

**COMHAIRLE LAIGHEAN**  
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**OIREACHTAS**  
**RINCE LAIGHEAN**



**IRISH DANCING**  
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# OIREACHTAS RINCE LAIGHEAN 2025

Cláraithe leis an Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha



DATA: 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> November 2025

IONAD: Scientology Centre, Dublin

MOLTÓIRÍ:  
Alan Scariff - Connacht  
Carol Leavy Joyce - Ulster  
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Aaron Crosbie - England  
Casey Costello - Canada

CEOLTÓIRÍ: Paul O'Donnell Co. Antrim  
Kevin Joyce Co. Louth

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| TÁILLÍ IONTRÁLA: | Craobh Chomórtaisí (qualifying ages)       | € 65.00 |
|                  | Championship and Prelim Championship       | € 65.00 |
|                  | Craobh Chomórtaisí (U7 – U9)               | € 50.00 |
|                  | Prelim Championship (2 rounds only)        | € 50.00 |
|                  | Under 6 (2 rounds only)                    | € 20.00 |
|                  | Craobh Foirne agus Céilí                   | € 10.00 |
|                  | Maximum Family Fee (excluding team dances) | €170.00 |

IONTRÁLAITHE  
CHUIG: Entries for Oireachtas Rince Laighean will be online via [www.entrytable.ie](http://www.entrytable.ie) The website will be open for entries from **Monday the 15th of September** and will close on **Thursday the 2nd of October**. ***All entry fees MUST be paid online at time of entry.*** Teachers and/or individual parents will have the facility to submit the online entry and payment.

EOLAS: All enquires to the comhairle secretary, Audrey Bermingham.  
[comhairlelaigheanclrg@gmail.com](mailto:comhairlelaigheanclrg@gmail.com)

## Comhairle Laighean

A chairde,

Cuireann sé an-áthas orm, mar Cathaoirleach Chomhairle Laighean, ár mionchlár d'Oireachas Rince Laighean 2025, a fhógairt.

Beidh muid ag cheiliúradh deireadh seachtaine, de scoith na rince, in san Aonad Eoleolaíochta, í mBaile Átha Chliath, ón 7ú -9ú, mí na Samhna 2025. Seo ceann de na príomh ócáidí, is taitneamhach sa féillire rince anseo í gcúige Laighean.

Mar sin, ar son Comhairle laighean, cuirimid fearradh na fáilte roimh óg 's aosta, sult a bhaint as táipeantais suantasach damhsa ón ár rinceoirí réigiúnach.

It is the responsibility of all teachers to ensure that all dancers entered are resident in Leinster. This will be strictly adhered to.

There will be a preliminary championship in both girls and boys competitions from under 9 to under 18. Entry is subject to the Preliminary Championship Rule for Ireland. Result will be based on rounds one and two of the competition.

We will again be having no recall in our championships with all dancers being offered the opportunity to perform their set dance. Round three for preliminary dancers is optional.

Please ensure to include a dancer in prelim when entering. The responsibility is on the person doing the entry to include prelim for each dancer eligible. We will not be in a position to re-tabulate results once they have been announced. Results will be made available at the end of each day online.

We are using the online entry system via [www.entrytable.ie](http://www.entrytable.ie) for our entries. Hopefully everyone is familiar with the system and it should cause no problems. The team at Entry Table are more than happy to assist with any issues. Please note that all entries submitted online must be paid for. If anyone has a problem entering teams then you can email [entrytableireland@gmail.com](mailto:entrytableireland@gmail.com) for assistance. Please pay fee's as normal for each child then you can claim back for family fee. The Comhairle Laighean have decided to leave entry fee the same as 2024.

We are delighted to welcome back FEIS TV at our event. We are excited for the world to be able to tune in and see how wonderful our region really is.

Admission will be €10 per day, €25 for three days and €5 per day for OAP's. Assistant teachers will be €10 for the four days. We are really excited to have the much loved printed programme for this years event. The programme will include a full list of competitors (with numbers) and all essential information for the weekend. These can be pre ordered at [leinsteririshdance.ie](http://leinsteririshdance.ie).

I'd like to wish all the dancers representing Leinster the very best of luck. Here's to another amazing Oireachtas where lot's of happy memories are made.

I look forward to seeing you all in November.

Owen Joe McAuley

Cathaoirleach - Chairperson  
Comhairle Laighean an CLRG

## Craobhacha Cáilithe - Qualifying Championships

**Please note: There will be NO recall - Set may be in any timing  
(except for U/10 competitions where set dance must be in 6/8 time)**

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|-----|------------|-------------|---|
| 1.  | Fir Sinsir | Os Cionn 20 | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 2.  | Fir Soisir | 19 – 20     | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 3.  | Fir Soisir | 18-19       | Cor & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach                           |
| 4.  | Buachaillí | 17 – 18     | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 5.  | Buachaillí | 16 – 17     | Cor & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach                           |
| 6.  | Buachaillí | 15 – 16     | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 7.  | Buachaillí | 14 – 15     | Cor & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach                           |
| 8.  | Buachaillí | 13 – 14     | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 9.  | Buachaillí | 12 – 13     | Cor & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach                           |
| 10. | Buachaillí | 11 – 12     | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 11. | Buachaillí | 10 – 11     | Cor & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach                           |
| 12. | Buachaillí | 9 – 10      | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach <b><u>(6/8 Time)</u></b> |
| 13. | Mná Sinsir | Os Cionn 22 | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 14. | Mna Sinsir | 20 – 22     | Port Luascadh & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach                 |
| 15. | Mná Soisir | 19 – 20     | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 16. | Mna Soisir | 18 – 19     | Port Luascadh & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach                 |
| 17. | Cailíní    | 17 - 18     | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 18. | Cailíní    | 16 – 17     | Port Luascadh & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach                 |
| 19. | Cailíní    | 15 – 16     | Cor & Cornphiopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 20. | Cailíní    | 14 – 15     | Port Luascadh & Port Trom                                       |

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|     |         |         | 1 Rince Leithleach  |
| 21. | Cailíní | 13 – 14 | Cor & Cornphíopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 22. | Cailíní | 12 – 13 | Port Luascadh & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach                 |
| 23. | Cailíní | 11 – 12 | Cor & Cornphíopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach                          |
| 24. | Cailíní | 10 – 11 | Port Luascadh & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach                 |
| 25. | Cailíní | 9 - 10  | Cor & Cornphíopa<br>1 Rince Leithleach <b><u>(6/8 Time)</u></b> |

## **Craobhacha Neamh-Cháilithe - Non Qualifying Championships**

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|-----|----------------------|--------|--|
| 26. | Buachailli           | 8 - 9  | Cor & Port Trom<br>1 Rince Leithleach Tradisiúnta on liosta do Chomórtas                   |
| 27. | Buachailli           | 7 - 8  | Cor agus Port Trom nó Cornphíopa.<br>1 Rince Leithleach Tradisiúnta ón liosta do Chomórtas |
| 28. | Cailini              | 8 - 9  | Cor agus Port Trom nó Cornphíopa.<br>1 Rince Leithleach Tradisiúnta ón liosta do Chomórtas |
| 29. | Cailini              | 7 - 8  | Cor agus Port Trom.<br>1 Rince Leithleach Tradisiúnta ón liosta do Chomórtas               |
| 30. | Buachailli & Cailini | Faoi 7 | Cor, Port Singil, Port   |
| 31. | Buachailli & Cailini | Faoi 6 | Cor, Port Éadrom   |

## **Craobhacha sa Rince Céilí agus Foirne**

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| 32. | Faoi 10     | Craobh Rince Céilí (Meascaithe)              | <u>Ceann amháin de na Rinci seo leanas :</u>   |
| 33. | Faoi 10     | Craobh Rince Ceilí (Cailíní)                 | Rince Ochtair amháin as Ar Rinci Ceilí.<br>Any eight-hand dance from Ar Rinci Ceilí. |
| 34. | Faoi 12     | Craobh Rince Céilí (Meascaithe)              | <u>Ceann amháin de na Rinci seo leanas:</u>  |
| 35. | Faoi 12     | Craobh Rince Céilí (Cailíní)                 | Rince Ochtair amháin as Ar Rinci Ceilí.<br>Any eight-hand dance from Ar Rinci Ceilí. |
| 36. | 12 - 15     | Craobh Rince Céilí (Meascaithe)              | <u>Ceann amháin de na rince seo :</u>  |
| 37. | 12 - 15     | Craobh Rince Céilí (Cailíní)                 | Rince Ochtair amháin as Ar Rinci Ceilí.<br>Any eight-hand dance from Ar Rinci Ceilí. |
| 38. | 15 - 18     | Craobh Rince Céilí (Cailíní)                 |  |
| 39. | Os Cionn 15 | Craobh Rince Céilí (Meascaithe)              | <u>Ceann amháin de na rince seo</u>  |
| 40. | Os Cionn 18 | Craobh Rince Céilí (Cailíní)                 | Rince Ochtair amháin as Ar Rinci Ceilí.<br>Any eight-hand dance from Ar Rinci Ceilí. |
| 41. | Faoi 12     | Craobh Rince Foirne Mionúr                   | Rince Foirne Amháin  |
| 42. | 12 – 15     | Craobh Rince Foirne Soisir                   | Rince Foirne Amháin  |
| 43. | Os Cionn 15 | Craobh Rince Foirne Sinsir                   | Rince Foirne Amháin  |
| 44. | 7-10        | Fo Mhionuir Craobh Rince Ceathair (Measctha) | <u>Ceann amháin de na rince seo</u>  |
| 45. | 10-12       | Craobh Rince Ceathair (Meascaithe)           | 4 Hand Reel/Hunours of Bandon  |
| 46. | 12-15       | Craobh Rince Ceathair (Meascaithe)           |  |
| 47. | Os Cionn 15 | Craobh Rince Ceathair (Meascaithe)           |  |

- **All teams must dance in numerical order**
- **In all team competitions, dances must be in accordance with Ar Rinci Foirne and the regulations laid down by An Coimisiun le Rinci Gaelacha.**
- **No dancer can dance twice in the same competition.**
- **All Teams will dance Part B**
- **Please note that the Three Tunes is now danced from the beginning up to and including ‘The Hook and Chain’.**

## **RIALACHA**

1. All dancers resident in the province of Leinster (excluding Louth), who wish to participate in Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2026 must compete at Oireachtas Rince Laighean 2025. Dancers who have attained medal-winning places at Oireachtas Rince Na Cruinne 2025 and compete in the relevant qualifying championship at Oireachtas Rince Laighean 2025 will be deemed qualified thereby.
2. It is the responsibility of teachers to ensure that all dancers entered from their class are resident in Leinster. Comhairle Laighean reserve the right to ask for proof of address.
3. Qualifying for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne will be determined as follows:
4. All Competitions except Number 1
  - i. Five qualifiers from the first twenty or part of twenty competitors who participate in the appropriate championship plus one additional qualifier for ten or part of ten competitors thereafter.
- b) Competition 1
  - i. Seven qualifiers from the first twenty or part of twenty competitors who participate in the appropriate championship plus one additional qualifier for five or part of five competitors thereafter.

### **5. Age Limits**

- a) The age of a competitor shall be taken as on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

### **6. Age Concessions**

- a) A teacher may include in a team, a number of dancers not exceeding 25% who are under the stipulated age without seeking prior permission provided the names of such dancers are included with the entry. These dancers may also compete in their own age group in either a mixed or unmixed team, but not in both. Such dancers may compete in both mixed and unmixed teams in the higher age group but cannot then also compete in their own age group.
- b) b. A teacher may include in a team more than 25% under age dancers provided that:
  - The permission of the Comhairle is obtained and the names of under age dancers are furnished with the application.
  - The number of dancers does not exceed 75% of the team, and
  - Not more than **50%** also compete in lower age group.

### **7. Céilí and Figure Dancing**

- a) No dancer may compete in more than **three** Céilí Championships at the Oireachtas.
- b) No dancer may be a member of more than one team in any one competition.
- c) In the case of Céilí and Figure Dance Competitions teams must compete in the area where the majority reside or in a 50/50 split, the teacher chooses the area. Details of all team members not resident in Leinster must be forwarded with entries.

8. In the case of Céilí Championships and subsidiary team competitions, girls who are members of mixed teams may also take part in unmixed competitions.
9. In order for a teacher to be eligible to enter teams in Céilí Championships in a particular age group at Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne 2025 at least the same number of teams taught by that teacher must compete at Oireachtas Rince Laighean 2025. This rule will apply to all age groups and to mixed and unmixed teams although the teams need not consist of the same eight dancers.
10. In the case of Qualifying Championships competitors will dance for 48 Bars of music in the Reel and Jig and for 40 Bars in the Slip Jig and Hornpipe. Qualifying Championships will all commence with the Heavy Dance Round. Dancers who do not present themselves for competitions immediately when they are called may forfeit their chance to compete. Dancers must dance in accordance with the numerical system decided by Comhairle Laighean.
  - a) In all championships **ALL** dancers will perform one light dance and one heavy dance and one set dance. All Set Dances must be on the list of authorised Set dances. **There will be no recall.**
11. All solo competitions are confined to dancers resident in Leinster (excluding Louth).
12. A dancer who fails to complete one of the dances in the first two rounds will not appear in the third round.
13. With regard to toe movements, no block, en pointe, stationary or moving is allowed to be performed for all ages up to under 12. Dancers who compete under 13 from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 may perform en pointe movements from September 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.
14. In all competitions all competitors will perform their set dances. A dancer who fails to complete all three rounds of a championship cannot appear in a medal winning position.
15. In the case of set dances, introductions will be played only once and a dancer must set his/her speed during the one playing. Where a metronome is used, no variation of the speed of the music will be permitted once dancing is due to commence. The onus of ensuring that the stage steward is informed of the correct name and metronomic speed of the set dance will rest with the dancer. Should a dancer submit an incorrect metronomic speed to the stage steward and commence dancing at that speed, then the dancer must continue to dance at this speed as no further opportunity of tempo change will be afforded.
16. In all competitions, competitors must commence their dance in the first two rounds from the designated starting points. In the set dance round a competitor may choose his/her starting point.
17. Should a dancer lose a heel or a complete shoe or their lace opens, he or she must stand back allowing the other dancer where applicable to continue dancing uninhibited. In such a case the dancer concerned will be permitted to re-dance as soon as it is deemed practicable by the stage steward. An Comhairle will, as far as is practicable, provide a stage surface suitable for dancing. However, An Comhairle cannot accept any liability for injuries sustained while on stage. The lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be acceptance of this provision by a dancer.
18. Should a dancer fall on stage, the adjudicator must ring the bell to stop the performance of the dancer(s). Should a majority of the adjudicator panel so decide, dancers so affected will be



permitted to re-dance. Should, in the opinion of the stage steward, having obtained medical advice if necessary, a dancer be unfit to re-dance, and if such dancers insist on his or her right to do so then the dancer concerned will only be permitted to re-dance on completion of a declaration form exonerating An Comhairle from any liability for the consequences. Any repeat accident or incident which results in that dancer being unable to complete the required number of bars in any round will result in the dancer withdrawing without question from the championship.

19. All dancers should be shown the same level of respect. Exaggerated cheering or whistling for individual dancers or teams after their performance is not permitted.
20. Make-Up (including false eyelashes and face tan) will not be permitted for all age groups up to and including Under 10.
21. Length of costume 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 wear black tights (of a denier not less than 70 percent) in order to continue in the competition. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator, all adjudicators on the panel must agree to asking the dancer to wear tights.
22. Appropriate undergarments covering the midriff must be worn. Undergarments must provide full coverage. Dancers wearing undergarments that do not cover these areas of the body will be asked to put on black tights of a denier of not less than 70%. This is monitored by the adjudicator. For competitions adjudicated by a panel of more than one adjudicator all adjudicator on the panel must agree to ask the dancer to put on tights.
23. Teachers are requested to impress upon pupils that changing costumes, dressing and undressing of dancers will not be acceptable in the halls or public areas. For the sake of modesty and in the interests of safety to young people, dancers will not be permitted to walk around the feis scantily dressed.
24. By entering Oireachtas Rince Laighean dancers consent to being photographed and to be included in the filming of footage documenting the event on official comhairle media.
25. The Child Protection Designated Liason Officer for the Leinster Region is Órla NicConuladh. If you have any concerns for any child's safety at the event, please contact her via [Dlpleinster@gmail.com](mailto:Dlpleinster@gmail.com).
26. In any situation not covered by these rules, the rules for qualification from the syllabus of Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne will apply.

# Comhairle Laighean

## PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP RULE FOR IRELAND

EFFECTIVE FROM 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2022

A Preliminary Championship must be adjudicated by 3 or more Adjudicators and must consist of 2 Rounds, 1 Light Round - Reel/Slip Jig, and 1 Heavy Round - Heavy Jig/Hornpipe. Preliminary Championships may run as a “stand alone” competition or may be incorporated into the Open Championship. Dancers may compete in an Open or a Preliminary Championship or both.

### RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to compete in a Preliminary Championship:

- Dancers must not have placed in the top 3 in an Open Championship judged by 3 or more adjudicators.
- Dancers must not have won a Preliminary Championship more than 2 times in the current year, **HOWEVER**, if there are 5 or less in a Preliminary competition the dancer is still eligible to compete in Preliminary Championship.
- Dancers must not have qualified for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne in the current year (2025) or previous year (2024).
- Dancers must not have recalled in the actual Championship at Oireachtas Rince na hEireann in the current year (2025) or previous year (2024).
- Dancers having won 2 Preliminary Championships may not compete in any Mean grad competition for the remainder of the year **HOWEVER**, if a dancer has won only one Preliminary Championship they may continue to compete in Mean grad (with the exception of the dances that they won the Prelim Championship with).

### EXCEPTIONS PERTAINING TO OIREACHTAS RINCE LAIGHEAN ONLY:

- Dancers who qualify for Oireachtas Rince na Cruinne where there are five dancers or less in the competition at Oireachtas Rince Laighean are exempt from this ruling. They may remain in the Preliminary Championships if they so wish.

## **FeisTV**

By entering Oireachtas Rince Laighean 2025, all dancers and/or guardians consent to Oireachtas Rince Laighean videoing, live-streaming, photographing and recording them at any time during the event, including during their performances. Videos/photos may be used by Oireachtas Rince Laighean, including but not limited to advertising and promotional materials, the [leinsteririshdance.ie](http://leinsteririshdance.ie) website and social media.