

Amendments to Rialacha Fleadhanna Ceoil 2023

Rule 15: Competition No. 26 Grúpaí Ceoil, is amended to read:

- Grúpaí Ceoil shall consist of a minimum of 4 maximum 20 members.
- Each group shall perform its own choice of music for a minimum of 6 minutes and a maximum of 8 minutes, but with a limit of 10 minutes on stage. In competitions for Grúpaí Ceoil, whistlers and lilters may be included, as well as players of bodhrán and bones, but piano and drums are not permitted.
- Special attention should be paid to selection of tunes and efforts should be made to play tunes other than jigs, reels and hornpipes, e.g. slow airs, set dances, marches, flings, mazurkas, polkas, slides, schottisches, planxties, barn dances, clan marches, harp music and waltzes etc. to provide as much variety as possible. Slow airs need not be played by a solo performer.
- The programme presented by all Grúpaí Ceoil must be from withing the Irish traditional idiom.
- All Grúpaí Ceoil are required, as part of their programme, to perform at least one dance tune, played at least once in unison by all members of the group who play melodic instruments as listed in Rialacha for solo instruments competitions 1-13 with the exception of piano. Non melodic instruments may continue playing throughout.
- The group shall perform its own choice of music for a period of 6 to 8 minutes. 2 marks shall be deducted for each minute or part thereof, in excess of 8 minutes or less than 6 minutes as determined by the adjudicator.
- Attention should also be given to instrumental arrangements and presentation of the music
- A list of music pieces in the order to be played, e.g. slip jig, march, etc and a list of instruments shall be submitted by each group leader to the competition clerk prior to the performance.

Rule 36 is amended to read:

36. Competitors must perform in person at the competition venue and compete in the order in which they are called by the Call Steward. A competitor who fails to present himself/herself when called for a specific competition, and who has not notified the Call Steward on duty, of a just cause for his/her absence, shall be disqualified from the competition.

Rule 80 is amended to read:

80. A County shall seek selection as Fleadh Centre from the Provincial Council. The application in writing, from the Co. Secretary, shall be lodged with the Provincial Secretary no later than 1st December of the year prior to the preceding year of Provincial Fleadh. Application shall set forth:

- I The proposed venue for the Fleadh.
- II The numerical strength of the Branch at that venue.
- III The population of the venue.
- IV Facilities for competitions, i.e. size and seating capacity of each venue.
- V Facilities for concerts and Céilithe at the venue.
- VI Catering and accommodation facilities at the venue.
- VII Transport facilities.
- VII Fund-raising structures.



Rule 89 is amended to read:

89. Applications will be invited by the Ardchomhairle from prospective venues for Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann. The application form will cover such items as:

- I Size of committee proposed.
- II The number of helpers (volunteers) who would be available to the FEC.
- III Details of venues, capacity and cost
- IV Knowledge of the Fleadh Manual
- V The amount of levy to be paid to the Ardchomhairle
- VI A commitment by the prospective FEC to confine itself to Fleadh business and to work fully under the direction of the Comhaltas Ardchomhairle and its representatives.
- VII Would hotels, venues and other services required by Comhaltas at the Fleadh, including Scoil Éigse, be available at competitive prices ?
- VII Would the FEC and County Council enter into a Memorandum of Understanding as supplied by Comhaltas ?

Rule 90 is amended to read:

90. Applications to host Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann will be submitted to the Archomhairle, with all the appropriate documentation, by the date specified by the Ardchomhairle. After appraisal of the Applications, the Ardchomhairle will direct the Standing Committee to visit and appraise the prospective venues which are deemed to be appropriate. The Standing Committee will submit a Report to the Ardchomhairle for their consideration and the Ardchomhairle will then determine the successful venue. This will be by secret ballot. Where there are three or more applications, the elimination system shall be adopted. In the event of two venues receiving the same number of votes, both names shall be put into a hat and the winner drawn out.

Rule 93 is amended to read:

93. All monies received by the FEC shall on receipt be lodged to the credit of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann in a current account in a Bank approved by the CEC in the names of Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann with signatures of two treasurers (one a nominee of the FEC and the other nominee of the CEC). All drawings on the said account shall be by cheque bearing their joint signatures.

Rule 99 is amended to read:

99. Proposals for the amendment of the Rules for Fleadhanna Ceoil shall be submitted to Congress 2025 and thereafter every three years.