

Oireachtas 2024 Schaumburg

GO BC!!

Important O info. Please Read!

We are blessed to have 6 teachers in attendance this year - Haley, Quinn, Ais, Abby, Pat and myself. As teachers we are obligated to work a stage during the day and work results in the evening. We have a total of 79 kids competing. It will be a very busy weekend, and you will see us running from stage to stage to watch the BC kids, forgive us if we don't stop for a chat. Please see the practice schedule below and very important information regarding number pick up below. **If you do not pick up your number before the start of the competition you will not be allowed to compete.** You will find your dancer's number on Quickfeis.com and in the Quickfeis app the morning they compete.

Practice and Dance Day Schedule - Please read and keep for reference.

Practice Thursday 11/28 - Outside Ballroom A

4:30-5:30pm

All Friday Solo Dancers, u14 and above

Bedtime Before 9:30pm

Competitions - Friday 11/29

All Friday dancers dressed and ready to go one hour before their comp in their ballroom. Warm up and stretch out. The competition reserves the right to start up to an hour before the scheduled time. Please ensure you are in the ballroom and listening closely to announcements. It's rare but not unheard of for a competition to start earlier than expected.

Practice Friday 11/29 - Outside Ballroom A

4:30pm-5:30pm

All Teams and Trad sets

Bedtime before 9:30pm

Competitions - Saturday 11/30

Teams - All teams dressed and ready to go one hour before their comp in their ballroom. Please check in with your team mom. Please ensure you are with your team in the ballroom and listening closely to announcements. The ballrooms will be very crowded on Saturday - please add a buffer to make it to the ballroom, find a spot and for the kiddos to head sidestage.

Trad Sets - All trad set dancers dressed and ready to go one hour before their comp in their ballroom. Warm up and stretch out. The competition reserves the right to start up to an hour before scheduled time. Please ensure you are in the ballroom and listening closely to announcements. It's rare but not unheard of for a competition to start earlier than expected. The ballrooms will be very crowded on Saturday - please add a buffer to make it to the ballroom, find a spot and for the kiddos to head sidestage.

Practice Saturday 11/30 - Outside Ballroom C

Immediately after choreographies dance - scheduled for 1:30

All Sunday Solo Dancers

Bedtime before 9pm

Competitions - Sunday 12/1

All Sunday dancers dressed and ready to go one hour before their comp in their ballroom. Warm up and stretch out. The competition reserves the right to start up to an hour before scheduled time. Please ensure you are in the ballroom and listening closely to announcements. It's rare but not unheard of for a competition to start earlier than expected. There are 38 BC dancers on this day alone - the teachers will be splitting up to make sure they see all the kiddos!

Oireachtas Expectations

Managing expectations for the O is very important, and we chat to the kids about this in class, but we need parent support and involvement with this important piece of the puzzle, too!!

Solos u8, u9, u10

These dancers are competing at their teacher's discretion. The competition will have a mix of Novice, Prizewinner, PC and OC kids. Only 50% will recall into the set round. The goal is to get out there and dance their rounds to the best of their ability and to celebrate the opportunity to dance at this level. We know it's hard for the kids when some recall and some don't. We have talked about this at class with all the kiddos. They may need a moment or two. The plus side is they get to take their wig off. I do encourage all to attend awards if possible.

Solos u11 and up

These dancers had to qualify to compete in solos at the Oireachtas. For u14 and below, the competition will have a mix of the top Prizewinner dancers, any PC that placed in the top half during the year and all OC dancers. For u15 and up, the competition will have qualified PC dancers and all OC kids. These competitions become increasingly difficult as the kids get older and become more serious about competition. The goal is always to come off the stage feeling proud of their dancing - this is a subjective sport and only a snapshot in time of their dance career. Recall or not, we are so proud of these kiddos for qualifying to compete at the regional championships!

Trad Sets

For some of our kids, this is their first experience of the O. We are very excited for all our Trad sets to take the O stage. Only 50% will make it into results. We can't wait to cheer them on!

We are very excited for the kids and want this to be a positive experience for them. It's a success in itself to compete at a regional championship with dancers from 14 different states. How we present and react to recalls/results will play a roll in this experience. When the kids look back on their dance journey, very little focus will be given to results. They will remember having fun with their friends and feeling love and support from their families. Have patience with them and their emotions.

Roll on the O 2024. Thank you for all your support. We are blessed with our BC families.

All the best,
The BC crew

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE NOTE ONCE THE COMPETITION STARTS YOU CANNOT PICK UP YOUR NUMBER

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29

7:00 AM First competition pick up numbers side stage between 7-8:00am

8:00 AM ALL other competitions can pick up their dancer number at their stage

6:00 PM Awards will not begin before 6:00 pm on Stages C&D

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30

7:00 AM First competition pick up numbers side stage between 7-8:00am

8:00 AM ALL other competitions can pick up their dancer number at their stage

4:00 PM Awards will not begin before 4:00 pm on Stages C&D

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1

7:00 AM First competition pick up numbers side stage between 7-8:00am

8:00 AM ALL other competitions can pick up their dancer number at their stage

5:00 PM Awards will not begin before 5:00 pm on Stages C&D