

Mòd Bharraigh is Bhatarsaigh 2026

Barra and Vatersay Mod 2026

CLÀR-EAGAIR AIRSON
CLANN AGUS INBHICH

JUNIOR & SENIOR
SYLLABUS



Disathairne 26mh den t-Sultain 2026

Saturday 26th September 2026

**ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY
SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST**

PLEASE DIRECT ALL ENQUIRIES TO

barranvatmod@hotmail.com

ENTRY FEES

£2 ENTRY FEE PER ENTRANT

(Please note this is not per competition - it doesn't matter how many competitions a competitor takes part in, it's a flat fee of £2 per entrant to participate at local mod)

****PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO OUR ENTRY SYSTEM, NEW CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES AND OWN CHOICE SUBMISSIONS****

Competition entries close on MONDAY 31ST AUGUST.

Own Choice Submissions must be sent to barranvatmod@hotmail.com

at time of entry.

In recent years there have been changes made at a National Mòd level to how some of the junior solo and poetry competitions are categorised and so instead of age groups, some competitions are now grouped by school class.

Children must be entered for competitions based on the school class they will be in on **1 October 2026.**

SEINN AON-NEACH | SOLO SINGING

FLUENT

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Information
S01	P1 - Mixed	Solo Singing-Fluent	If any competitor chooses to sing the National Mòd prescribed song they do not need to submit music 2 copies of all own choice songs (words and music), clearly marked with competition number and your name, (the traditional song category only requires words), must be submitted along with entry form and appropriate fee by 31st August 2026.
S02	P2 Mixed	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S03	P3 Mixed	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S04	P4 Mixed	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S05	P5 Mixed	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S06	P6 Girls	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S07	P6 Boys	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S08	P7 Girls	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S09	P7 Boys	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S10	11-12 years Girls (Secondary)	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S11	11-12 years Boys (Secondary)	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S12	13-15 years Girls	Solo Singing-Fluent	
S13	13-15 years Boys	Solo Singing-Open	

SEINN AON-NEACH | SOLO SINGING

LEARNER

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Information
S14	P1 - Mixed	Solo Singing-Learner	If any competitor chooses to sing the National Mòd prescribed song they do not need to submit music 2 copies of all own choice songs (words and music), clearly marked with competition number and your name, (the traditional song category only requires words), must be submitted along with entry form and appropriate fee by 31st August 2026.
S15	P2 - Mixed	Solo Singing-Learner	
S16	P3 - Mixed	Solo Singing-Learner	
S17	P4 - Mixed	Solo Singing-Learner	
S18	P5 - Mixed	Solo Singing-Learner	
S19	P6 - Mixed	Solo Singing-Learner	
S20	P7 - Mixed	Solo Singing-Learner	
S21	11-12 years Mixed	Solo Singing-Learner	
S22	13 – 15 Mixed	Solo singing-Learner	

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
S23	16-18 years Mixed	Solo Singing-Open	Singing of an own choice song	
S24	13-18 years Mixed	Self Accompanied Singing - Open	Solo Singing of own choice song with self-accompaniment instrument of choice.	
S25a	Primary	Local Song (Barra/ Vatersay)		
S25b	Secondary	Local Song (Barra/ Vatersay)		

SEANN NÒS | TRADITIONAL SINGING FLUENT

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
S26	P1 - P4 Mixed	Traditional Singing- Fluent	Singing of a traditional or unpublished own choice song	Submit words only online by 31st August 2026 .
S27	P5 - P7 Mixed	Traditional Singing - Fluent		
S28	Under 16 Secondary Mixed	Traditional Singing- Fluent		
S29	16-18 years Mixed	Traditional Singing- Fluent		

SEANN NÒS | TRADITIONAL SINGING LEARNER

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
S30	P1 - P4 Mixed	Traditional Singing- Learner	Singing of a traditional or unpublished own choice song	Submit words only online by 31st August 2026 .
S31	P5 - P7 Mixed	Traditional Singing- Learner		
S32	Under 16 Secondary Mixed	Traditional Singing- Learner		
S33	16-18 years Mixed	Traditional Singing- Learner		

BEUL-AITHRIS - POETRY RECITATION

FLUENT

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Information
BA01	P1 - Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Fluent	Recitation of a prescribed piece of poetry. No actions.
BA02	P2 - Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Fluent	
BA03	P3 - Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Fluent	
BA04	P4 - Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Fluent	
BA05	P5 - Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Fluent	
BA06	P6 - Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Fluent	
BA07	P7 - Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Fluent	
BA08	11-12 years (Secondary) Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Fluent	
BA09	13-15 years (Secondary) Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Fluent	No actions. Submit Words online.
BA09a	16 - 18 years (Secondary) Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Fluent	

BEUL-AITHRIS - POETRY RECITATION

LEARNERS

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Information
BA10	P1 - Mixed (Current Nursery)	Poetry Recitation -Learners	Recitation of a prescribed piece of poetry. No actions.
BA11	P2 & P3 Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Learners	
BA12	P4 & P5 Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Learners	
BA13	P6 & P7 Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Learners	
BA14	11-12 years (Secondary) Mixed	Poetry Recitation -Learners	
BA15	13-15 years (Secondary) mixed	Poetry Recitation -Learners	
BA16	SECONDARY	OWN CHOICE POEM	

BEUL-AITHRIS - STORYTELLING

OPEN

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
BA17	5-8 years - Mixed	Storytelling - Open	Tell a story of Own Choice	Tell a story of own choice. Maximum time is 4 minutes.
BA18	9-10 years - Mixed	Storytelling - Open		
BA19	11-12 years - Mixed	Storytelling - Open		
BA20	13-18 years - Mixed	Storytelling - Open		

BEUL-AITHRIS - CONVERSATION

FLUENT

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
BA21	P1 & P2 Mixed	Conversation - Fluent		
BA22	P3 & P4 Mixed	Conversation - Fluent		
BA23	P5 & P6 Mixed	Conversation - Fluent		
BA24	P7	Conversation - Fluent		

BEUL-AITHRIS - CONVERSATION

OPEN

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
BA25	13-18 years - (Secondary) Mixed	Conversation - Open		
BA26	16 - 18 years (Secondary) Mixed	Conversation - Open		

BUIDHEANN DRAMA | DRAMA GROUPS

OPEN

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
D01	Under 13 - Mixed	Drama - Open	Own Choice Original play devised and staged by school or group presenting the playlet.	Time allowed (including set-up and removal of props) is 20 minutes. Script to be submitted online before Mòd.
D02	Under 19 - Mixed	Drama - Open		

SEINN CARAID | DUET SINGING

OPEN

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
C01	Under 13 years	Duet Singing-Open	Own Choice song in 2 -part harmony	
C02	13-18 years	Duet Singing-Open		

CÒMHLAIN | GROUP/BANDS

OPEN

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
C04	Primary	Group/Band- Open	Perform 2 Gaelic Songs - Own Choice	
C05	Secondary	Group/Band- Open		

ÒRAN GNÌOMH | ACTION SONG

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
C06	Croileagan/Sgoil Àraich	Action Song - Open	Own Choice - Perform a song or a medley of songs as a group with actions	Not to exceed 5 minutes. Only words to be submitted.
C07	Primary	Action Song - Open		

CÒISIREAN | CHORAL SINGING

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
C08	Under 13	Unison Choral Singing-Open	Singing of 2 own choice songs in unison.	**If any junior choir chooses to sing the National Mòd prescribed pieces relevant to the National Mòd they do not need to submit music.
C09	Under 13	Puirt a Beul Choral Singing -Open	Singing of an own choice song puirt-a-beul	
C10	Under 13	2-Part Harmony Choral Singing - Open	Singing of 2 own choice songs in harmony.	
C11	Under 19	Unison Choral Singing-Open	Singing of 2 own choice songs in unison.	
C12	Under 19	Puirt a Beul Choral Singing -Open	Singing of an own choice song puirt-a-beul	
C13	Under 19	2-Part Harmony Choral Singing - Open	Singing of 2 own choice songs in harmony.	

Entries for the Literature, Art and Media competitions should be

submitted by 20th September 2026.

**Submissions for Media and Literature work should be submitted to school office or
online to**

barranvatmod@hotmail.com by 20th September 2026.

Adjudication sheets can be collected from the Mòd office on the day.

LITEARRAS | LITERATURE

OPEN

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
L01	9-10 years	Literacy - Open	Own Choice- Piece of writing of a short story, poem or newspaper article on a topic of your own choice.	
L02	11-12 years	Literacy - Open		
L03	13-15 years	Literacy - Open		
L04	16-18 years	Literacy - Open		

EALAIN | ART

OPEN

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Competition
E01A	Cròileagain / Sgoiltean-àraich	Art - Open	Own Choice - Painting or Drawing relating to Barra and Vatersay.	No word content required
E01	5-6 years	Art - Open	Own Choice - Painting or Drawing relating to Barra and Vatersay.	Please ensure only your name is on the back of the poster.
E02	7-8 years	Art - Open		
E03	9-10 years	Art - Open		
E04	11-12 years	Art - Open		
E05	13-15 years	Art - Open		
E06	16-18 years	Art - Open		

MEADHANAN | MEDIA

OPEN

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
M01	Primary	Media - Open	Own Choice - Short Film	5 minutes max.
M02	Secondary	Media - Open		

FEADAN | CHANTER

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
P01	Beginner - under 13	Chanter	Own Choice Play a Slow Air.	1 or 2 parts
P02	Novice* - Under 13	Chanter	Own choice play a 2/4 March.	2 parts only
P03	Open - Under 13	Chanter	Own Choice Play a 2/4 March.	Minimum 4 parts

PÌOBAIREACHD | PIPING

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
P05	Novice* 15 and under	Pipes - March	Own Choice - Play a 2/4 March.	Minimum 4 parts. Novice = less than 2 years playing
P06	15 and under	Pipes - 2/4 March	Own Choice - Play a 2/4 March.	Minimum 4 parts.
P07	15 and under	Pipes - Strathspey & Reel	Own Choice Play a Strathspey and Reel.	Minimum 4 parts.
P08	15 and under	Jig	Own choice	
P09	15 and under	Pipes - Ground of Pìobaireachd	Own Choice Play the ground of a Pìobaireachd.	
P10	Under 19	Pipes - March Strathspey & Reel	Own Choice Play a 2/4 March.	Minimum 4 parts.
P11	Under 19	Pipes - Pìobaireachd	Own Choice Play a Pìobaireachd	
P12	Under 19	Pipes – hornpipe and jig	Selection of own choice pieces.	Must include a Hornpipe and Jig.

FIDHEALL | FIDDLE

Comp. No.	Age Category	Description	Prescribed Piece	Information
F01	Beginner* Under 13	Fiddle - Slow Gaelic Air & March	Own Choice Play a slow Gaelic Air and March,	
F02	Under 13	Fiddle - Slow Gaelic Air, March & Reel	Own Choice Play a slow Gaelic Air and March, followed by a Reel.	The Reel should be of Gaelic origin.
F03	Under 19	Fiddle - Slow Gaelic Air, March, Strathspey & Reel	Own Choice Play a slow Gaelic Air and March, followed by a Strathspey & Reel.	The Strathspey & Reel should be of Gaelic origin.

BOGSA-CIÙIL | ACCORDIAN

Comp. No.	Age/Class	Description	Prescribed Piece	Competition Information
BC01	Beginner*	Accordion - Gaelic Waltz	Own Choice Play a selection of 3 Gaelic Waltzes	*Less than 2 years' experience
BC02	Under 13	Accordion - Gaelic Waltz	Own Choice Play a selection of 3 Gaelic Waltzes	
BC03	Under 13	Accordion - March	Own Choice Play a March in the Highland/Gaelic/Piping idiom.	
BC04	Under 19	Accordion - Gaelic Waltz	Own Choice Play a selection of 3 Gaelic Waltzes	
BC05	Under 19	Accordion - March, Strathspey & Reel	Own Choice Play a March, Strathspey and Reel in the Highland/Gaelic/Piping idiom.	

PIÀNO | PIANO

Comp. No.	Age/Class	Description	Prescribed Piece	Competition Information
PN01	Beginner* - Under 13	Gaelic air		
PN02	Under 13	GAELIC AIR AND MARCH		
PN03	Beginner* - Under 19	GAELIC AIR		
PN04	Under 19	GAELIC AIR AND MARCH		

Inbhigh - Adult Section

ORAL

I1	CONVERSATION - FLUENT	Mixed
I2	STORYTELLING - FLUENT	Mixed
I3	RECITATION - FLUENT	Mixed
I4	CONVERSATION - LEARNER	Mixed
I5	STORYTELLING - LEARNER	Mixed
I6	RECITATION - LEARNER	Mixed

VOCAL

I7	SOLO - FLUENT	Ladies
I8	SOLO - FLUENT	Men
I9	SOLO - LEARNER	Ladies
I10	SOLO LEARNER	Men

OPEN

I11	SOLO - LOCAL SONG	MIXED
I12	SOLO - PUIRT A BEUL	
I13	SOLO - TRADITIONAL	
I14	DUET	
I15	QUARTET	
I16	FOLK GROUP (3-6 members)	
I17	SELF ACCOMPANIED SOLO OWN CHOICE - 1 GAELIC SONG	

CHORAL

I18	SINGING IN HARMONY	LADIES
I19	SINGING IN HARMONY	MEN
I20	SINGING IN HARMONY	MIXED VOICE
I21	PUIRT A BEUL	MIXED VOICE
I22	WAULKING GROUP - CAN BE MIXED JUNIOR AND SENIOR	MIXED

DRAMA

I23	PLAYLET	MIXED
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RIAGHAILTEAN | RULES

1. Competitors in all sections of the syllabus must submit their entry following the online link no later than **Sunday 31st August 2026**.
2. If entering a competition which requires a file upload, e.g. own choice music, this must be uploaded at time of entry or the entry will not be valid. For Vocal solo and Choral competitions own choice music and words for each song must be submitted.
Points will be deducted for non-compliance.
3. A competitor must not sing the same song in more than one competition.
4. Junior competitors for vocal solos, duets, oral, literature, art and media competitions must be within the prescribed age group or class on **1 October 2026**.
5. Competitors are not allowed to consult books or music during competitions. Exceptionally, this rule does not apply to Instrumental Competitions.
6. **In the Instrumental section BEGINNERS are competitors with less than two years playing experience. In Competitions P01 and P03 a NOVICE should be of up to one year's experience and Novice Competitions may be entered only once.**
7. Entry to both Chanter and Bagpipe Competitions by the same competitor will **NOT** be accepted. A **Novice** may not enter any other piping or chanter competitions.
8. In ALL competitions the decision of the Adjudicators shall be final.
9. No prize will be awarded in any Competition in which the standard of performance is adjudged to be unsatisfactory.
10. Competitors should register for each competition with the steward at the venue where the competition is due to take place. Registration with the steward does not ensure that competitions will be held for late competitors. It is the competitors' responsibility to arrive at the relevant competition in time to compete.
11. All junior entrants are the responsibility of the adult in charge (i.e. parent/teacher). The Provincial Mòd committee and stewards will not be responsible for any child.
12. **Trophies presented must be returned by 31st August 2026.**
13. The Provincial Mòd committee will not accept responsibility for the loss of or damage to people's property at any Mòd venue.
14. Unless covered specifically by the rules above, all other circumstances will be covered by the rules of the Royal National Mòd as appropriate.