



2020 VICTORIAN CEILI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Registered with AIDA Inc and An Coimisiún Le Rince Gaelacha
Ceili Championships

Saturday 22nd August 2020

Registration Number 36/20

- Venue:** Casey Grammar
Performing Arts Centre
3 New Holland Drive, Cranbourne.
- Adjudicators:** Fiona Moore ADCRG
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- Ages:** as at 1 January 2020
- Entries to:** Mary Kilmurray TMRF: marykil2@hotmail.com
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- Entries close:** **8.00pm Friday 17th July 2020**
- Entry Fee:** CEILI CHAMPIONSHIP - \$10.00 per dance per Dancer.
- Admission Fee:** \$30.00 per family

CEILI SYLLABUS

1. Dancers may enter a maximum of 5 Ceili Sections (Four Hand, Six Hand and Eight Hand) One Progressive Dance plus Own Choreography 2, 3, 4 Hand and Figure Dance sections.
2. There is no limit to the number of teams per school.

Under 8	Walls of Limerick Girls (64 Bars), Walls of Limerick Mixed (64 Bars) Eight Hand Girls, Eight Hand Mixed – Choice of Figure
Under 10	Four Hand Reel Girls (Second Figure), Four Hand Reel Mixed (Second Figure) Eight Hand Girls, Eight Hand Mixed – Choice of Figure Six Hand Girls, Six Hand Mixed Two Hands (48 Bars 2 at a time on stage to open music speed 113 combined Girls & Mixed) Three Hand (48 Bars 2 at a time on stage to open music speed 113 combined Girls & Mixed)
Under 12	Four Hand Reel Girls (Second Figure), Four Hand Reel Mixed (Second Figure) Eight Hand Girls, Eight Hand Mixed – Choice of Figure Six Hand Girls, Six Hand Mixed Two Hand (48 Bars 2 at a time on stage to open music speed 113 combined Girls & Mixed) Three Hand Girls, Three Hand Mixed (Maximum 96 Bars) Under 12 Progressive Dance Walls of Limerick (3 rounds 96 Bars) Junior Figure Dance (Under 12)
Under 15	Humours of Bandon Girls (Second Figure), Humours of Bandon Mixed (Second Figure) Eight Hand Girls, Eight Hand Mixed – Choice of Figure Six Hand Girls, Six Hand Mixed Two Hand Girls, Two Hand Mixed (Maximum 72 Bars) Three Hand (48 Bars 2 at a time on stage to open music speed 113 combined Girls & Mixed) Own Choreography Four Hand Jig (48 Bars one at a time to Jig 116 combined Girls & Mixed) Intermediate Progressive Dance – Rince Fada (3 rounds 96Bars) Intermediate Figure Dance (Under 15)
Under 18	Four Hand Reel Girls (First Figure), Four Hand Reel Mixed (First Figure) Eight Hand Girls, Eight Hand Mixed – Choice of Figure
Open Age	Humours of Bandon Girls (First Figure), Humours of Bandon Mixed (First Figure) Eight Hand Girls, Eight Hand Mixed - Choice of Figure Six Hand Girls, Six Hand Mixed Two Hand (48 Bars 2 at a time on stage to open music speed 113 combined Girls & Mixed) Three Hand (48 Bars 2 at a time on stage to open music speed 113 combined Girls & Mixed) Senior Progressive Dance (16 & Over) – Harvest Time Jig (2 rounds, (128 bars) Own Choreography Four Hand Jig Girls (Maximum 96 Bars) Own Choreography Four Hand Jig Mixed (Maximum 96 Bars) Senior Figure Dance (Open Age)

Ceilí Dancing Championships Rules and Directives

1. These rules and directives must be read in conjunction with the general rules and other relevant sections of this syllabus. Please note that some rules for the Victorian Ceili Championships vary from those pertaining to the Australian Championships.
2. The full name of each team member must be listed on the official entry team list and submitted by the official closing date of entries. Any subsequent changes must be notified in writing to the Organising Committee.
3. All Ceilí teams entered as Teams A B C etc. must dance in the position in which they are balloted and the composition of the whole team cannot be changed after the entry has been submitted.
4. A dancer must not be a member of more than one team in the same competition except in the case of an unforeseen emergency and then only with the consent of the Organising Committee.
5. An emergency is defined as an event which happens either within 7 days immediately preceding, or during the course of the Championships. A formal application must be made in writing to the Organising Committee, and medical emergencies must be accompanied by a medical certificate. In the event of an unforeseen emergency, the acceptance of the written application will be determined by the Organising Committee.
6. If a team presents to marshalling and is not the team as listed on the entries; where no official notification of change has been received by the Organising Committee, the team will be permitted to dance but will not appear in the official result.
7. Apart from the variations described below, dances must be performed in accordance with the latest edition of *Ár Rincí Céilí*, unless otherwise indicated in the directive on ceilí dances published by CLRG. Movements and figures must be performed in the order specified and the dancers must move in the manner stipulated. Where neither *Ar Rincí Céilí* nor the directive specifies how a particular movement should be performed, the teacher may use his/her discretion with regard to interpretations. Unnecessary embellishments must be avoided.
8. In the case of mixed teams, the mixed component must dance the figure.
9. For the purpose of the Victorian Championships Part A and Part B of the stipulated 8 Hand dances (other than the **Sweets of May**, **Gates of Derry**, **Lannigan's Ball** and **The Three Tunes**) will be as follows:

Dance	Part A	Part B
Morris Reel	Lead Around, Body and 1st Figure (Tops only)	Lead Around, Body and 2nd Figure (Tops only)
Cross Reel	As above	As above
Eight-hand Reel	As above	As above
Eight-hand Jig	As above	As above
Trip to the Cottage	Lead Around, Body and 1st Figure (1st Tops only)	Lead Around, Body and 2nd Figure (Tops only)
High Cauled Cap	Lead Around, Body and 1st Figure (1st Tops only)	Lead Around, Body and 2nd Figure (1st Tops only)
St. Patrick's Day	Lead Around, Body and 1st Figure (Tops only)	Lead Around, Body and 2nd Figure (Tops only)

- For the purposes of these Championships:
 - **The Gates of Derry** and **Lannigan's Ball** will be regarded as eight hand dances.
 - In the case of **The Sweets of May**, teams will perform the dance from the beginning up to and including the 3rd Figure
 - In the case of **The Gates of Derry** teams will dance from the beginning up to and including the 'swing around' of the 1st repeat of the dance
 - In the case of **Lannigan's Ball** teams will perform the full dance
 - In the case of **The Three Tunes** teams will perform the dance from the beginning up to and including the **Hook and Chain**

10. A team in a competition for Ceili, own choreography or figure dancing may include dancers who are under the age limit stipulated for the competition subject to conditions 11 – 15.
11. A teacher may include a number of dancers not exceeding 50% of a Ceilí team or 50% of a figure team without seeking prior permission, but must inform the competition organisers in writing prior to the competition and furnish the names of the underage dancers.
12. Where the number of under aged dancers allowed dance in the higher age group exceeds 50% in ceilí or 50% in figure, only 50% in Ceilí or 50% in figure may also compete in teams in the lower age group.
13. The members of a team must be the pupils of the same school.
14. Up to 50% of a girls' team competing in a girls' Ceilí championship may also dance across in a competition for mixed teams.
15. Maximum number of Ceilí championships in which a dancer can take part is five (5) whether in one or more age groups. (This does not include Progressive Dance, Own Choreography & Figure Dance sections)
16. Directives of CLRG for Ceilí dancing will apply. Refer to the 2018 World Syllabus. For the purposes of the Victorian Championships, in a mixed Ceili team, any number of boys will be allowed as long as it does not exceed 50% of the team.

Own Choreography Championships Rules and Directives

Own Choreography Reel in Couples (2Hand) Under 15

Dance must comprise a maximum 72 bars (not including introduction) of Reel music.

1. No story allowed, either read or sung.
2. Inappropriate, offensive, provocative, violent or explicit sexual content must not be included.
3. Must be performed in team costume.
4. Teachers are permitted to use pre-recorded accompaniment for Choreography Sections. Where a team opts to use pre-recorded accompaniment, the teacher must comply with all rules pertaining to same.
5. The number of teams per school is unlimited in either mixed, girls or both.
6. Each team member should dance continuously for the duration of the dance.
7. Pauses found in Ceilí dancing permitted.
8. Steps are permitted if desired.
9. Dancers may (up to 50%) dance in both a girls and a mixed team.
10. Where a teacher has insufficient dancers within an age group, a maximum of 50% of underage dancers may be included in a team.
11. Dance must be performed in soft shoes.

NOTE: All other age groups will dance 48 bars. Other rules above (with the exception of Rule 10) still apply.

Own Choreography Three Hand Under 12

Dance must comprise of a maximum of 96 bars (not including the introduction) of Reel music.

1. No story allowed, either read or sung.
2. Inappropriate, offensive, provocative, violent or explicit sexual content must not be included.
3. Must be performed in team costume.
4. Teachers are permitted to use pre-recorded accompaniment for Choreography Sections. Where a team opts to use pre-recorded accompaniment, the teacher must comply with all rules pertaining to same.
5. The number of teams per school is unlimited in either mixed, girls or both.
6. Each team member should dance continuously for the duration of the dance.
7. Pauses found in ceílí dancing permitted.
8. Steps are permitted if desired.
9. Dancers may (1 in 3) dance in both a girls and a mixed team.
10. Where a teacher has insufficient dancers within an age group, a maximum of 50% (1 in 3 for 3 Hand) of underage dancers may be included in a team.
11. Dance must be performed in soft shoes.

NOTE: All other age groups will dance 48 bars. Other rules above (with the exception of Rule 10) still apply.

Own Choreography Four Hand Open Age

Dance must not exceed 96 bars of music, not including introduction.

1. Dance must be in 6/8 timing – jig.
2. No story allowed either read or sung.
3. Inappropriate, offensive, provocative, violent or explicit sexual content must not be included.
4. Must be performed in team costume.
5. Teachers are permitted to use pre-recorded accompaniment for Choreography Sections. Where a team opts to use pre-recorded accompaniment, the teacher must comply with all rules pertaining to same.
6. The number of teams per school is unlimited, in either mixed or girls sections or both.
7. Each team member should dance continuously for the duration of the dance.
8. Pauses found in ceílí dancing permitted.
9. Steps are permitted.
10. Dancers may (up to 50%) dance in both a girls and a mixed team.
11. Where a teacher has insufficient dancers within an age group, a maximum of 50% of underage dancers may be included in a team.
12. Dance must be performed in soft shoes.

NOTE: All other age groups will dance 48 bars. Other rules above (with the exception of Rule 11) still apply

Figure Dancing Championships Rules and Directives

1. These rules and directions must be read in conjunction with the general rules and other relevant sections of this syllabus and those contained in the 2018 World Syllabus.
2. Every dance must be capable of being performed on a stage not greater than 30' x 30' i.e. 9.14m X 9.14m.
3. Each team must consist of no fewer than eight (8) dancers and not more than sixteen (16) dancers.
4. Dance must be performed in team costume.
5. Each dance must portray by movements an Irish theme or item.
6. Basic steps found in *Ár Rincí Céilí* are strongly recommended. **Solo dancing steps are not permitted as part of a Figure Dance.**
7. Each team member must be on stage from the commencement of the dance and shall dance continuously for the duration of the dance except where, to emphasise a figure, short pauses for up to 4 bars may be permitted.
8. Where an entire team pauses to emphasise a figure etc. the pause must not exceed four bars of music. Pauses for longer than 4 bars by some team members are allowed (as in ceili dancing) if other team members continue to dance.
9. Teachers are required to submit an account of their dance prior to the commencement of the competition. This account must not exceed 200 words. Please note that a 'word' is two or more letters.
10. Where a team opts to use pre-recorded accompaniment, the teacher must comply with all rules pertaining to same.
11. A dance must not exceed 4 minutes duration from the beginning to end of the dance. All music will be strictly timed.
12. Each dance will be timed and the timing will commence from the start of the music playing and finish when the music stops. Additional music will be permitted for walk offs.
13. Only Irish music or music of related ethnic origin in 2/4, 4/4, 6/8 or 9/8 time, or a combination of those times will be permitted. Any change of music must be for at least 16 bars.
14. The arrangements for musical accompaniment are set out below.
15. There is no restriction on hand movements and hand claps are permitted.
16. Elements to be considered in a team's performance include:
 - a. Portrayal of story through Dance;
 - b. Figure Content;
 - c. Footwork and execution;
 - d. Teamwork and Presentation.
17. Directives from An Coimisiún as contained in the World Syllabus 2017 will apply.
18. Stance and body movement must be performed with modesty in mind.
19. The throwing of a dancer or any form of acrobatics including, but not limited to somersaults, backward and forward rolls, handstands etc. are strictly prohibited.
20. The story will be read prior to each team's performance and no music will be permitted while the story is being read.
21. The members of a team must be members of the same dancing school.

Choreography and Figure Dancing Championships: Musical Rights

Where a team opts to use pre-recorded accompaniment, it is imperative that the person submitting music for use as accompaniment for a Choreography or Figure Dance either, owns all rights to the music, or has been licensed to use the music for the purpose of a stage performance.