



The Royal National Mòd®

GUIDELINES

FOR FAMILIES, SCHOOLS & TUTORS

If a child is being educated through the medium of Gaelic, and will be in Primary 2, or above, at the time of the Royal National Mòd, he/she must be entered into fluent competitions.

Children in GME (Gaelic Medium Education) in P1 should enter learner competitions. **However, children from P1 who come from a fluent background (whether in GME school or not) i.e. when at least one or both of the parents/guardians speak Gaelic in the home, children should be entered into fluent competitions.** Parents/guardians should use their discretion when entering their child/children into competitions.

Parents/guardians or teachers of a child with additional support needs (or an exceptional circumstance) and looking to enter a child into a different competition, should contact the An Comunn Gàidhealach office.

FLUENT

PREPARATION (BEFORE THE MÒD)	CLASS AT TIME OF THE MÒD	AFTER THE MÒD
Only children with Gaelic being spoken at the home by one or both parents/guardians should enter this competition. Preparation should commence during the final stages of nursery and the five weeks in P1 before the Mòd.	P1	Preparation should commence in January for the P2 fluent competition.
Preparation should commence in January of P1 for the P2 fluent competition.	P2	Preparation should commence in January for the P3 fluent competition.
Preparation should commence in January of P2 for the P3 fluent competition.	P3	Preparation should commence in January for the P4 fluent competition.
Preparation should commence in January of P3 for the P4 fluent competition.	P4	Preparation should commence in January for the P5 fluent competition.
Preparation should commence in January of P4 for the P5 fluent competition.	P5	Preparation should commence in January for the P6 fluent competition.
Preparation should commence in January of P5 for the P6 fluent competition.	P6	Preparation should commence in January for the P7 fluent competition.
Preparation should commence in January of P6 for the P7 fluent competition.	P7	Preparation should commence in January for the 11-12 (Secondary) fluent competition.



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LEARNERS

PREPARATION (BEFORE THE MÒD)	CLASS AT TIME OF THE MÒD	AFTER THE MÒD
This competition is applicable to learners of the language at an early stage of Gaelic language development. Children entering P1 in any school including P1 GME schools with no Gaelic at home. Preparation should commence during the final stages of nursery and the five weeks in P1 before the Mòd.	P1	Preparation should commence in January for the P2 learner competition. <i>All children in GME should now move across to the P2 fluent competition.</i>
Preparation should commence in January of P1 for the P2 learner competition.	P2	Preparation should commence in January for the P3 learner competition. <i>All learner competitions from P2-P7 are mixed competitions.</i>
Preparation should commence in January of P2 for the P3 learner competition.	P3	Preparation should commence in January for the P4 learner competition.
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Preparation should commence in January of P5 for the P6 learner competition.	P6	Preparation should commence in January for the P7 learner competition.
Preparation should commence in January of P6 for the P7 learner competition.	P7	Preparation should commence in January for the 11-12 (Secondary) learner competition.

Children in P7 in the October of the Mòd should take part in P7 competitions, regardless of their age. 11-12 year old competitions are for children in secondary school.

Please note that competitions using the traditional age categories (under 13, 13-15 years etc.) should follow the date of birth rule – competitors in these competitions must be within the age group on the first day of October of the year in which the Mòd is held.

Some categories may have the same song but separate competitions will run. However, An Comunn Gàidhealach reserve the right to amalgamate competitions due to low numbers.

For all other rules, please see the 'Rules of the Royal National Mòd' document which will be available online shortly.

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