

Covid Precautions 2021



Face masks

All attendees need to wear a face mask. This includes the lobby immediately outside the ballrooms and all meeting rooms, attached to the feis.

Face masks need to cover both the mouth and nose at all times.

Dancers do NOT need to wear a mask **while they dance** on stage, but they are welcome to wear one if they so choose.

Dancers will wear a face mask right up to the side of the stage.

All dancers will bring a small GIFT BAG with them. Please bring one or you may purchase one from the feis. Feel free to decorate, the more distinct, the better, so we don't have any mix ups.

All dancers will bring the gift bags on stage with them, remove their mask and place it in the bag, then place the bag on the floor or table/chair provided beside them. When they finish dancing and return to their spot, retrieve the mask and re-apply before returning to the audience.

If someone has a medical condition that precludes them from wearing a face mask, then we respectfully ask that you not attend this year. We will be happy to welcome you back in a future year.

Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the event.

Attendees are also encouraged to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds as often as possible.



Room set up

Vendors and the photographer have all been moved outside the ballroom to allow more social distancing inside.

Each dancing family will have 2 chairs with a gap of six feet between each block on all sides. Please do not move or reconfigure the seating.

We have 3 different stages. Please enter by the signposted entrance for your stage.

You will NOT be able to move from one stage to the next. Instead, you will need to exit into the lobby and use the assigned entrance for the ballroom to which you are moving.

There will also be a separate entrance for tabulation and for picking up awards.

The seating for each stage will be cleared entirely before the next color block is allowed in.



Number of dancers on the stage

All dancers will perform every dance ONE at a time this year.

Champ dancers will technically perform two at a time, but each will have their OWN side of the stage. (for efficiency of time) The champ stage is 56 feet wide so each dancer will have plenty of space.

Our stages have all increased size significantly this year to accommodate this.

For Beginner, Advanced beginner, Novice & Prizewinner solos and some trophy specials dance that typically require dancers to line up on stage, the following social distancing protocols will be in place:

There will be 6 feet of distance between each designated spot. (So approximately 5 dancers will be on stage at a time)

6 feet behind the stage, there will be another 5 designated spots to hold the next line of dancers. They will step forward when the previous group vacates the stage.

On the stage, there will be a tape line 6 feet in front of the line of dancers, with a mark to start your dance. Dancers will perform their dance in front of the line, so that they will never be within 6 feet of the other dancers on the stage.

Please note that our stages will NOT be raised this year for several reasons. Firstly the exorbitant cost of raising much larger stages than usual. Secondly it allows us to more efficiently move dancers on and off stage, without close contact between them.



Audience

Families will only be assigned 2 seats in the ballrooms; ONE for the dancer, and **ONE for a spectator**.

No additional adults may accompany the dancer this year.

If one parent has multiple children, they may all enter together, but they all need to sit within the bank of 2 chairs assigned.

If a family has multiple children but only one child is dancing in that particular section, the additional children do not qualify additional parents to enter.

Proof of entry

Parents must have their parent card with them every time they enter a ballroom.

Dancers must show the back of their number card to access a ballroom.



Schedule & Room entry

Our schedule will be color coded and each block of time will be assigned a specific color

The color will appear on the back of your dancer's card and on your parent card. Only dancers in that color block will be allowed into the ballroom.

You must display your dancer number card and parent card to gain entry.

The next color block may enter and line up in a holding lane with 6 feet distance between groups.

Please line up no more than 15 minutes before your competition.

That includes first thing in the morning. The ballroom will not open until 7:45am.

We guarantee that no competition will start early. Therefore no one needs to be in the ballroom early "just in case."

Our feis always releases a very detailed schedule each year so you will know exactly when your competitions will run.

We also schedule BY AGE, not level, so dancers should be able to spend as little time as possible in the ballroom.



Seating

Hotel seating will be placed in banks of two chairs each, with 6 feet distance from any other seating.

This drastically reduces the amount of seating available.

Seating will be cleared after each time block dances.

No family will be permitted to “hold chairs” with bags & dresses.

Full time staff will be dedicated to monitoring flow of traffic in the room and dealing with unattended seating.

Seating will be sanitized overnight and from time to time during the day. However dancing families are strongly encouraged to **bring a towel or blanket** to cover their chairs, for maximum protection.

Dancers will not be allowed to move around the ballroom and practice at the back, as normal. Please be warmed up coming in. You can stay warmed up and stretch in the holding lane.

Teachers

Registered teachers should visit the Tabulation area to pick up a pass to gain entry into the ballrooms. This will allow you to enter the ballrooms.

The front row on each stage will be designated for teachers only.



Vendors

Vendors will be operating at our feis.

Vendors will have their own protocol for additional precautions. Appointments or scheduling may be necessary to prevent a crowd gathering.

Vendors will be OUTSIDE the ballroom this year, to allow more seating inside.

Most vendors will be operating from Friday evening onwards.

Used Dresses

Due to space restrictions and fire regulations, we do not have a used dress rack this year.

However we have a dedicated Facebook page where you can both display and view dresses that will be available at the feis. Search for "Orlando Feis Used Dresses" on Facebook.



Friday evening

While the vendors will operate on Friday evening, the ballroom will NOT be open. There will be no access to the stages.

No number pick up is needed this year, as you will print your numbers at home before coming. (they will print on a regular paper which you then fold, i.e. you don't need index cards.

Tabulation is only available from Saturday morning onwards in order to make changes to entries/late entries.

Stage access

Once the feis finishes each day, the room will be emptied and will stay locked over night.

So no one will have access to the stages in the evening to practice.

This is because we will not have staff available to control traffic, social distancing and cross contamination from touching surfaces.



Grade level Awards

Results for Beginner, Advanced beginner, Novice & Prizewinner, including their specials will be posted ONLINE this year to avoid crowds gathering at the posting area. Log in to your Feisworx account to see results.

Awards can be picked up at the tabulation area.

Champ Awards

Prelim & Open Championships will be announced & presented in the lobby soon after the finish dancing. So, keep your costume on when you finish dancing and head to that area.

Dancers must wear a mask for the awards ceremony.

Championship Specials (Treble reel, Trad set, Non-Trad set) will be POSTED on Feisworx, not announced this year and dancers can pick up awards at the tabulation area.



Dress, Hair & Make up

Please have hair and make up done in advance so we minimize the number of people gathered in the rest room at mirrors.

Please also arrive in costume.

Water stations

There will be NO water stations this year due to the potential spread of Covid-19. So please bring water or you can purchase it at the hotel.

Camping

NO CAMPING will be permitted whatsoever. So please do not bring chairs or lay blankets on the ground. For obvious reasons, we need to maintain the flow of traffic and allow social distancing.



Art drop off

Entries for the art competition may be deposited at Tabulation on Saturday morning for Saturday's competition, and on Sunday morning for Sunday's competition.

No drop off is available on Friday night.



Grade Exams

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Dancers will take their exams in groups of small groups, so there will be minimal people in the room.

As always, no parents, teachers or other spectators will be allowed in.

Dancers will be provided with a chair each, all at least 6 feet distance apart. They may also warm up in this area.

The seating is at one end of the room, the dance floor at the other end. They will go one by one to the dancefloor to perform their dances.

FACE MASKS

All dancers will wear a mask when entering the exam room and will keep it on when they are not dancing, including warm up.

Dancers may remove their mask to perform their dances during the exam. Or they may keep them on if they so choose.

The examiner and assistant will wear their mask the entire time.

DISINFECTING

Hand sanitizer will be available both at the entrance and in the room.

Chairs will be sanitized by the hotel overnight and during lunch breaks.

Dancers are welcome to bring a clean towel or blanket to place over the chair for their own protection.

