 bars in heavy jig and Traditional Set Dance (all 3 dances must be danced).  
U10 – Senior - 48 bars in the reel and heavy Jig, 40 bars in the slip jig and hornpipe
- 26 A dancer who fails to dance or complete rounds one or two of a championship will receive ZERO marks from all Adjudicators for that round, and will not feature in the recall. Where there is 100% recall the competitor will be allowed to dance the third round as a courtesy, but will not appear in the final result. This includes competitors who do not complete the correct amount of bars by starting either before or after the 8 bar introduction.
- 27 A competitor who fails to dance or complete the open set dance round will receive ZERO marks from all championship adjudicators for that round and will not appear in the final result. This includes Competitors who begin to dance before or after the stipulated set dance introductory bars of music.

### General Conduct

- 28 Your attention is drawn to the legal position with regard to smoking in public places or buildings in England. Southport Theatre and Convention Centre is designated as such a public place, and smoking is therefore forbidden in all parts of the building. It is further recommended that hair spray and similar cosmetic or hygienic spray substances should not be used in the public area(s) within the venue.
- 29 In the event of unacceptable behaviour in the venue on the part of any member of the Irish dancing community, for the duration of the Championships, Southport Theatre and Convention Centre management reserve the right to deal with those who are responsible in accordance with their policies appertaining to such situations. The North West Teachers Association will support such action with regard to unacceptable behaviour.

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Base Hotel: Ramada Plaza Southport, The Promenade, Southport, PR9 ODZ

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## Vendors

To be advised

## Tabulation

Des Silke of Instep Feis Management will be in attendance and will be providing a full championship results service.

## Recall information

There will be a 100% Recall in the Under 7 Mixed Championship, Under 8 Boys and Girls and Under 9 Boys and Girls Open Championships. From Under 10 upwards there will be a 100% recall if 20 dancers or less, 50% recall if there are 21 or more dancers.

## Travel Information - Airports

Liverpool, John Lennon Airport L24 1YD is 32 miles from the venue.

Manchester Airport M90 1QX is 45 miles from the venue (Direct Trains to Southport from the airport).

## Travel Information - Train Station

Nearest train station is Southport, PR8 1BE which is 1 mile from the venue. There is a taxi rank at the station.