



Sligo Comhaltas – Ceol an Gheimhridh Competition

Hosted by CCÉ, Cnoc na Ré, Sligeach

To be held in Mercy College, Sligo (Post Code F91 CF80) on Sunday 30th November 2025 starting at 10.30am

*Entries on this form below by hard copy only, to be delivered or sent to Tim Mulcahy, Chairperson, Sligo County Board, Keenaghan, Ballymote, Co Sligo, Post Code F56HP44, by **Closing date of 31st October 2025.** Late entries cannot be accepted. Please read the details below and complete the form fully.*

This competition will have a qualifying opportunity to a Provincial Level in early 2026!

Age Categories: Junior members of Comhaltas **under 14 years of age** are eligible to enter. There are two age categories, **under 11** and **11-14**, as of 1st Jan 2025. Note: entrants must be fully paid-up members of a Sligo Comhaltas branch in the current year.

Entry Forms are available to download from sligocountyfleadh.ie or from your own Branch Secretary.

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

Competitions categories 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 required with application – instead admission charge at the door on the day of competition.

NB: ELIGIBILITY FOR SLIGO CEOL AN GHEIMHRIDH

Please note: **Solo qualifiers to Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann 2025 (from the Connacht Fleadh) are ineligible to compete in Ceol an Gheimhridh in the category in which they competed in Fleadh na hÉireann.** (eg a competitor who qualified to the All-Ireland in 2025 on fiddle is ineligible to enter the strings competition in



Ceol an Gheimhridh in current year). This applies to solo competitors in Wind, Reed, Singing, Amhránaíocht, Storytelling and Scéalaíocht. Please full list of competitions available:

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 Dancing (Faoi 11)
		17Y	Sean Nós Dancing (11-14)

Notes:

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 2025 for this year's competition)

NOTE for reference: U-11 if born after 1st Jan 2014; U14 if born after 1st Jan 2011

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

In Duets & Quartettes, an U11 competitor 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 11-14 category each team may include two dancers from the U11 years competing team. Where no U11 teams competes, the 11-14 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 Sligo 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.

FEES:

All competitors will pay an admission fee at all competition venues. The entry fee is €5 per entry per child, for children with 2 or more entries the fee is €10 per child, for children with 3 or more entries the fee is capped at €15.

OBJECTION:

Any objection on the grounds of non-compliance with the rules should be lodged in writing with the Chairperson of the Sligo Co Board 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 latest Fleadh Rules)

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. (Note: This is different to Fleadh Cheoil Competition rules)

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.
- There are two age categories, under 11 and 11-14, as of 1st Jan 2025.
- Entrants must be fully paid-up member of a Sligo Comhaltas branch in the year to enter.

Entry Form (Music/Singing etc)

Name & Address (Competitor)		
D.O.B.		Tick ✓ as appropriate U 11 <input type="checkbox"/> ; 11-14 <input type="checkbox"/>
Craobh (Branch)		Parent Name:
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 11 and U14)		

I am a fully paid-up member of _____ (Name) Branch of Comhaltas, Sligeach.

Parent Signature: _____

Date _____



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 Céili Y (11-14)		
17Z	Sean Nós (Faoi 11)		



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17Y	Sean N6s (11-14)		

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

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____