

COVID-19 Safety Procedures and Protocol Rules



Maguire Academy is working hard to support our Irish dance community and hold a great event in the safest manner as possible. We will be working diligently to ensure that we are adhering to all local rules and State guidelines to ensure the safety of all dancers and spectators. Only the judges, musician, stage managers, dancers, and two spectators for each dance family will be permitted into the competition. Chairs for the spectators will be setup. Entrance and exit from the competition will be facilitated by the stage managers. **Masks must be worn by everyone at all times, except while dancing.** Anyone not following the rules risks immediate disqualification from the Feis and will be asked to leave the competition area.

Lots of important information here, please read all 4 pages.

As a reminder, we ask that you please screen yourself and your dancer for the following COVID-19 symptoms.

- Fever of 100.4°F or greater
- Cough
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Any other symptoms of illness, whether or not you believe it's related to COVID-19

If you or your dancer exhibit any of the above symptoms, please keep them home and skip the feis.

In addition, if you or the dancer was in close contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 at any time, you and the dancer will need to be quarantined for 14 days. The CDC definition of close contact is someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

If someone in the household is exhibiting symptoms and/or waiting for COVID test results, please have all dancers stay home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Feis Committee

Hotel Polices:

Wearing a face covering is **required** whenever you are in a public area of the Sheraton hotel. Failure to wear a mask or to wear a mask appropriately will result in being asked to leave the venue. We remind you also to practice social distancing staying away from one another, guests, and hotel associates. No outside food may be eaten in the common area of the hotel.

Common areas:

There will be no congregating in groups on the ground level foyer or upstairs foyer of the hotel while waiting to enter the ballroom for competitions. Be sure to practice social distancing between families, do not leave any bags or dresses anywhere unattended at any time. No warming up or dancing in any common area. Our vendors may have additional protocols to those mentioned here. Please respect other attendees, volunteers, vendors, and hotel staff. Again, no outside food may be eaten in any common area of the hotel.

Required:

Masks

Paper or plastic bag for placing mask while dancing

Number card (**dancers must print at home and bring with them**)

Recommended:

Hand sanitizer

Sanitizing Wipes

Your own water bottle with water

Spectators:

Each dancer will be permitted two spectators in the ballroom. Chairs will be set up in the ballroom in pairs at a safe distance and should not be moved for any reason. Spectators are asked to remain seated at all times. There will be no standing in ballroom.

Ballroom:

The feis will be held on the second-floor ballroom. Competitions are scheduled by level of dance. Dancers and spectators will be admitted to the ballroom at the start of each group's competition. The front row of seating is designated for teachers only. Please arrive at the ballroom ready to dance with your shoes on so we can move efficiently through the competitions. The ballroom will be cleared multiple times during the day before admitting the next group of dancers. There will be no standing against the back wall in the ballroom. No eating in the ballroom.

Competitions:

*Dancers should arrive 15 minutes prior to their competition start time and be **READY TO DANCE** (In feis attire, shoes on and tied, hair and makeup set). Please do not arrive any earlier, as there is "NO GATHERING" or practicing space available in any of the common areas.

*Dancers and their two spectators can check in 15 minutes prior to their competition.

*If you do not have a bag for your mask, a paper bag will be available in the ballroom.

*Everyone for the scheduled competition will line up with social distancing in mind. The stage manager will let the competition in the ballroom after dismissing the prior group.

*Once you have entered the competition area, dancers and spectators must remain in their seats unless lined up or dancing. You may not wander the ballroom, congregate in groups, or socialize with other dancers/spectators. Choose your seats and remain in them until your dancer's competition has ended.

*When dancers are called to line up, they will stand on the markers along the side of the stage. They may take their mask off, place it in their bag on the table/basket before lining up. After they have danced, they must exit the stage and pick up their bagged mask and put their mask back on and return to their seat and/or leave the ballroom. You may leave the ballroom when your dances are completed. You may stay in the ballroom if you are in the **very next** competition.

Awards:

All Beginner through Prizewinner competition results will be available on-line through Feisworx ONLY. There will NOT be a results room with posted results. All medals will be prebagged and handed out at a designated location - TBD. Please be patient as we tabulate the results as quickly as possible it takes time to enter judges' comments, scores and verify the results.

All Beginner through Prizewinner dancers that have moved up a grade level must fill out a "Move Up Sheet" the Move Up Sheets will be provided at the medals table and all forms must be completed and turned in by 1:30pm on Saturday. Please bring your own pen. Thank you

Only Championship Competitions will be announced. Awards will be announced roughly 20 minutes after each competition ends. Please stay dressed for awards. Awards will be held in the Pima Room, with a socially distanced podiums. Trophies and sashes will be pre-placed on the podiums prior to announcing the competition. Round medals can also be picked up in the Pima Room. Only the dancer and one spectator for the competition are the ONLY ones who are allowed in the awards room. This is a smaller indoor space, please respect this rule.