Irish 2-Hand Reel

(Ireland)

Formation: Couples with boys back to center of circle. Couples are facing with R hands joined at shoulder level, forearms touching.

Part I - Shuffle and Pas de basque.

Moving CCW boys R ft behind L.
Briefly put weight on L.
Repeat for 4 cts.
Pas de basque to L and then R.
Repeat moving in opposite direction.

Part II - Step-kicks and polka steps

Still facing partner, R hands joined, step on outside ft. and kick inside ft.

Polka backward.

Polka toward partner.

Polka to exchange places.

Girl turn L under joined hands.

Repeat to get back to original place.

Part III - 8 Polkas

Different hand position may be used.

Join R hands on top and L hands underneath.

Boy pulls R hands twd his chest.

Rolls R hands under L hands.

Keep arms firm and polka.

This is also known as the Irish Hornpipe.