

RATHKENNY REVELS  
Celebrating its  
50th Year  
NOT JUST A FAMILY SHOW

BUT A TRADITION AND  
INSTITUTION  
SINCE 1964



# RATHKENNY REVELS RULES

FOR ALL MEMBERS

*REVELS 2014/2015*

## Rathkenny Revels Membership Rules 2016/2017

Stackallen Rathkenny Music Society staged its first ever show as a group in 1964. Due to legal obligations of this society it is now necessary (following legal advice) to change from being a "society" to a "club". When you join Rathkenny Revels as a member you agree to abide by the rules of the club, which are listed in the following pages. It is in the interest of all our members that we have an agreed set of rules so that we can operate in a harmonious, co-operative and safe environment. Rules regarding child members must be signed by the new entrant and also by a parent or guardian if the child is under 16 years every year before the new show begins rehearsals. By signing these rules the parent/guardian agrees to work within the framework the committee has set down about how we operate the show. Disputes on any matter can be raised with the Chairperson, but a committee decision is final regarding disputes, which are raised about issues on the rules of the club following a special meeting. **Revels now has a new Code of Practice which will be available and members are asked to familiarise themselves with it and it will operate in conjunction with this set of rules for 2016/2017 shows and in future.**

1. The registration night will be the only night that members will be taken for the forthcoming season and there will be no exceptions after this date as agreed by the committee for this year and future years. It is the duty of members to abide by texts sent out or other notification of registration and no further requests will be entertained after this date, no appeals will be heard and registration fees will only be taken on the night, The committee reserves the right to engage exceptional talent/personnel to enhance the show as they see fit
2. Membership fees for the 2016/17 show season are €25 (single membership) per person with ceiling of €75 per family. Fees are due strictly on first registration night. All participants in the show must pay membership fees and under no circumstances will persons participate in the show without having paid membership. This applies to all persons taking part in any capacity in the show and forms the insurance cover of membership
3. It is the duty of parents/ guardians to ensure that Junior members are dropped off and collected on time outside the hall for rehearsals and shows in the interest of safety and good practice. who have been given a rota to attend the doors e.g. entrance door at back, **must be present** when given a time on the rota. Under no circumstances, should any cast members be allowed to leave the back entrance when taking part in 'Rathkenny Revels' while the shows are in progress. All members must strictly sign in on arrival, and sign out at the back entrance when the show is over as per parents committee instructions.
4. A parent or guardian and the junior member must sign a form agreeing to the rules set down by the club before that member will commence at any rehearsal.
5. At rehearsals there will be no disruption or lack of attention by any members, which will disrupt the smooth production of the show. Any such behaviour will not be tolerated and may lead to immediate dismissal.
6. No running or jumping by any children in Rathkenny Hall either before or after practices. at any time and Instructions by the Choreographers/ Musical Director must be followed carefully in the preparation for the show with no noise

8. Members must familiarise themselves with the stage layout and safety signs and rules where the show is being held before any performance takes place.
9. It has been agreed at committee level that auditions will be held for specific solo items in the show. Members are encouraged to audition at any available opportunity.
10. It may be necessary to cancel/ change the times or location of rehearsals to other locations occasionally due to adverse weather conditions or other matters which arise and all efforts will be made to get information to all participants as efficiently and as quickly as possible to avoid inconvenience
11. Kitchen must be kept clear with no congregating and people must occupy their own dressing rooms for the duration of the shows in Rathkenny
12. People and property must be respected at all times by all members
13. A list will be given to each member before the show of requirements such as accessories needed for the show which the member will purchase themselves aside from normal costumes provided by Revels organising committee.
14. "Sign in" and "sign out" sheets must be signed before and after each show performance at the back door entrance in Rathkenny and strictly only members and authorised personnel showing a badge will be allowed to carry out required duties. All supervisors will wear a designated badge at all times when on duty
15. For 2017 show, the committee will elect person/s who are our 'Stage Co-ordinator/s'. Stage Co-Ordinator/s will direct proceedings backstage with regard to cast coming on and off stage and will be in charge of advising the cast when they are coming on and off stage. The Stage Co-ordinator's instructions must be strictly followed and **absolutely no standing along the wings by cast members not immediately on stage as our spaces are too small to accommodate onlookers.** Only people on sides of stage will be the dedicated stage staff that will be moving and arranging props and designated child attendants. All dedicated staff / backstage staff must wear a name badge each night The cast will be called by the Co-ordinators only when needed to go on stage.
16. Members must take musical equipment and personal belongings home after each performance except where it is agreed between the committee and the relevant building manager to leave costumes and smaller items as has been done in the past.
- 17 During shows there will be no congregating in corridors at back or sides of hall or noise causing disruption while the show is in progress and at all times there will be strictly no noise in backstage areas. Tea/ drink must be consumed strictly in kitchen area only
18. Stage outfits are chosen by the Producers in conjunction with the Wardrobe Dept and Choreographers. Strictly no other outfits except chosen wear to be worn on stage
19. Revels cast must enter by the allocated doors as instructed by our adult leaders, parents committee and Stage Manager.
20. **Can cast members/parents ensure we have an e mail address and phone number for all adults and children in the cast. This is our essential point of contact as well as a mobile phone number on the registration form on night of registration**  
**RULES MUST BE OBSERVED AND RESPECTED AT ALL TIMES IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR NEW CODE OF PRACTICE 2016/2017**