

## ***Negotiating the DUBLIN FLEADH weekend – 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> May 2025***

Always refer to the [Official Rules & Amendments](#)

[2024 Rialacha Fleadhanna Ceoil / Clár an gComórtas - Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann](#)

### **What competitions are on each day?**

*Saturday – All Solo, Duets, Trios & Dance Competitions*

*Sunday – Ceilí Band & Grupa Competitions*

### **Venue:**

[Edmund Rice College Dublin](#)

*Phoenix Park Racecourse*

*Parkway Road*

*Navan Rd*

*Dublin 15*

[D15 R7WX - Google Maps](#)

### **How to get there**

Buses (38, 38A, 39, 39A, 70, 109, 111),

Train (Maynooth line)– Station = Navan Rd Parkway [Navan Road, Dublin 15 \(irishrail.ie\)](#)

Luas (Green line to Broombridge and then change to train). [Luas | Broombridge](#)

### **Parking**

*Use public transport. Parking is **extremely** limited. There is some paid parking at Navan Road Parkway Train Station on a first come first served basis payable via the station ticket machine or via the Apoca website/app.*

### **Heavy Instruments**

There will be a set-down area for heavy instruments but there will be **no reserved** parking.

### **Admission**

Competitors – Admission is **FREE** on the day you are competing however you **must** wear a wristband (available at the main entrance). There is **NO** admission to the competition rooms without a wristband.

Adults – Entry €5

Children – Entry €3 (non competitors)

Everyone must wear a wristband. These can be bought at the main entrance or in advance via

<https://DublinFleadh.eventbrite.com>

## **Timetable**

*Timetable can be accessed on [www.dublinfleadh.com](http://www.dublinfleadh.com) the week before the Fleadh.*

*Check for any changes before the weekend.*

*If any changes need to be made on the day – change of time, room etc. will be on the competition room door & at the 1st Floor Foyer*

## **Programme**

*A limited number of Fleadh Programs with competitions and competitors is available to purchase for €5 via <https://DublinFleadh.eventbrite.com>*

## **Refreshments**

*There will be food trunks outside & a sandwich bar inside. There are indoor and outdoor dining areas.*

## **Gaeilge**

*The Gaeilge area with lots of free resources will be located in the dining area on the ground floor*

## **Music Shop**

*A music Shop run by McNeela Music will be located beside the dining area on the ground floor.*

## **Fleadh Office**

*Is located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.*

## **Photography**

*Visit the photography room to get your fleadh photograph taken.*

## **Recording Permits**

*You must have a permit to record & you can only get a permit for your own child (available from the Fleadh Office).*

*Only the Branch Representative/Group leader can request a permit for Group competitions and only one permit is allowed per group.*

*Permits must be handed to the Clerk at the start of the competition.*

## **Your competition**

*There will be one adjudicator who will listen to your performance and take notes. There will be a clerk/call steward who will call your name when they are ready for you to perform.*

*Make sure your instrument is in tune before you start to play (an adjudicator won't mind how long this takes).*

*Have your list of songs written before the competition begins.*

*You can sit or stand (whichever you are most comfortable with)*

*Have a bottle of water with you.*

*Depending on your instrument the adjudicator may ask you to move your chair/position slightly (they may want to observe technique)*

*If you forget your tune or the words of a song, ask the adjudicator if you can start the tune/song or the part/verse again (they only want to hear you perform at your best)*

*Remember there can only be one winner so enjoy the experience.*

*Try to stay and listen to some of the other competitors, this gives you an idea of the standard of other players and you can hear new tunes you might like.*

## **Competitions/Multiple Competitions**

*It is your responsibility to ensure you are in the competition room when called to play.*

**Rule 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.

*If you are in 2 or more competitions you must fill out a multiple competition form and hand it in at **each** competition venue at the start of the competitions. This does not guarantee that a competition will be held open for an additional 15 mins (see rule 37)*

*Ask to play early if necessary & this will be facilitated if possible.*

*Check the running order in each competition & work out which competition you should compete in first. This is especially important if you are in a duet/trio/accompaniment where your partners are competing in solos also.*

**Rule 37.** The Call Steward shall terminate a competition after the completion of the performance by the last available competitor, unless the Call Steward has been previously notified that the missing competitor is detained while competing in another competition, in which case the competition shall,

**at the discretion of the Call Steward, be kept open for a maximum of fifteen minutes. Once the Call Steward has closed the competition, it cannot be reopened.**

*In other words*

*The competition **will be closed** when the last competitor competes (**no exceptions**) unless the clerk has received a multiple competition slip. Even if the clerk has received a multiple competition slip they are under no obligation to keep the competition open, but if they do it will be for a maximum duration of 15mins*

**Audience**

*At no time must a member of the audience engage with an adjudicator, if necessary, talk to the clerk. (the clerk runs the competition). Show respect when others are competing. **There is no eating or drinking in the competition rooms.***

**Adjudication Sheets**

*These are available to order on the Dublin Fleadh website [www.dublinfleadh.com](http://www.dublinfleadh.com) will be send 10 days after the end of the Fleadh*

**Practice/Tuning**

*There is **no** practice/tuning allowed on competition corridors or outside the building.*

*Practice rooms are not available on Saturday.*

*Practice rooms are allocated if available (no guarantee) to groups/bands via branch secretary on the payment of a deposit and must be always supervised by an adult.*