

Safety Guidelines & Practices

for the 2021 Texas State Championships & Feis and Cowtown Feis

The McTeggart Irish Dancers of North Texas are working hard to host a safe event for all dancers, spectators, and volunteers. Please watch our Feiseanna Facebook page here <https://www.facebook.com/McTeggartNTXFeis> for announcements before and during the feis weekend.

Hotel Policies

Wearing a face covering is required whenever you're in public areas of the DFW Sheraton Airport hotel. We remind you also to practice social distancing, staying at least 6 feet or 2 meters from other guests and hotel associates. Visit <https://whattoexpect.marriott.com/dfwah> for more details about the hotel's enhanced cleaning protocols and modified services. As the ballroom capacities are large, there will be no cap for either feis.

Spectators

Each dancer will be permitted one spectator in the ballroom. A colored wristband will be provided to the spectator at check-in, as spectators will only be admitted to the ballroom during their dancers' scheduled 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 in order 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 on Friday 7-9pm, Saturday 7am-5pm, and Sunday 7am-3pm. Dancers may pick up number cards and spectator wristbands during these times only. Please note that during the feiseanna, there will be separate labeled lines for check in and awards pick up at the registration desk. Please observe social distancing and wear masks at all times when in line at the registration desk.

Ballrooms

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. 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. The ballroom will be cleared after each age group concludes dancing before admitting the next group.

If any start times will be delayed, we will post announcements on social media. 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 designated exit doors. Only one spectator per dancer will be permitted to return to the ballroom for the Maureen Hall Champion of Champions competition on Saturday.

Stages

All competitions will dance one dancer on each stage at a time. Grades will dance 16 bars only. Champs will dance 32 bars of each solo and full set dance (opens only) and must pre-select which dances they will dance prior to the final change date.

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 only when a dancer is next on stage and they must be put back on as soon as a dancer exits the stage. A table will be provided for placing masks while dancing; please bring a bag labeled with the dancer's name in which to put his/her mask.

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 near the ballrooms and on social media. Prelim, Opens, and Adult Championships awards will be announced in the awards room. Only recalled dancers and their immediate families will be permitted in the awards room. Championship awards will be live streamed on our Facebook page for friends and family. 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.

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.