

# **Safety Guidelines and Practices for the 2021 Magnolia State Feis and Feis New Orleans & Louisiana State Championships**

The Ryan School of Irish Dance is working hard to host a safe event for all dancers, spectators, and volunteers. Please watch our Feiseanna Facebook and Twitter pages here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3687742971312021>

<https://twitter.com/RyanSchoolNOLA>

## **HOTEL POLICIES:**

Wearing a face covering is **required** whenever you are in public areas of the Hilton New Orleans 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 Hilton New Orleans Airport website, **Hilton.com**, for more details on the hotel's enhanced cleaning protocols and modified services.

## **SPECTATORS:**

Each dancer will be permitted one spectator in the ballroom. A colored wristband will be provided to the spectator at registration, as spectators will only be admitted to the ballroom during their dancers' schedule competition. Chairs will be set up in the ballrooms in pairs, at a safe distance, and should not be moved for any reason. Spectators are asked to remain seated at all times.

## **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 waiver can be completed online here: <https://forms.gle/R8BkSikr3hAgUKP76>

The registration desk will be open Friday 6pm-9pm, Saturday 7:30am until end of competition, and Sunday 7:30am 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.

## **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. There will be no passing through from one ballroom to the other without first exiting through the designated exit doors.

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.

**Please monitor our Facebook and Twitter pages 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. Champs will dance their full dances 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.

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 when a dancer is next on stage and must be put back on as soon as the dancer exits the stage. Bags labeled with dancer names will be provided at registration for masks to be put in. A table will be provided for placing bags while dancing.

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 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. Once each age group has completed dancing and their results are posted on FeisWorx, an announcement will be posted on social media that awards are ready for that age group. The dancer and one spectator may pick up a packet containing all of his/her medals at the registration desk. 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.

Champs recall lists and award times will be posted on social media only. Prelim, Opens, and Adult Championships awards will be announced in a space to be announced on social media nearer the time of feis. Only recalled dancers and one guest (with wristband) will be permitted in the awards room. Specials will not be announced; dancers can pick up those awards at the registration desk. Please observe social distancing and wear masks at all times when picking up medals and attending awards.

Any level changes for registered dancers will be accepted ONLY after ALL competitions have ended on Saturday May 29th. 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.

## 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.