

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines and Practices for the 2021 Oregon State Championship Feis and Fleadh Rince na Gaelacha Feis

The Yeates Academy of Irish dance is working hard to host a safe event for all dancers, spectators, and volunteers. Please read the information below so that you know what to expect at our feiseanna.

Failure to comply with the below policies is grounds for ejection from the event.

TRAVEL

It is the responsibility of the individual dancers and their families to check any state travel restrictions or related health and safety requirements that may be in place due to COVID-19.

HOTEL POLICIES

Wearing a face covering is required whenever you are in public areas of the Sheraton Airport hotel. *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 guests and hotel associates. Visit the Sheraton Airport Hotel website <https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/pdxsi> for more details on the hotel's enhanced cleaning protocols and modified services.

REGISTRATION

All registration to be completed via feisworx prior to the feiseanna dates. There will be no day of feis changes, additions, or entries due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The only exception is level advancement on Saturday. Any level changes for registered dancers will be accepted **ONLY** on Saturday, June 12th. Grade level dancers' fee is \$5 per dance. Prelim level dancers fee is \$15 total. All changes are at the discretion of the Feis Committee. **CASH ONLY.**

CHECK-IN

The registration desk will be open Friday 6pm-9pm, Saturday 7:00am until end of competition, and Sunday 7:00am until end of competition. Dancers may pick up number cards and spectator wristbands during these times only. Please observe social distancing and wear masks at all times when in line at the registration desk.

SPECTATORS

Each dancer will be permitted one spectator in the ballroom. A colored wristband will be provided to the dancer and spectator at registration, as spectators will only be admitted to the ballroom during their dancers' scheduled competition. 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.

LIABILITY RELEASE WAIVER

Each dancer, spectator, and volunteer must submit a signed liability waiver to attend and you 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.* You will not be allowed to register if you do not have a liability release form on file.

The waiver can be completed [here](https://bit.ly/2QaWib9): (or cut and past link to Google Form:
<https://bit.ly/2QaWib9>)

(Or) see Waiver of Liability Form and Assumption of Risk Form in the Download/links/other information area on FeisWorx Feis Info Page.

MASKS

All attendees will be required to bring and wear a proper mask over their mouth and nose **AT ALL TIMES**, with the exception of when the dancer is competing on stage. Anyone unwilling to comply with this requirement will be asked to leave our contracted event space. Masks worn on the day of competition may **NOT** have the dancer's school, logo or name on them.

TEMPERATURE CHECK

Temperature checks will take place at the entry to the ballroom queue. Everyone entering the ballroom will need to have their temperature checked each day. Anyone registering a temperature of 99.5 or above will not be allowed to enter the ballroom and/or compete. Failure to comply will be asked to leave our contracted event space.

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. Each dancer and accompanying spectator will be allowed to line up for the ballroom 10-15 minutes prior to the start of each age group's competition. No competition will start earlier than stated on the schedule, so please do not arrive any earlier.
- Please arrive ready to dance with shoes on, so we can move efficiently through competitions.
- If any start times are delayed, we will post announcements on social media. There will be a socially distanced teacher's seating area.
- The ballroom will be cleared after each age group concludes dancing before admitting the next group.

Please monitor our Facebook and Instagram social media pages for Yeates Academy of Irish Dance and Oregon State Championship Feis for updates to the schedule throughout the weekend.

STAGES

All competitions will dance one dancer on each stage at a time.

- Grades will dance 16 bars only.
- Preliminary Champions will dance 2 rounds and must pre-select which dances they will dance prior to the final change date.
- Open Champions will dance 3 rounds and must pre-select which dances they will dance prior to the final change date.
- Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes early for scheduled competitions.
- All dancers should arrive ready to dance. There is no practice area at the facility.
- Dancers are asked to stand on social distancing markers when waiting to check in and when waiting to dance.

- Dancers may choose to remove masks if they wish while dancing on stage.
- Masks may be removed and placed in provided disposable plastic bags 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; ballrooms will be kept locked except during competitions.

COMMON AREAS

There will be no congregating in groups in the ballroom, atrium, or lobby of the hotel. 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 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. Once each age group has completed dancing and the results have been posted on FeisWorx, an announcement will be posted on social media that awards are ready for that age group. There will be a designated awards table so that the dancer and one spectator may pick up a packet containing all of his/her medals.

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. Preliminary and Open Championships awards will be announced on social media and a space will be allocated at the event for awards announcements and placements. Only dancers and one guest (with wristband) will be permitted in the awards area when the results for their competition is being announced.

Please observe social distancing and wear masks at all times when picking up medals and attending awards.

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. Feis Day Registration will be accepted with a \$50 late fee.

CHANGE DISCLAIMER

"Yeates Academy reserves the right to make changes to these policies as needed based on changing state requirements pertaining to Covid-19. Policy updates will be posted on our FB page.