

# Extra Precautions in the year of Covid-19

*The feis reserves the right to update or change the information in this booklet.*



# Face masks

Face masks in public areas are currently mandated in the City of Tampa and at all Hilton facilities. All attendees need to wear a face mask. This includes the lobby outside the ballrooms and all meeting rooms, attached to the feis.

Dancers do NOT need to wear a mask **while they dance** on stage, but they are welcome to wear one if they so choose.

Dancers will wear a face mask right up to the side of the stage.

All dancers will bring a small GIFT BAG with them. Feel free to decorate, the more distinct, the better, so we don't have any mix ups.

All dancers will bring the gift bags on stage with them, remove their mask and place it in the bag, then place the bag on the floor beside them. When they finish dancing and return to their spot, retrieve the mask and re-apply before returning to the audience.

If someone has a medical condition that precludes them from wearing a face mask, then we respectfully ask that you not attend this year. We will be happy to welcome you back in a future year.

# Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the event.

Attendees are also encouraged to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds as often as possible.



# Temperature checks

Temperature checks will be performed by our feis volunteers in order to enter the ballrooms

## Room set up

Each dancing family will have 2 chairs with a gap of six feet between each block on all sides. Please do not move or reconfigure the seating.

We have 3 separate ballrooms for each of our stages. Ballrooms will have a separate entrance and exit.

The air walls will be closed to separate ballrooms and their traffic. You will NOT be able to move from one ballroom to the next. Instead you will need to exit into the lobby and use the assigned entrance for the ballroom to which you are moving.

We have secured a separate ballroom for awards to disperse traffic.



# Number of dancers on stage

All dancers will perform every dance ONE at a time this year.

Champ dancers will perform 2 at a time on a 24 x 48 stage. It will be split allowing each dancer to have their own side of the stage. Use of the center of stage will only be permitted for Set Dance Rounds.

Adjudicators will be placed at least 10 feet away from the stage which will allow visual access to both dancers by all adjudicators.

For Beginner, Advanced Beginner, Novice & Prizewinner solos and some trophy specials dances that typically require dancers to line up on stage, the following social distancing protocols will be in place:

There will be 6 feet of distance between each designated spot. (So approximately 5 dancers will be on stage at a time) .

6 feet behind the stage, there will be another 5 designated spots to hold the next line of dancers. They will step forward when the previous group vacates the stage.

On the stage, there will be a tape line 6 feet in front of the line of dancers, with a mark to start your dance. Dancers will perform their dance in front of the line, so that they will never be within 6 feet of the other dancers on the stage.

We will split large competitions to allow easier application of social distancing. All splits will be strictly based on Dates of Birth.



# Audience

Families will only be assigned 2 seats, one for the dancer, one for a guardian. **So please reduce the number of guests that you bring this year.** Or they can remain in another area of the hotel.

Please leave non dancing siblings at home or outside the feis area, if possible.

# Unaccompanied minors

Children must be accompanied, at all times by a guardian, except when they are side stage.

No child will be allowed into the ballroom without a guardian. (See below for information about multiple children with only one parent present)

Unaccompanied minors will also be stopped in any of the feis areas outside the ballrooms and sent back to a guardian.

# Families

If a family has multiple dancers and only one parent/guardian with them, and they happen to be dancing on different stages at the same time, you may enter the ballroom for one child, seat them, then leave and bring the other child to the other room.

Remember to bring the printed “parent card” that displays the time block for the first child, so that you can regain access to that room.

We strongly recommend that you assign another parent with whom you are familiar, to keep an eye on your unaccompanied child, if you are not in the ballroom and your second child does not have a guardian.



# Schedule & Room entry

You must display either your dancer number card or your parent card to gain entry.

Please line up no more than 15 minutes before your competition.

That includes first thing in the morning. The ballroom will not open until 7:45am.

If our schedule is running late, it will be posted on social media and at the entrance to the ballroom, so you can delay lining up.

We guarantee that no competition will start early. Therefore no one needs to be in the ballroom early “just in case.”

We will issue a very detailed schedule.

We will be scheduling by age for all levels.

This year we will do regular updates online so you can track what competition is currently running without coming near the feis area. Instead consider enjoying what Tampa Bay has to offer.



# Seating

Hotel seating will be placed in banks of two chairs each, with 6 feet distance from any other seating.

This drastically reduces the amount of seating available.

Seating will be cleared after each time block dances.

No family will be permitted to “hold chairs” with bags & dresses.

Volunteers will be dedicated to monitoring flow of traffic in the room and dealing with unattended seating.

Seating will be sanitized overnight and from time to time during the day.

However dancing families are strongly encouraged to bring a towel or blanket to cover their chairs, for maximum protection.

# Teachers

Registered teachers should visit the Island in the center of the ballroom to pick up a pass to gain entry into the ballrooms. This will allow you to enter the ballrooms.

The front row on each stage will be designated for teachers only.



# Vendors

Vendors will be operating at our feis.

Vendors will have their own protocol for additional precautions. Appointments or scheduling may be necessary to prevent a crowd gathering.

Vendors will be OUTSIDE the ballroom this year, to allow more seating inside.

Vendors maybe operating from Friday evening onwards. We will confirm this later.

We do have a shoe vendor coming as we know many of you have outgrown shoes.

# Used Dresses

Unfortunately we will not have space for used dresses at this year's feiseanna. You will not be permitted to hang dresses in the Hotel.



# Friday evening

While the vendors may operate ( to be confirmed) on Friday evening, the ballroom will NOT be open. There will be no access to the stages.

No number pick up is needed this year, as you will print your numbers at home before coming. (they will print on a regular paper which you then fold, i.e. you don't need index cards.

Tabulation is only available from Saturday morning onwards in order to make changes to entries/late entries.

# Stage access

Once the feis finishes each day, the room will be emptied and will stay locked over night.

So no one will have access to the stages in the evening to practice.

This is because we will not have staff available to control traffic, social distancing and cross contamination from touching surfaces.



# Grade level Awards

Results for Beginner, Advanced beginner, Novice & Prizewinner, including their specials will be posted ONLINE this year to avoid crowds gathering at the posting area.

Awards can be picked up at the medal counter in our awards room..

Dancers will retrieve their own trophy rather than having it handed to them.

Medals will be distributed using gloves.

# Champ Awards

Prelim & Open Championships will be announced & presented in our separate awards ballroom. Please move straight to the awards room upon completion of your competitions.

## **Dancers must wear a mask for the awards ceremony**

Championship Specials (Treble reel, Trad set, Non-Trad. set) will be POSTED, not announced this year and dancers can pick up awards at the Island in the center of the ballroom.

This change will reduce the “mass gatherings” at the awards ceremony, making social distancing possible. It will also allow dancers to get their results much faster and leave the ballroom.

Trophies will not be on open display for attendees to potentially touch and contaminate.

When a dancer’s number is announced, they will step forward and will retrieve their own award, rather than having it handed to them..



# Waiver

By attending, observing, and/or participating in the Tampa Bay Feis and /or The Suncoast Feis, you acknowledge and assume all risks and dangers associated with the attendance and participation of yourself and your child. You further agree to comply with all Covid-19 precautions and agree to release Gilleoghan llc. and Pomp and Jig llc. the Hilton Downtown Tampa, [www.feisworx.net](http://www.feisworx.net), the vendors, and all volunteers of any liability for injury or illness that occurs as a result of your attendance and/or participation.

# Dress, Hair & Make up

Please have hair and make up done in advance so we minimize the number of people gathered in the rest room at mirrors.

Please also arrive in costume.

# Water stations

There will be no water stations this year due to the potential spread of Covid-19. So please bring water or you can purchase it at the hotel.

# Camping

**NO CAMPING will be permitted whatsoever.** So please do not bring chairs or lay blankets on the ground. For obvious reasons, we need to maintain the flow of traffic and allow social distancing.

No Coolers are permitted in the main hotel or Ballroom areas.

No outside food may be carried into the Ballrooms or the public areas of the hotel.

This will strictly enforced by hotel staff

