

RE: OIREACHTAS RINCE ULADH 2021

Although restrictions are due to be eased further before the event is held, the members of An Comhairle have decided on the following.

N.B. The hotel management and/or Failte Ireland reserve the right to impose additional restrictions for our event, if they feel it necessary. Teachers will be advised immediately if there are any changes.

- Masks must be worn for all persons over 12 years of age.
- A signed letter from a doctor will be required to be exempt from wearing a mask.
- Dancers over 12 years must wear a mask up to side of stage, which must be disposed of before they dance. They then will collect a new mask (provided by An Comhairle) when leaving stage.
- There is no admission charge, but wristbands will be required for all adults and will be colour coded for each section.
- Admission for each session will commence 30 minutes before the competition.
- Only **one adult** will be admitted with each competing dancer and they will only be admitted in the session that dancer is competing in.
- Teachers will also require a wristband too and will receive a programme, both of which will be available at the admission desk.
- There will be an admission desk inside Finn Suite in Jacksons, but it will be outside Cappry Suite in Villa Rose Hotel.

- Teachers may apply to comhairleuladh@gmail.com for Assistant Teachers (who must be actively teaching in the class) to be supplied with a wristband. The application must be received by Friday 22nd October and must include name of persons and proof of their vetting clearance and proof of having completed a safeguarding children course.
- A waiver must be submitted by all persons at admission desk. A copy of waiver form is attached and we ask if this can please be completed in advance to save time. Dancers / parents will also receive:
 - a) Wristband to admit one adult
 - b) Programme
 - c) Competitor Number
 - d) Sanitising wipe to clean their chair.
- Wristbands, Programmes and Competitor Numbers will also be available the night before each dancer's competition from 7pm – 8pm ONLY, from the Pyramid Suite in Jacksons Hotel. N.B. Lost wristbands and programmes will not be replaced.
- Please note that Wristbands are non-transferable.
- Under no circumstances will programmes or numbers be given to persons not present.

Other Important Information

- Fauna Gille is unable to adjudicate the Oireachtas and has been replaced by Alan Scariff, Galway.
- The front 2 rows in both halls will be reserved for registered teachers only – no spouses, partners, children will be permitted.
- Stages in both halls will be 36' x 24'.

- Championships will commence and finish in same hall. On completion of results, all competitors and their parent / guardian should leave the hall.
- All championships will commence with heavy round and will commence with girls where there are separate boys and girls championships.
- All dancers will dance in twos, except for Set Dance.
- If a dancer performs the incorrect version of St. Patrick's Day, they will not be allowed back to perform O'Keefe version.
- Dancers may 'warm up' before their competition in the Pyramid Suite in Jacksons Hotel. This is for both venues as there is no facility in Villa Rose Hotel and dancers may only avail of this facility on the day of their competition,
- Official Vendors will be in The Pyramid Suite.
- There will be a 100% recall in all championships.
- An Comhairle understand that some dancers may not wish to perform a Set Dance. It is acceptable if a dancer just wishes to perform the first two rounds only.
- In order to facilitate dancers who may have entered so they can avail of a Priomh Comortas, there will be a Preliminary Result of each championship. This will be for those ages that would normally have a Priomh Comortas, i.e. Under 10 to Under 16 years, where there is a minimum of 5 dancers eligible.
- The Prelim Result will be taken from first two rounds and Set Dance is optional. Rules will be as per current rules of Comhairle Uladh for Preliminary Championship. Dancers must:

- a) never previously won an Open Championship judged by 3 or more adjudicators,
 - b) never previously won more than three preliminary championships judged by 3 or more adjudicators
 - c) not have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in either current or previous year.
- Teachers must register any dancers for Prelim (who were eligible on 13th September) via email to ulsterentries@gmail.com, **no later than Friday 8th October.**
 - In the event that a dancer who is eligible to dance prelim, qualifies on the day, they will be eliminated from the Prelim Result.
 - Results will be displayed on screen as in previous years, but this will be in BOTH halls.
 - The breakdown of championship results will be available on www.comhairleuladh.com no later than 9pm each day.
 - Perpetual cups must be returned to Room 5 (situated in the walkway on 1st floor between Finn Suite and main hotel) on Thursday night, between 6pm & 8pm.
 - No dancing will be permitted on floor beneath stairs beside Finn Suite.
 - Teachers Room will be Room 3 in Jacksons Hotel, (situated in the walkway on 1st floor between Finn Suite and main hotel)
 - The draw for adjudicators will take place each morning on stage in Finn Suite. 8.15am.

- Note of Concern and Advice to All Teachers and Parents whose Dancers are competing at Oireachtas Rince Uladh:

The Council would like to express their concerns regarding the increase of persons that are advertising their businesses and charging commercial rates for preparing dancers with make-up and wig dressing for competitions, especially as this can be conducted in bedrooms and not in the public domain. For the Safety of the Children and in accordance to Child Protection, persons dealing with children and vulnerable adults should have appropriate vetting and public liability insurance available if requested.

The hotel will not permit the above in public areas of the hotel.

- Please take note of the following rules:

Costume Length: 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 (commonly known as black-out attire) black tights (of a denier less than 70) must be worn from the age of 14 and above. Effective date: 1st February, 2020.

As a point of clarification, this rule is not limited to just body suits but also to tops/ blouses and skirts/shorts of all colours and is in effect from the 14-15 age group upwards.

Make-up (including false eyelashes and face-tan) is not be permitted for dancers, up to and including the Under 10 age group.

- If there are any more ads, these should be sent to janey@eircom.net by Friday 8th October.

- There are a few spare rooms in Jacksons hotel. As agreed with hotel management, please email any interest names and contact details to comhairleuladh@gmail.com, asap and we will pass same on to hotel.