



Implementation of 36 & 37 Rialacha Fleadhanna Ceoil

The spirit of both Motions 36 and 37 are, similar to the all Rialacha Fleadhanna Ceoil based on the following principles:

- 1) that all competitors are treated fairly in all Fleadh Cheoil competitions,
- 2) that all competitors act fairly towards each other by keeping to the order of the competition in so far as possible, compete in the order as required in Rule 37
- 3) that all Fleadh Competition personnel are clear on procedures

In addition the Call Clerk, a volunteer like all CCÉ Fleadh personnel, and Fleadh Executive Committees, will benefit from this interpretation, as will the competitors.

- 1) At the start of a competition, **HAVING EXPLAINED THE OPERATION of Rule 36**, the call clerk calls out the names of the competitors in the running order of the Programme, the call clerk shall include any additional competitors officially notified to the clerk from the Fleadh office and shall indicate any competitors who have indicated directly to the call steward or via the Fleadh office that they do not intend to compete.
- 2) The clerk also indicates any competitor for whom a late slip has been received, due to competing in another competition
- 3) During the time of calling the names of the competitor the clerk will have noted those who are present in the room
- 4) Should the clerk be informed of any just cause, outside a late slip, as to why a competitor is not present to play in the order of the competition, this will be considered by the clerk, and the Fleadh office notified if/as appropriate. Such just causes should be related to exceptional circumstances, acknowledging the importance of fairness to all competitors, such just causes would be due to exceptional and accounted for circumstances. In such exceptional cases a competitor will usually already contacted the Fleadh office in advance of arriving at the Fleadh location. 'Just cause' outside of confirmed late slip competing in another competition, is to be regarded as providing for exceptional circumstances only
- 5) The clerk then calls any competitor who has requested to play as soon as possible, in order to facilitate their competing in another competition
- 6) The competition then returns to the running order of the competition and the clerk calls those competitors who have NOT submitted late slips OR any acceptable just cause for late attendance to compete. These competitors are required to perform in the order in which they are called. Late Slips are to be used only when absolutely necessary; their use is thus monitored by Fleadh personnel. Finally, the competition then proceeds to the competitors who have submitted late slips or an acceptable just cause for the late attendance to compete.
- 7) 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, or of a submitted and accepted just cause. In the above cases the competition, at the informed discretion of the Call clerk, shall be kept open for a maximum of fifteen minutes.
- 8) Call clerks and Fleadh Executive Committees have a duty to run competitions as fairly and efficiently as possible for the benefit all involved.
- 9) Competitors are understood to have in effect disqualified themselves if they do not perform in order of the Programme, outside the exceptional situations above.
- 10) The following as per Clár na gComórtas, general rules abridged applies: Competitors In the following competitions at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann MUST compete in the order published in the Clár. Duets over 18 & Trios over 18, Céilí Bands and Grúpaí Ceoil 15 -18 and Céilí Bands and Grúpaí Ceoil over 18 and all Marching Bands. Failure to do so entails disqualification.
- 11) Rules re Newly Composed Tunes, Newly Composed Ballads and Amhráin Nua-Cheaptha as is apply as is re composer and performer; the above recommendation also applies to this competition in terms order of competition programme and presenting to compete etc.
- 12) Rule 37 is as stands, and call clerks will call out the requirement of this Rule prior to the start of the competition.