



Sligo Comhaltas – Ceol an Gheimhridh

To be held in Riverstown on Saturday 2nd March 2024

*Closing date for receipt of entries is 7th February 2024. Entries in hard copy only to be delivered or sent to **Tim Mulcahy, Chairperson Sligo County Board, Keenaghan, Ballymote, Co Sligo, Post Code F56HP44**. Late entries cannot be accepted. Please read the details and complete the form fully. No fee required with form.*

Junior members of Comhaltas **under 14 years of age** are invited to consider entering a new Comhaltas competition called Ceol an Gheimhridh which is to take place in Sligo on 2nd March 2024. There are two age categories, **under 11** and **11 - 14**, as of 1st Jan 2024. Note entrants must be fully paid-up member of Comhaltas for the 2023/2024 branch year to enter.

To enter the competitions contact your local branch secretary for entry form details or download from the website at sligocountyfleadh.ie.

Competitions are as follows:

- Reed (Button Accordion, Piano Accordion, Concertina, Pipes)
- Wind (Whistle and Flute)
- Strings (Fiddle, Banjo, Mandolin, Harp)
- Duets (2 melodic instruments)
- Quartettes (4 melodic instruments)
- English Singing
- Irish Singing
- Recitation of a Poem
- Storytelling
- Céilí Dancing (4 Hand/6 Hand/8 Hand Ladies & Mixed)
- Set Dancing
- Mixed Polka Sets
- Sean Nós dancing
- Céilí Band (u14 may have up to 2 musicians u17 allowed)

No entry fee - you only pay admission charge at the door on the day

NB: ELIGIBILITY FOR CEOL AN GHEIMHRIDH 2024

Please note: **Solo qualifiers to Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2023 (from the Connacht Fleadh 2023) are ineligible to compete in Ceol an Gheimhridh on the category in which they competed in Fleadh na hÉireann.** (e.g a competitor who qualified from the Connacht Fleadh on fiddle is ineligible to enter the strings competition in Ceol an Gheimhridh 2023/24 etc). This applies to solo competitors in Strings, Wind, Reed, Singing, Amhránaíocht, Storytelling and Scéalaíocht only.



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AIMS: (A) To establish standards (B) To provide inter-branch activity (C) To involve as many as possible of the branch members.

Comp. No	Competition Title	Comp. No	Competition Title
1Z	Wind Z (Faoi 11)	9Z	Duets Z (Faoi 11)
1Y	Wind Y (11-14)	9Y	Duets Y (11-14)
2Z	Reed Z (Faoi 11)	10Z	Quartette Z (Faoi 11)
2Y	Reed Y (11-14)	10Y	Quartette Y (11-14)
3Z	String Z (Faoi 11)	11X	Céilí Band X (Faoi 14 & 2)
3Y	String Y (11-14)	12Z	Set Dancing Mixed Z (Faoi 11)
4Z	Amhránaíocht Z (Faoi 11)	12Y	Set Dancing Mixed Y (11-14)
4Y	Amhránaíocht Y (11-14)	13Z	Set Dancing Girls Z (Faoi 11)
5Z	Singing Z (Faoi 11)	13Y	Set Dancing Girls Y (11-14)
5Y	Singing Y (11-14)	14X	6 Hand Céili Z (Faoi 11)
6Z	Scéalaíocht Z (Faoi 11)	14Y	6 Hand Céilí Y (11-14)
6Y	Scéalaíocht Y (11-14)	15Z	8 Hand Céili Z (Faoi 11)
7Z	Storytelling Z (Faoi 11)	15Y	8 Hand Céilí Y (11-14)
7Y	Storytelling Y (11-14)	16Z	4 Hand Céilí Z (Faoi 11)
8Z	Recitation of a poem Z (Faoi 11)	16Y	4 Hand Céilí Y (11-14)
8Y	Recitation of a poem Y (11-14)		
		17Z	Sean Nós (Faoi 11)
		17Y	Sean Nós (11-14)

AGE GROUPS:

There will be two age groups: Under 11 & 11-14. January 1st of the year in which the competition commences will be regarded as the qualifying date in respect of age limit. (i.e. January 2024 for this year's competition)

Céilí Bands: Under 14 may have up to 2 musicians under 17 yrs.

In Duets & Quartettes, an under 11 competitors may opt for a higher age group but may compete in one age group only for that competition.

4/6/8 Hand Céilí and Set Dancing: In the Under 14 grade each team may include two dancers from the Under 11 years competing team. Where no under 11 teams competes, the under 14 team may be comprised of 50% under and 50% over 11 years.



ELIGIBILITY NOTE:

Competitors are Confined to registered members of **one** Branch - Competitors are **not** eligible to compete unless registered CCÉ Members with Co. Board, at the time of submitting entries.

Competitors may be members of **one** Branch only at the time and may compete with **one** Branch only in Ceol an Gheimhridh except for Céilí band competitions.

Competitors may only compete **once** in any competition.

FINANCE:

All competitors will pay an admission fee at all competition venues.

OBJECTION:

Any objection on the grounds of non-compliance with the rules should be lodged in writing with the Chairperson within 3 days of the competition.

PÍOSAÍ CEOIL/ MUSIC PIECES

NB:Ceol/ Music: 2 contrasting pieces from Clár na gComórtas listing of tunes.

Duets & Quartettes: Instrument Detail to be shown on entry form to County.

Duet shall comprise of two melody instruments.

Quartette shall comprise of four melody instruments. Note. 1 substitute is allowed for Quartettes.

U14 Céilí Bands: Two contrasting tunes, from Clár na gComórtas listing. (Minimum Six, Maximum Ten Performers). Céilí Bands are responsible for bringing their own electric keyboard as a piano will not be provided.

Céilí Bands: TWO substitutes allowed provided minimum of 8 members, otherwise ONE substitute.

Singing/Amhránaíocht: (4) Amhránaíocht ar an sean-nós (5) Traditional songs in English 2 songs - one fast and one slow in each competition (note, a song from the competitor's own county may earn a bonus of 5 marks at the adjudicator's discretion). – no list required

Scéalaíocht & Storytelling: Minimum of 4 minutes to a maximum of 8 minutes. (as per Fleadh Rules 2020)

Dán a Aithriseoireacht /Recitation of a Poem (In Irish or English or Bi-lingual) Poem to be Irish in character or in the Irish language. Maximum of 5 minutes

RINCE SEIT & CÉILÍ:

(12) Traditional Set: Mixed Teams (4 boys & 4 Girls) - 2 parts of any Connacht Set

(13) All Girls Team: 2 parts of any Connacht Set (Connacht Sets ONLY allowed)

(14) 6 Hand Céilí Dance (15) 8 Hand Céilí Dance (16) 4 Hand Céilí Dance

Céilí Dancing Teams: may comprise of any combination: Any number of boys up to a maximum of four in 8 Hand Dance and the remainder made up of girls. (This is different to Fleadh Cheoil Competition)

The emphasis should be on the traditional approach to dancing in costume and footwear.



Céilí dancing: Body, one figure, & Body of Céilí Dance (as per Ár Rincí Chéilí 2014). Names of all Céilí Dances being danced must be shown on entry form to County.

Music for Set/Céilí Dancing Competitions: All Céilí & Set teams provide their own music for both competitions.

4 & 6 hands Céilí dance ONE substitute allowed. Sets & 8 Hand Céilí dance TWO substitutes allowed.

Substitutes must be registered members of the relevant branch and registered with the Sligo County Board.

SEAN NÓS

-Dancers must perform to the musician provided.

-Dancers must have no taps/tips on their shoes to compete.

-There are two age categories, under 11 and 11 - 14, as of 1st Jan 2024.

-Entrants must be fully paid-up member of Comhaltas for the 2023/2024 branch year to enter.



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Entry Form (Music/Singing)

Name & Address	
D.O.B.	
Craobh (Branch)	
Phone No & Email Address	

No	Competition Title	Tick to compete	Instrument (s)
1Z	Wind Z (Faoi 11)		
1Y	Wind Y (11-14)		
2Z	Reed Z (Faoi 11)		
2Y	Reed Y (11-14)		
3Z	String Z (Faoi 11)		
3Y	String Y (11-14)		
4Z	Amhránaíocht Z (Faoi 11)		
4Y	Amhránaíocht Y (11-14)		
5Z	Singing Z (Faoi 11)		
5Y	Singing Y (11-14)		
6Z	Scéalaíocht Z (Faoi 11)		
6Y	Scéalaíocht Y (11-14)		
7Z	Storytelling Z (Faoi 11)		
7Y	Storytelling Y (11-14)		
8Z	Recitation of poem Z (Faoi 11)		
8Y	Recitation of poem Y (11-14)		
No	Competition Title	Tick to compete	Names & Instrument (s)
9Z	Duets Z (Faoi 11)		
9Y	Duets Y (11-14)		
10Z	Quartette Z (Faoi 11)		
10Y	Quartette Y (11-14)		



11X	Céilí Band X (Faoi 14 & 2)		

I am a fully paid-up member of _____ Branch of Comhaltas.

Parent Signature: _____

Date _____



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Entry Form (Dancing)

Name & Address	
D.O.B.	
Craobh (Branch)	
Phone No & Email Address	

No	Competition Title	Tick to compete	Names of Dancers & Dance Performed (must be Connacht dance)
12Z	Set Dancing Mixed Z (Faoi 11)		
12Y	Set Dancing Mixed Y (11-14)		
13Z	Set Dancing Girls Z (Faoi 11)		
13Y	Set Dancing Girls Y (11-14)		
14X	6 Hand Céili Z (Faoi 11)		
14Y	6 Hand Céili Y (11-14)		
15Z	8 Hand Céili Z (Faoi 11)		
15Y	8 Hand Céili Y (11-14)		
16Z	4 Hand Céili Z (Faoi 11)		



16Y	4 Hand Céilí Y (11-14)		
17Z	Sean Nós (Faoi 11)		
17Y	Sean Nós (11-14)		

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Date: _____