Dear Teachers and Dancers,

We would like to invite you to Grade Exams hosted by The Grace Kennedy School on the 25th April 2020 in Manchester.

New for 2020 we will also be running Grades 11 and 12. A separate application form must be completed for 11 and 12, please email us to request this. CLRG will appoint a SDCRG examiner ensuring there are no conflicts with candidates’ previous examiners hence why these applications need to be submitted earlier.

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| ***Closing dates for Entries*** |
| *Grades 11 & 12 -* ***Friday 31st January***  *Grades 1-10 –* ***Friday 21st February*** |

As you will be aware since January 2018 it has been a requirement of CLRG that all 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination. Therefore, we encourage early entry as spaces are limited.

Spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis on receipt of both the entry form and payment. Please note entries can only be accepted from teachers registered with An Coimisiún le Rincí Gaelacha and we ask for one payment per school.

Dancers are permitted to take up to 3 consecutive Grades at one time and a period of **3 calendar months** must have elapsed between exams (i.e. the candidates last exam must have been on or before 25th January 2020)

Our exams this year will again be held at Loreto Preparatory School, Dunham Road, Altrincham, WA14 4QZ. An abundance of free parking is available on site and the venue is easily accessible from the motorways and Manchester Airport. It is also just a short 7-minute walk from the rail/tram station in Altrincham Town Centre. We will have a waiting/warm-up area separate to the exam room and refreshments will also be provided.

For those travelling from afar there are plenty of hotels in Altrincham including: Best Western Cresta Court, Travelodge Altrincham and Mercure Bowden Hotel.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to welcoming you in April 2020.

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**Rules & Regulations**

1. Only Basic Steps may be danced in the Preliminary grade and Grades 1, 2 & 3.
2. The number of bars of music to be danced to for all Reels, Single or Hop Jigs, Light Jigs, Slip Jigs, Heavy Jigs and Hornpipes is **40**.
3. St. Patrick’s Day, Blackbird, Garden of Daisies, Job of Journeywork, King of the Fairies, Three Sea Captains, and Jockey to the Fair must be performed in a traditional style and manner.
4. The same set dance **must not** be performed in more than one of the Grades from 9 to 12.
5. A dancer must take all grades in order, beginning with Grade 1 - the Preliminary grade is optional. However, a candidate may **only** attempt a maximum of 3 consecutive Grades at any one sitting and a three month period must elapse before the next grade(s) is attempted.
6. Candidates must be able to adequately demonstrate practical and theoretical knowledge of all ceili dances as per “Ár Rincí Céilí” as specified in the syllabus for Grades 5 -12 inclusive. The candidates must not be asked to teach these dances.
7. Dance costumes should not be worn.
8. All candidates must produce previous certificates & scoresheets to the examiner before attempting further grades. Reports must be presented at examinations.
9. The same examiner may not examine in the same class for a period of 3 years. This also applies where a regional authority or group of classes hold the examinations. e.g. Applications for 2019: Examiners may not have examined in years: 2018, 2017 or 2016.
10. Examinees must be examined by at least FOUR different examiners up through Grade 10 (and at least 2 up through Grade 6).
11. Grade 11 may only be attempted by candidates at least 16 years of age.
12. Grade 12 may only be attempted by candidates at least 17 years of age.
13. A special application form and certificate/diploma will apply for Grades 11 and 12.
14. All 12 Grade Examinations must be completed to be eligible to apply for the TCRG Examination effective from January 1st 2018.
15. Dancers taking the exams must be associated with a currently registered CLRG teacher.
16. Grade exam fees are non-refundable

**Examinations are CLOSED to spectators, only candidates and teachers will be permitted to enter the exam room. Staff will enforce this rule. Please do not attempt to observe.**

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| **GRADE** | **DANCE/SPEED** | **PRICE** |
| 1 | Easy Reel 122-124  Light Jig 116 | £15 |
| 2 | Basic Slip Jig 124  Basic Single Jig 124 | £15 |
| 3 | Primary Reel 116-118  Basic Heavy Jig 96 | £15 |
| 4 | Primary Slip Jig 120  St Patrick’s Day 94 | £20 |
| 5 | Advanced Reel (Intermediate/Primary/Open) 113  Basic Hornpipe 144  Walls of Limerick | £23 |
| 6 | Advanced Slip Jig (Intermediate/ Primary/Open) 113  The Blackbird 144  Siege of Ennis | £23 |
| 7 | Advanced Heavy Jig 73  Garden of Daisies 138  Four Hand Reel | £30 |
| 8 | Advanced Hornpipe 113  Job of Journeywork 138  Humours of Bandon | £30 |
| 9 | Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time  High Cauled Cap | £30 |
| 10 | Two modern set dances, one in 6/8 time and the other in 2/4 or 4/4 time (different from those in Grade 9)  Eight Hand Jig | £30 |
| 11 | Advanced Reel, (113)  Advanced Slip Jig,(113)  Advanced Heavy Jig (73)  King of the Fairies (130)  plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of  5 submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9 &  10)  Eight-Hand Reel and Harvest Time Jig | £60 |
| 12 | Light Double Jig,(116)  Single Jig,(124)  Advanced Hornpipe,(113)  Three Sea Captains (96)  Jockey to the Fair (90)  plus two modern set dances selected by the examiner from a list of five submitted by the candidate (different from those in Grades 9,  10 and 11)  Morris Reel and the Sixteen Hand Reel | £60 |

*\*Full Grade Exam Syllabus available at*

[*https://www.clrg.ie/images/2019\_Grade\_Exam\_\_Syllabus.doc*](https://www.clrg.ie/images/2019_Grade_Exam__Syllabus.doc)