

COMHDHÁIL MÚINTEOIRÍ NA RINCÍ GAELACHA

30 November, 1983.

83 Ballyroan Road,  
Dublin 16.

To all registered teachers and adjudicators of An Chomhdháil and to organisers of competitions registered with An Chomhdháil.

A Chara,

1. An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha and Comhdháil Múinteoirí agus Moltóirí le Rince Gaelacha have now agreed to a scheme which will allow some competitions of both organisations to be
  - (a) open to pupils of certain teachers of the other organisation;
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The scheme shall be a temporary one and its continuance beyond 31 March 1985 will be dependent on the success of the scheme itself and the progress of concurrent talks regarding integration.

2. The scheme will be monitored by a joint committee known as "AN COISTE AONTAIS" and comprised of representatives of both AN CHOMHDHÁIL and AN COIMISIÚN.
3. The adjudicators of either organisation eligible to judge competitions registered with the other organisation and the teachers whose pupils will be eligible to compete in competitions registered with the other organisation shall be adjudicators and teachers registered for the year 1984 with their own organisation - COMHDHÁIL or COIMISIÚN - as the case may be, and who indicate that they wish to participate in the scheme and pay a nominal "participation fee" of £1 to AN COISTE AONTAIS. Participation by adjudicators or teachers of one organisation in competitions of the other organisation will be limited to certain specified Feiseanna and other competitions. A list of participating teachers and adjudicators will be issued in due course to competition organisers concerned.
4. The number of competitions participating in the scheme will be agreed by AN COISTE AONTAIS and will not normally exceed 20% of the competitions of either organisations in an area. It is open to competition organisers to decide whether they wish to be included in the scheme, competitions will not be forced to "go open" unless they so wish. Neither will the fact that an event requests permission to "go open" necessarily mean that it will be allowed to do so - AN COISTE AONTAIS will select by agreement participating events from those that volunteer.
5. A participating Feis or other event registered with one of the two organisations must, if only one adjudicator is to be engaged, employ an adjudicator from the other organisation. If two adjudicators are engaged one must be from each organisation. Where three are employed two must be from the other organisation and one from the organisation with which the event is registered.
6. The scheme outlined above will operate in the period 1 APRIL 1984 to 31 MARCH 1985 unless terminated with due notice by either organisation. It has been agreed by the two

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recommends to its teachers that they decline to accept transfers of pupils from teachers of the other organisation, i.e., from Comhdháil to Coimisiún or vice-versa.

7. It has also been agreed that prior to the commencement of the scheme proper from 1 April 1984 the "cross-over" of adjudicators will be effective from 16 January 1984, i.e. in the period 16 JANUARY to 31 MARCH 1984 at least some adjudicators of each organisation will be given an opportunity of gaining experience of competitions of the other organisation without the complication of having dancers of both organisations competing against each other. This will operate on the same basis as outlined in paragraph 5 above and AN COISTE AONTAIS will agree on the events registered with both organisations to be included in this preliminary trial scheme.
8. If you are an adjudicator or teacher wishing to participate in the scheme please complete the form below and send it, together with £1, to "AN COISTE AONTAIS, P.O. BOX 1418, DUBLIN 1", not later than 15 JANUARY, 1984.
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We sincerely hope that as many adjudicators, teachers and competition organisers as possible will take part in the scheme. By doing so you will not be taking any irrevocable step but may be contributing towards what, in the future, will be seen as a major step forward in Irish dancing.

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