



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Preparing for the Oireachtas?

We've put together a list of the most commonly asked questions to help dancers and parents navigate the event with ease. From registration and eligibility to competition details and planning your weekend, you'll find some of the key information you need below.

As always, the official syllabus and your teacher remain the best source for complete and up-to-date information.



# ECRO 2026 FAQs

## **What is the Oireachtas exactly?**

The Eastern Canadian Regional Oireachtas (ECRO) is a Championship event where dancers residing in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Newfoundland & Labrador can qualify for the World and North American Irish Dance Championships.

## **Where and when is the event taking place?**

The 2026 Eastern Canadian Regional Oireachtas will take place November 6-8, 2026 at the Sheraton Centre Montreal:

1201 Boul. René-Lévesque Ouest  
Montréal, QC  
H3B 2L7



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## **When will the timetable be released?**

The Days-Only Schedule is available on the website.

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## **My Grades dancer is competing in the Solo Championship. Can they also do the Mini Feis?**

YES! Grades dancers can compete in both the major event and the Mini Feis. Please note that that Oireachtas will take priority if ever there is a scheduling conflict.

## **What are the 2026 competition fees?**

Solo Championship \$195

Solo Champ Specials (Treble Reel/Trad Set) \$25

Premiere Traditional Set \$65

Premiere Treble Reel \$25

Teams: \$25 per competitor, per competition

Assessment Fee \$50 per dancer

Family Fee \$175 per family

All fees are in Canadian dollars. No tax is charged.



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## What is the Family Fee?

The \$175 Family Fee includes a \$75 voucher that can be used for food and beverage throughout the Oireachtas weekend.

The remaining \$100 provides admission for the entire family to the three-day event. Admission to major Irish dance events can represent a significant additional cost for families, with some major events charging up to \$65 CAD per person, per day. At ECRO, the Family Fee provides admission for the entire family for the full three-day event.

The Family Fee also helps support significant event-wide costs associated with hosting a Regional Championship at a major hotel venue. These costs extend beyond individual competitions and include the infrastructure and services required to host dancers, families, teachers, officials, and volunteers throughout the weekend.

Please note that verified teacher accounts are exempt from the Family Fee.



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## **What is the Assessment Fee?**

The Assessment Fee is structured as an event credit rather than simply an additional competition charge. Schools can allocate their credit toward designated event items.

Many schools choose to apply the Assessment Fee toward their dancers' tickets to the Love Is In The Air Céilí Night. This is a fun-filled evening of dancing, celebration, and food.

We recommend that parents speak with their teacher to better understand how the Assessment Fee is allocated by your school and how it applies to your family.

## **Why did the Premiere fee go down?**

This year's Premiere event at ECRO will consist of a one-round competition, with dancers performing their traditional set. As a result of the reduced competition format, we were pleased to reduce the Premiere entry fee to \$65.



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## What do registration fees support?

Registration fees help support the many costs associated with producing a Regional Oireachtas, including:

- Venue and ballroom rental
- Hotel-required food and beverage commitments
- Competition infrastructure
- Adjudicator and musician fees, travel, and accommodation
- Stage, lighting, sound, and technical production
- Awards
- Security
- Insurance
- Registration and payment processing
- Administration and event supplies
- Other operational expenses



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## **How are entry fees determined?**

Establishing entry fees is a detailed process that begins with developing a comprehensive event budget. The major costs associated with the event are identified, including venue expenses, operational costs, awards, adjudicators, musicians, and other essential event requirements. All potential revenue streams are also considered, including competition entries, sponsorship, vendors, funding opportunities, and other sources of revenue.

Because entries represent a significant source of event revenue, projected entry numbers are carefully considered. Historical data and factors that may influence participation are reviewed, including the location of the World Championships, the location of the Oireachtas, anticipated team participation, and other variables that may affect overall attendance.

Fixed event costs and variable competition costs are then reviewed and allocated according to the requirements of the various competitions and events.

Based on these projections, entry fees are established with the goal of responsibly covering the costs of producing the event and ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the region.



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## **What do I receive through these fees?**

In addition to providing your dancer with the opportunity to participate in the Oireachtas, the fees associated with ECRO include additional benefits for families.

The Family Fee includes a \$75 food and beverage voucher to be used throughout the Oireachtas weekend and admission for the entire family to the three-day event

Depending on how your school allocates its Assessment Fee, your dancer may also receive a ticket to the Love Is In The Air Céilí Night.

Together, these benefits represent significant value already included within the ECRO fee structure.



## STILL HAVE A QUESTION?

We're here to help! If you can't find the information you're looking for above, please speak with your teacher or reach out to the Oireachtas committee.

We'll continue to share important updates as the event approaches, so be sure to keep an eye on official IDTACe communications.

We look forward to welcoming dancers, teachers and families to Montreal this November! ❤️