



2019 Mid-Atlantic Oireachtas



General Information

Ballrooms A, B, C & D are located on the 5th floor of the Downtown Philadelphia Marriott

The Liberty Ballroom is located on the 3rd floor, across the skywalk

The 2 front rows of chairs in the ballrooms, during competitions & awards, are reserved for TEACHERS & ADJUDICATORS

- All dancers should check in 1 hour before the competition start time. Dancers can NOT check in once the competition has started. Dancers will be asked to provide the name & speed of their set dance in case of a recall.
- Only 1 team member needs to check the team in. Please make sure you know the name of the dance & speed.
- All championship competitions will begin with Heavy shoe in Round 1, followed by Light shoe in Round 2
- Dancers MUST dance in numerical order. Dancers CAN NOT dance out of rotation. Make sure to line up 20-30 dancers before your rotation so there is no chance you will miss your place.
- **Number Check:** Dancers must go back up on stage, shortly after they compete, for a number check. This is a great opportunity for parents to take photos of dancers onstage, but please do not crowd the adjudicators.
- Recalls will be announced in the ballrooms and posted on our Facebook Page and Twitter feed. @MAROIreachtas
- All **TRADITIONAL SETS** will be danced in the Liberty Ballroom. All dancers must check in and collect their numbers 1 hour before the scheduled start time. Competitors will line up in the Independence Ballroom.
- All **4-HAND TEAMS** will dance in the Liberty Ballroom. All teams must check in 1 hour before the competition start time. Only 1 team member needs to check in & collect the number. The Stage Managers will line up the teams accordingly side stage.
- A list of dancers, that have placed in Teams & Traditional Set competitions, will be posted on our Facebook Page and Twitter account. A physical paper copy will be posted on the 4th floor near the escalators. Dancers that have placed should attend the awards presentation in Ballrooms C/D at the end of the day.
- Awards commence each night after the last competition has finished. There are 2 awards ceremonies which will run concurrently.
 - Please refrain from bringing alcohol into the awards ceremony.
 - All aisles must remain clear. Sitting on the floor will not be permitted.
 - Competitors will be called side stage prior to the announcement of results.
 - Solo Championship Awards will be announced on Stage A
 - Traditional Set & Team Awards will be announced on Stages C & D, alternating.
 - An awards order will be posted on our social media in the afternoon, each day.
 - Awards are streamed LIVE on our Facebook Page. A list of results will be posted once the first place dancers has been announced
 - Competition Marks will be posted on our webpage after all results have been announced for the evening.

Program Journal: Make sure to pick up your souvenir program on the 4th floor of the Marriott, out side Franklin Hall, for a complete list of dancers competing over the weekend. A full time schedule is also included, along with school ads and bios on honorees, adjudicators & musicians. Books will be on sale on Thursday 5:00-9:00pm, Fri 7am-9pm, Sat 7am-7pm & Sun 7am-3pm. Cost \$25 cash.

Mass: All are welcome to join in the celebration of Mass, which will take place in the Liberty Ballroom on Saturday at 5:30 pm (or after competitions have ended), and on Sunday morning at 7:00 am in the Independence Ballroom.

No Smoking: The Downtown Philadelphia Marriott is a NON-SMOKING hotel. Smoking will not be permitted in any area of the hotel.

Vendors: Please visit the vendors on the 4th floor in Franklin Hall for all your Irish Dancing (and non-Irish dance) needs! Vendors will be open on Thursday 5:00-9:00pm, Friday 5:30am—9:00pm, Saturday 5:30am—7:00pm, Sunday 5:30am—5:00pm.

The Reel Costume Shop: Located inside Franklin Hall in Room 13. Make sure to either sign in any items you are selling online before 11/26 or print the check-in form and bring it with you. This room will be staffed by volunteers and locked at the end of each day. The shop will be open Thursday 6:00-9:00pm, Friday 10:00am—6:00pm, Saturday 10:00am—6:00pm, Sunday 10:00am—12:00pm. All costumes MUST be picked up by 12:00 noon on Sunday or they will given to Lost & Found.

Lost & Found: If you lose an item, you can find it at the 5th floor Registration Desk, across from Shamrock Photo. Items will only be held by MARO until Sunday evening. After that, all lost items will be given to the hotel.

Lobby Parties: Join us for a night of dancing, singing, and fabulous music Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings in the lobby of the Marriott. Parties will begin at 9:00pm each night. Friday night's music will be provided by Ireland The Band, Saturday's band is The Coleman Brothers, and Sunday is Sean Maloney. Concession tables will be set up in the lobby for those with late night munchies. Must be 21 and older.

Practice Stage: There is a full stage for dancers to practice on in Franklin Hall Room 8.

Movie Night: Kids age 7 & older are invited to attend Movie Night on Saturday in the Independence Ballroom. Ceili dancing, games & a movie. Starts after awards and goes till 11pm. \$10 per child. Snacks available for purchase.

Oireachtas Video & Photography: Any type of photo or video recording of the competitions is prohibited by CLRG. Dancers will be disqualified if they are being photographed or recording while on stage. An Oireachtas Videos of your dancer's performance can be purchased at the Dance Bug table of the 5th floor & professional photos are available by Shamrock Photography.