

Safety Guidelines and Practices for the 2022 John and Maureen Kennelly Memorial Feis

The Kennelly School of Irish Dance is working hard to host a safe event for all dancers, spectators, and volunteers.

UICC and JOHN & MAUREEN KENNELLY MEMORIAL FEIS POLICIES:

Wearing a face covering is **required** whenever you are in public areas of the United Irish Cultural Center. Failure to wear a mask or to wear a mask appropriately will result in being asked to leave the venue. We remind you to also practice social distancing, staying at least 6 feet (2 meters) from other participants, volunteers, spectators and UICC associates.

CHECK-IN / WAIVER:

Each dancer, spectator, and volunteer must submit a signed liability waiver to attend and are asked to self-monitor for symptoms of illness before the feis. Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of illness or have had confirmed exposure to COVID-19 within the past 7 days, per CDC guidelines.

The registration desk will be open Saturday 7:30 am until end of the competition day. **Dancers are asked to print their number at home and bring to the feis with them.** Cards may possibly be printed at the feis for an additional fee, if time permits. Spectator wristbands will be available on the competition day only. Please observe social distancing and wear masks at all times when in line at the registration desk.

BALLROOM:

Competitions will be scheduled by age, so dancers should be able to spend as little time as possible in the ballroom. Dancers and spectators will be admitted to the ballroom 10-15 minutes prior to the start of each age group's competition. The front row of seating is designated for teachers only.

Please arrive ready to dance with shoes on, so we can move efficiently through competitions. The ballroom will be cleared after each age group concludes dancing before admitting the next group.

STAGES:

All competitions will dance two dancers on each stage at a time. Grades will dance 32 bars. Champs will dance 48 bars. Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes early for scheduled competitions.

Dancers are asked to social distance when waiting to check in and when waiting to dance. Dancers are encouraged to wear masks while dancing on stage. If a dancer is not going to wear a mask while performing, masks may be removed when a dancer is next on stage and must be put back on as soon as the dancer exits the stage.

Stage managers will wear masks and keep a safe distance while instructing dancers on when to go on stage. Dancers should pay close attention to their instructions for where to enter and exit each stage to maintain social distancing between dancers. There will be no practicing allowed on stages.

COMMON AREAS:

There will be no congregating in groups in the ballroom, atrium, or lobby of the UICC. While waiting to enter the ballroom for competitions, be sure to practice social distancing between families. Do not plan to leave bags and/or dresses anywhere unattended at any time. Our vendors may have additional protocols in addition to those mentioned here. Please respect other attendees, our volunteers, vendors, and hotel staff by keeping to these precautions.

AWARDS:

All competition results will be posted on FeisWorx only, not at the venue. The dancer and one spectator may pick up his/her medals and awards at the registration desk, except for championship results. They will be announced and awarded on stage. Please be patient as we tabulate results as quickly as possible; it takes time to enter all judge's scores and comments and verify results.

CANCELLATION / FEIS DAY REGISTRATION

Should the feis be canceled due to constraints related to COVID-19, refunds will be processed, less a \$5 administrative fee per registration payment.

We reserve the right to alter any protocol to comply with current California policies.