The Southern England Regional Council

Presents the
Southern England Oireachtas

To be held on
Thursday 5th to Sunday 8th November 2015
(Dancing will commence at 4pm on 5th November 2015)

Broxbourne Civic Hall
High Street, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, EN11 8BE

ADJUDICATORS
Fiona Kidd – Midlands
Steven Brunning – Midlands
Phoebe O’Donoghue – Leinster
Mona Ni Rodaigh – Ulster
Byron Tuttle – Mid West USA

MUSICIANS
Dean Crouch & TBC

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www.sercweb.com
DEAR TEACHERS, PARENTS AND DANCERS

On behalf of the Southern England Regional Council I am delighted to present the Syllabus for this year’s Southern England Oireachtas, to be held in the Broxbourne Civic Hall 5th to 8th November 2015, the qualifying event for the 2016 World Championships, to take place in Glasgow, Scotland.

This year, I am extremely pleased to announce that we are again holding the extremely popular Belt (Traditional Set Dance) competitions; the Perpetual Belt is in honour of Charley Smyth TCRG (RIP) a Teacher, of renown in London from the 1940s and onwards, as well as the nominee this year, for the 2015 Memorial Belt, being Sheila McAleer ADCRG (RIP), who was not only a teacher and adjudicator, but a feis musician for many years in the Region.

I offer a warm welcome to our Adjudicators who will be working hard over the 4 days of competitions, and our wonderful musicians.

Also it is the right time for me to thank my colleagues on the Southern England Regional Council for their commitment and hard work over this weekend.

Go raibh maith agaibh go leir

Many thanks to you all

Seán Hennigan
Chairman
Southern England Regional Council

OIREACHTAS BELT COMPETITIONS

The SHEILA MCALEER MEMORIAL BELT COMPETITION 2015
Under 12 years (Mixed) Traditional Set Dance Competition (any dance)

The CHARLEY SMYTH PERPETUAL BELT COMPETITION 2015
Over 12 years (Mixed) Traditional Set Dance Competition (any dance)

The Southern England Regional Council invites all teachers to consider entering dancers for this competition.
This competition will be judged by the panel of 5 adjudicators.

These competitions generated a great deal of interest last year, and are back again at this year’s Oireachtas. We hope as many schools as possible will enter their dancers for these important competitions, which honour the roots of Irish dancing in our region.
ENTRY FEES

All Solo Championships (Under 6, 7, 8 & 9) - £30.00
All Solo Championships (Under 10 Upwards Including Trophy Result) - £35.00
Ceili - £5 per dancer
Belt Competition (Traditional Set) - £5 per dancer
Family fee: £60 (2 dancers) £85 (3 or more dancers)

Please note that entry fees include one full set of free marks per dancer for all solo championships and one set of free marks per team in ceili championships. Additional sets of marks can be purchased at £5.00 per set.

Door entry will be pay on the day (wristbands) and is not pre-admission.
One-Day Admission - £6.00 per person
Weekend Admission - £18.00 per person

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – 12th OCTOBER 2015.

Late entries will be accepted between 12th to 19th October 2015 (postmarked) at double the normal entry fee. NOTE: No entries whatsoever will be taken if postmarked after 19th October 2015.

Lodgement of Entries - Please Read Carefully

1) The website for lodgement of entries is - www.instepfm.com. The website provides clear instructions on how to complete the lodgement process. All entries must be lodged through this website and full payment made by the deadline of 12th October 2015 or 19th October for entries with double fees. No entries can be lodged after this date.

2) Following lodgement through the website, an email confirming all entries submitted and the total fee payable will immediately be sent to the teacher.

3) Payment must be received postmarked no later than 12th October 2015 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.

4) Payment must be sent to – Des Silke, 133 Hatfeild Mead, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5PG. Cheques must be made payable to SERC.

5) Entries received after the final date will be treated as late and not accepted.

6) 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

7) 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.

8) Incomplete entries will not be accepted. All dancers’ names for both solo and ceili entries must be submitted by the closing date of 12th October 2015 (or 19th October 2015).
9) No refunds will be made for any entry money received.

IMPORTANT: ALL entries are to be paid by cheque 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.

Should a cheque be refused by the bank, SERC retain the right to refuse the entire entry and/or charge an administration fee of £10 to cover extra bank charges.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR ENTRY CLEARLY DETAILS AND IDENTIFIES EACH PUPIL WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY INTO THE TROPHY COMPETITION BY MARKING THE APPROPRIATE COLUMN ON THE ENTRY FORM – SEE RULE 17

Closing Date for entries is 12\(^{th}\) October 2015 (postmarked) or 19\(^{th}\) October 2015 (double entry fees apply).

All entries must be made online at: [www.instepfm.com](http://www.instepfm.com)

Payments must be sent to:

Des Silke, 133 Hatfeild Mead, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5PG

## AGE GROUPS & DANCES

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**TEACHERS AND DANCERS PLEASE NOTE**

THE HEAVY ROUND WILL BE DANCED FIRST IN ALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

THERE WILL BE 100% RECALL IN UNDER 6, 7, 8 & 9

Please see Rule 18 for details on number of bars to be danced.
Southern England Oireachtas 2015 Rules

1. Ages to be taken from 1st January 2015.
2. Lodgement of entries implies that you acknowledge and will abide by all of the rules with regards to qualification that are contained in the An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha syllabus for the Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2016, and those of the Southern England Regional Council.
3. Entries will only be accepted from schools registered with An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha for the year 2015 / 2016.
4. Dancers should have with them any recognised form of Identification (valid passport or birth certificate) in the event of a query as to their age group.
5. A panel of 5 adjudicators will judge all championships.
6. All decisions, subject to rulings contained herein, of the adjudicators are FINAL.
7. The Southern England Regional Council accepts no liability for loss or damage to personal property.
8. No EATING or DRINKING in the hall, except in defined catering areas.
9. Any form of unauthorised Photography or Digital Recording which has the capability to capture 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 in competition. 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.
10. Objections against any breach of the rules must be made to the Oireachtas Chairperson, by registered teachers only in writing and signed, within one hour of the alleged breach. A fee of £25.00, which will be refunded if the objection is upheld, must accompany objections.
11. 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.
12. In all heavy dances the lead round must be danced on both RIGHT and LEFT feet.
13. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children at all times whilst attending the Oireachtas and will be liable for any damage caused to the venue.
14. An Coimisiún has ruled that each year, no block, en pointe, stationary or moving be allowed to be performed for all ages up to and including the under 12 age group worldwide. The under 12-age group will be allowed to toe walk from 1st September 2014.
15. Coaching from the auditorium is not permitted.
16. All of the dancers deserve the same respect and ovation on completion of their performance. Excessive and unique audible/verbal celebrations upon completion of a performance will not be tolerated. This rule does not apply to presentations.
17. A dancer is only eligible to enter the trophy section of an Oireachtas championship if they have not been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an open championship from 1st January in the previous year or within the current year. If there were 5 or fewer dancers in the open championship result, the dancer will still be eligible to the trophy section of an Oireachtas championship. A dancer is not eligible to enter the trophy section of an Oireachtas championship if they are a current medal holder from Oireachtas Na Cruinne. If a dancer wins preliminary championship within the current feis year, commencing 1st January 2015, they are no longer eligible to enter the trophy section of an Oireachtas championship and until December 31st of the following year.
Dancers performing the reel and jig will dance to 48 bars of music. Dancers performing the slip jig and hornpipe will dance to 40 bars of music. Dancers in Competition 1 & 2 will dance 48 bars in Reel and 40 bars in light jig and 40 bars in single jig (all 3 dances must be danced). Dancers in Competition 3, 4, 17 & 18 will dance 48 bars in Reel and 40 bars in heavy jig. Failure to compete the stipulated bars of music for the dance will lead to disqualification. In all rounds, the minimum speeds of music as laid down by An Coimisiún will apply.

In order to comply with the health and safety measures, all dancers lining up side stage prior to any round of a competition will be required to perform the simple exercise of raising arms to shoulder level unhindered. If unable to do this due to costume stitching or any arm attachments by the time of their rotation they will not be permitted to perform.

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 towards the end of the dance then the dancer will be required to re-dance the last 16 bars only.

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.

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.

All recalled dancers will be placed. ALL competitors will receive a certificate indicating their participation in the championships.

With respect to team competitions, please refer to the rules in the An Coimisiún syllabus for Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2016.

All members of ceili and figure teams must be from the same dancing school.

All ceili championship teams are required to perform a dance taken from Ar Rince Ceili. It is the choice of the teacher as to whether Part A or B is performed. Teams will dance to the end of first tops.

Dancers taking part in results ceremonies will not be permitted to go onto stage to receive any award unless in full costume and wearing the correct dance footwear.

The Southern England Regional Council 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 Centre Management nor the Southern England Regional Council can be held liable for any incident or event, which could not be reasonably foreseen.

Your attention is drawn to the legal position with regard to smoking in public places or buildings in England. The 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.

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.

All competitors must practice in the areas designated as such in the venue.

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.

33 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.

34 Make-up Rules (4.5 in CLRG Rule Book) 4.5.2 Make-up (including false eyelashes) is not permitted for dancers, in either solo or team competitions, up to and including the Under 10 age group. For the purposes of this rule the term "Make-up" includes tinted moisturiser and any artificial tanning products. An Coimisiún hopes that teachers and parents will interpret and apply this rule in the spirit in which it is intended.
DIRECTIONS TO BROXBOURNE CIVIC HALL

FROM THE M25

Leave the M25 at Junction 25. Take the A10 towards Hertford and Cambridge. Leave the A10 at the Broxbourne exit. Follow the signs for Broxbourne and you will be on a dual carriageway. At the first roundabout turn left onto High Street Wormley, which will become High Street Hoddesdon. Continue until you see a police station on your left hand side. Broxbourne Civic Hall will be signposted. It is the first left turn after the police station.

BY TRAIN

Broxbourne Station has a regular service to London's Liverpool Street. There is a Taxi rank at the station and the venue is less than a five minute journey.

TAXI - MINICAB NUMBERS

BROXBOURNE STATION CARS- TEL: 01992 464007
RSM CARS - TEL: 01992 444444
SOVEREIGN CARS - TEL: 01992 444543

There is a free car park next to the venue and the local restaurants are within walking distance.

BASE HOTEL

The SERC have agreed negotiated rates for our base hotel for the Oireachtas 2015.

The base hotel is:

Marriott – Cheshunt
Halfhide Lane
Broxbourne
EN10 6NG

Telephone – 01992 451 245

Bed & Breakfast Rate - £79.00 per room per night

Quote when booking – (Irish Dancing)
Provisional Days of Competition

The following are the provisional days of competition for each age group. Please note that this is not the running order on the day. The SERC reserve the right to amend these provisional days if necessary but will only do so under extreme circumstances and with advance notice.

**Southern England Regional Oireachtas 2015 Provisional Days**

- **Thursday 5th November – Start Time 4pm**
  - 7 & U8 Boys & Girls Championship (4pm Start)
  - 8 & U9 Boys & Girls Championship
  - 16 & U17 Boys & Girls Championship

- **Friday 6th November – Start Time 8am**
  - 9 & U10 Boys & Girls Championship
  - 10 & U11 Boys & Girls Championship
  - 11 & U12 Boys & Girls Championship
  - U12 Belt Competition
  - 14 & U15 Boys & Girls Championship

- **Saturday 7th November – Start Time 8am**
  - 12 & U13 Boys & Girls Championship
  - 13 & U14 Boys & Girls Championship
  - U15 Girls & Mixed Ceili Championship
  - 15 & U16 Boys & Girls Championship
  - 15-18 Girls Ceili Championship
  - Senior Ladies & Mixed Ceili Championship

- **Sunday 8th November – Start Time 8.30am**
  - 5 & U6 Mixed Championship
  - 6 & U7 Mixed Championship
  - U10 Girls & Mixed Ceili Championship
  - U12 Girls & Mixed Ceili Championships
  - 17 & U18 Men & Ladies Championship
  - 18 & U19 Men & Ladies Championship
  - 19 & U20 Men & Ladies Championship
  - Senior Men & Ladies Championship
  - Over 12 Belt Competition

**Parade of Champions**