

ECRO 2017 - What You Need to Know.

Everything for this year's Oireachtas will be located on the Lower Concourse of the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. Here are opening hours and details for the various things you "Need to Know":

Competition Rooms (Grand Ballroom):

- The rooms will be closed for set-up on Thursday and will open shortly after 7am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Stage A will be in Grand Ballroom West/Centre and Stage B will be in Grand Ballroom East (Large)
- Check-in is scheduled to commence at 7:30am each day (you should collect your number in advance to save time)
- Practicing on the stages is prohibited at all times

Headquarters *HQ* (Vide Area):

- Registration will occur in the area at the bottom of the escalators (known as Vide on the hotel's floor plan)
- Programs will sell for \$15. Cash only (sorry, no debit/credit cards); exact change is appreciated
- Program sales times: Thursday 4pm-8pm, Friday 7:15am-4pm, Saturday 7:30am-4pm, Sunday 7:30am-1pm
- Number Collection for Friday Dancers: Thursday 6pm-8pm @HQ; otherwise at your stage as of 7:30am
- Number Collection for Saturday Dancers: Friday 2pm-4pm @HQ; otherwise at your stage as of 7:30am
- Number Collection for Premiere Dancers: Saturday 2pm-4pm @HQ; otherwise at your stage as of 7:30am
- Number Collection for Team Dancers: teachers collect @HQ anytime on FRI/SAT; otherwise at your stage
- Numbers not collected in advance must be collected side-stage at least thirty minutes before the competition begins
- There will be a \$10 cash service charge to replace lost number cards
- Bring your own safety pins/clips to attach your numbers as they are not provided
- Participation items will be handed out when dancers collect their number so ensure you collect your item
- Youth Movie Night wristbands will be available @HQ on Friday and Saturday from 2pm-4pm
- Dinner Dance wristbands will be available on Saturday @HQ from 6pm

Costume Re-Sale Room (Sheraton Hall B):

- Dress Drop-off/Registration only – Thursday 4pm-8pm (please fill in your registration form in advance to save time)
- Do not leave bloomers, capes/shawls, head pieces or other accessories; just leave the dress
- Unattended children under 12 will not be permitted in the room
- Drop-off/Browsing/Shopping – Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 9:30am-1pm
- \$20/1st dress in family; \$10/each additional dress from same family
- The room will close promptly at 1pm on Sunday
- Unsold dresses not collected by 1pm Sunday will be sent to hotel security for owners to collect at their own expense

Vendor Room (Sheraton Hall E):

- **Thursday** 3pm-5pm (set-up only; no vending) followed by 5pm-11pm (vending)
- **Friday** 7am-9pm (approximately)
- **Saturday** 7am-5pm (approximately)
- **Sunday** 7am-5pm (approximately)

Practice Room (Osgoode Ballroom West):

- **Thursday** – 4pm-11pm
- **Friday** – 7am-11pm
- **Saturday** – 7am-4pm
- **Sunday** – 7am-4pm

- Do not practice hard shoe on any carpeted area of the hotel and do not practice AT ALL right outside the ballrooms

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Syllabus and Timetable:

Please read through these documents to familiarize yourself with the rules of the event. You will learn procedures for how the event will be run, what to do if something unforeseen should happen (such as a shoe falling off) and what restrictions there are for certain dancers such as: dancers in u5/u6/u7/u8/u9 and u10 competitions are not permitted to wear false eyelashes or any make-up or tanner on their faces, and dancers u11 and younger may not do movements called “toe walks”. **Please note that dancers who do not collect their number cards before the competition begins and/or dancers who miss their assigned rotation will not be able to compete.** Competitions may start earlier than scheduled, so be in the hall with plenty of time.

Number Check:

Female solo dancers in Friday’s and Saturday’s championship events will be required to return side-stage at the end of each of the first two rounds to undergo a ‘number check’. The stage manager will arrange for the dancers to go up on stage in numerical order for the adjudicators to get a second look at the dancers before handing in mark sheets. As the boys’ groups are so small, this is not required for them. A number check does not apply to teams, Premiere events or treble reel competitions.

Recalls:

Recalls will not be announced until all back-to-back soft shoe rounds are complete. Stage announcers will call out the recalls when they are instructed to do so by the tabulation committee. Once they are announced, the list will be posted @HQ and on Twitter. Lists for team, treble reel and Premiere dancers who place will be posted in the same location and on Twitter.

Awards Ceremony and Result Sheets:

The highlight of the day is the awards ceremony. It is fun, loud and exciting. The air-wall dividing the rooms is opened up to create more space and the energy is electric. The start time is impossible to predict until the last competition is underway, so a time will be posted @HQ and on Twitter. Dancers who will appear in the result must be dressed and ready to go (we don’t wait for absent dancers). The running order for awards is in the Program and will be posted @HQ. Placements for Treble Reels will be posted @HQ; winners are to collect their awards @HQ during the allotted times (which will be posted too).

All Solo Championship dancers and Premiere dancers may collect their printed results sheets at @HQ about ten minutes after the competition has been awarded. Dancers not present at the award ceremony may collect their results sheet at HQ during opening hours, but not before the competition has been awarded. There are no printed results issued for Treble Reels or Team events. A full result for all competitions will be given to teachers in the week following the event, so check with your teacher.

Social Events:

A highlight of the weekend is the Dinner Dance on Saturday night. This year’s theme is “The World’s Greatest”, honouring the region’s ten World Championship solo title winners from the first recipient in 1981 to a seven-time winner in 2017. Cocktails will commence in the common area outside the ballroom at 6:30pm, with seating at 7:45pm. ALL guests are required to collect and wear a wristband for access to the event (including the Parade of Champions), and the wristbands will be available @HQ from 6pm onward on Saturday night. Security personnel will be in place to enforce this policy.

A Youth Movie Night (ages 7 & up) is being held on Saturday. Information and access wristbands can be obtained at HQ. The movie will be suitable for all ages and the event will be well supervised. Attendees should bring their own snacks/drinks.

Social Media:

Facebook:	Eastern Canadian Regional Oireachtas	Twitter:	@ECR_Oireachtas
Instagram:	@ECR_Oireachtas	Website:	http://idface.wordpress.com/

Other:

The hotel has given us free wi-fi on the competition floor (the password will be posted at HQ). Contact the hotel directly for First Aid or Lost and Found, and please remember we are sharing this space with the public, so do not leave valuables (including your children ☺) unattended.

Finally, HQ could use your help by volunteering for one of the many tasks listed on these pages. Drop by to offer even an hour or two, or at least to say THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers.