



The Southern England Regional Council Presents



# The Great Britain Championships 2010

Registered with An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha

**Butlin's Resort and Skyline Conference Centre  
Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 1JJ, England**

**Friday 15th, Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th  
and Monday 18th October 2010**

## Adjudicators

<b>Danny Doherty</b>	<b>Phoebe O'Donoghue</b>	<b>Philip Owens</b>
<b>Esther Bromley</b>	<b>Elaine Kavanagh</b>	<b>Erin Pender</b>
<b>Barbara Slater</b>	<b>Tony Ferguson</b>	<b>Kathleen Keady</b>
<b>Adrian Stewart</b>	<b>Jackie O'Leary</b>	<b>Ron Plummer</b>
<b>Maria Sweeney</b>	<b>Linda Ball Hoban</b>	<b>Brendan Brady</b>

**Closing Date for entries:  
Friday 1st August 2010 (postmarked)**

**Please send all entries to:  
The GBs Secretary  
14 Kingsford Drive  
Chelmer Village, Essex  
CM2 6YR, UK**



## **Entry fees**

**Solos £25.00 :: Ceili £5 :: Family fee £60**

Late entries will be accepted between 2nd and 9th August (postmarked) at a special rate of double the normal entry fee. NOTE: No entries whatsoever will be taken after 9th August 2010 (postmarked).

## **Entry Conditions**

All entries must be on the official entry form and signed by a teacher registered with An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha.

Entries sent by fax or email will not be accepted. It is suggested that all entries are sent by registered post. The onus of proof of posting lies solely with the teacher submitting the entries.

Entry fees must be forwarded with their respective entries. Entries that are unpaid or underpaid will not be accepted but will be returned to the senders.

Please note that ALL entries are to be paid by Sterling cheque or banker's draft, and that 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 entry.

**Further information available at  
[www.greatbritainchampionships.com](http://www.greatbritainchampionships.com)**

## **Admission to venue – Teachers, families and competitors**

Admission to the Great Britain Championships is free. However any person staying off site must pay a site facility usage fee, which is imposed by Butlins. This fee, payable at the entrance gate, per day, will be £20 adults, £12 children and £50 per family based upon 2 adults and 2 children. (This fee is not applicable to any person staying on site, where a wristband identification system will be in operation.)

However, SERC have agreed special dispensation for all competitors with regards the fee not being applicable on the day(s) of their respective competition(s). In addition, TCRG's and ADCRG's staying off site do not have to pay this fee, on any day they wish attend these Championships.

To ensure that the above dispensation is claimed please ensure that any competitor staying off site is highlighted on the official entry list. Any TCRG or ADCRG staying off site must also be advised on the official entry list.

Please note this is the only chance competitors, TCRGs and ADCRGs will have to notify SERC of their intention to stay off site. No on-line facility will be available as per last year. Therefore anyone failing to notify SERC at the time of entry will have to pay the on-site usage fee.



### Girls/Ladies Competitions

1	7 and under 8 years	born 2002	Heavy Jig/Reel and Traditional set upon recall
2	8 and under 9 years	born 2001	Heavy Jig/Reel and Traditional set upon recall
3	9 and under 10 years	born 2000	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall
4	10 and under 11 years	born 1999	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
5	11 and under 12 years	born 1998	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall
6	12 and under 13 years	born 1997	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
7	13 and under 14 years	born 1996	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall
8	14 and under 15 years	born 1995	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
9	15 and under 16 years	born 1994	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall
10	16 and under 17 years	born 1993	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
11	17 and under 18 years	born 1992	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall
12	19 and under 20 years	born 1990 or 1991	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall
13	Senior ladies over 20	born 1989 or earlier	Heavy Jig/Slip Jig and Open Set upon recall

### Boys/Gents Competitions

14	7 and under 8 years	born 2002	Heavy Jig/Reel and Traditional set upon recall
15	8 and under 9 years	born 2001	Heavy Jig/Reel and Traditional set upon recall
16	9 and under 10 years	born 2000	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
17	10 and under 11 years	born 1999	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
18	11 and under 12 years	born 1998	Heavy Jig/Reel and Open set upon recall
19	12 and under 13 years	born 1997	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
20	13 and under 14 years	born 1996	Heavy Jig/Reel and Open set upon recall
21	14 and under 15 years	born 1995	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
22	15 and under 16 years	born 1994	Heavy Jig/Reel and Open set upon recall
23	16 and under 17 years	born 1993	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
24	17 and under 18 years	born 1992	Heavy Jig/Reel and Open set upon recall
25	19 and under 20 years	born 1990 or 1991	Hornpipe/Reel and Open set upon recall
26	Senior men over 20	born 1989 or earlier	Hornpipe/Reel and Open Set upon recall



## Ceili and Figure

27	Under 10 Girls Ceili
28	Under 10 Mixed Ceili
29	Under 10 Girls Figure
30	Under 10 Mixed Figure
31	10 and under 12 Girls Ceili
32	10 and under 12 Mixed Ceili
33	10 and under 12 Girls Figure
34	10 and under 12 Mixed Figure
35	12 and under 15 Girls Ceili
36	12 and under 15 Mixed Ceili
37	12 and under 15 Girls Figure
38	12 and under 15 Mixed Figure
39	Over 15 Girls Ceili
40	Over 15 Mixed Ceili
41	Over 15 Girls Figure
42	Over 15 Mixed Figure
43	Adult Ceili Championship

**Please note:**  
**the HEAVY round will be danced**  
**FIRST in all championships.**



## Competition Rules

1. A dancer's age group will be determined as from **1st January 2010**.
2. Entries will only be accepted from dancing teachers registered with An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha for the year 2010/2011
3. Dancers must be open grade or at least intermediate grade for the prescribed dances to be performed in their age group for these Championships. In case of doubt, clarification of attainment will be sought from their home Regional Councils.
4. 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.
5. The closing date for entries is **1st AUGUST 2010**. Entries received after this date between **2nd and 9th AUGUST**, will incur a **LATE ENTRY FEE OF £25**. **Entries received AFTER 9th AUGUST will be refused**.
6. Teachers are asked to enter details of set dances and speeds. There will be a facility on the day to alter set dance names and speeds.
7. Correct fees must be submitted with each entry. Failure to comply with this stipulation will result in the entry being returned and considered void. All cheques submitted must be in Pounds Sterling and made payable to "**SOUTHERN ENGLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL**". Please note that only one cheque per school will be allowed per school entry. Further entries will be subject to a £10 administration fee.
8. The timetable will be published on **www.greatbritainchampionships.com** on Wednesday 1st September, 2010.
9. 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 may lead to disqualification.
10. 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. Failure to complete the stipulated bars of music for the dance may lead to disqualification. In all rounds, the minimum speeds of music as laid down by An Coimisiún will apply.
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. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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 (7 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.
15. Should dancers from the same school come together in the order of dance, the stage stewards will, where possible, adjust the order in accordance with an agreed format laid down by the Regional Council.
16. The draw for start numbers will be taken in the following format: 1st round start number will be drawn at random. 2nd round start number will be 1/3rd of the competition added to the first round start number. 3rd round start number will be 1/3rd of the competition added to the second round start number.
17. The recall in solo championships will be 50% of the number of dancers entered up to a maximum of 50. SERC reserve the right to amend this percentage in respect of younger, boys, and other competitions where the prescribed number of qualifiers cannot be reached.
18. All recalled dancers will be placed. ALL competitors will receive a certificate indicating their participation in the championships.



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19. For team competitions, an upward movement of under age dancers is permitted to a maximum of 50%. Where teachers are using under age dancers, the names and ages of all the team members must be shown on the entry form. Note that the minimum and maximum age groups apply in ceili and figure competitions.
20. All members of ceili and figure teams must be from the same dancing school.
21. All ceili championship teams are required to perform a dance taken from Ar Rince Fionne. 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.
22. All teams entered for competition 45 (adult ceili) must be entered in accordance with rule 2, above.
23. Members of adult ceili teams must not have competed in solo, figure or ceili competitions, at feiseanna registered under the auspices of An Coimisiún Le Rinci Gaelacha, since 1st January 2006.
24. Dancers taking part in results ceremonies will not be permitted to go onto stage to receive any award unless in full costume and wearing appropriate footwear.
25. Complaints will only be accepted from registered teachers, and must be accompanied by a fee of £25.00, which may be refunded if the Southern England Regional Council upholds said objection.
26. 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. This rule does not apply to presentations.
27. The adjudicators' decision is final. Only members of the Southern England Regional Council and those officially assisting them in the running of the championships may approach the adjudicators during competitions.
28. 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. By entering the championships, competitors accept this statement, and neither the Butlins Centre Management nor the Southern England Regional Council can be held liable for any incident or event which could not be reasonably foreseen.
29. 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.
30. Your attention is drawn to the legal position with regard to smoking in public places or buildings in England. Butlins 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.
31. 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 have been provided.
32. All competitors must practice in the areas designated as such in the venue.
33. 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.
34. 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, Butlins management reserve the right to deal with those who are responsible in accordance with their policies appertaining to such situations. The Southern England Regional Council will support such action with regard to unacceptable behaviour.
35. 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.
36. In all heavy dances the lead-round must be danced on both right and left feet.



## **Provisional Days of Competition**

The following are the provisional days of competition for each age group.

We reserve the right to amend these provisional days if necessary but will only do so under extreme circumstances.

### **FRIDAY ~ 15th October 2010**

Boys Under 8 & Under 9

Girls Under 8 & Under 9

[It is currently intended that the Friday competitions will not commence before 5pm]

### **SATURDAY ~ 16th October 2010**

All Ceili & Figure Competitions, plus Adult Ceili (a.m.)

Boys Under 11, 12, 13, 14, 20 & Senior Men

Girls Under 14, Under 20 Ladies & Senior Ladies

### **SUNDAY ~ 17th October 2010**

Boys Under 10 & Under 15

Girls Under 10, 11, 12, 13 & 15

### **MONDAY ~ 18th October 2010**

Men Under 16, 17 & 18

Ladies Under 16, 17 & 18





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