

What to Expect the Day of the Feis

Before:

Most competitions begin at 8:00 a.m. which means that you need to be there at **7:00 a.m.**

- Please be in full costume by 7:15am
 - **See the "Beginner Feis Look" on our "Student Only" Page for Requirements**
- Wear your Atlanta Irish Dance Spirit Gear while not in costume.
- Parents are also encouraged to wear their Atlanta Irish Dance Shirts!

For out of town feiseanna, some families choose to stay at the hotel where the competition is being held. There are special feis rates for this.

During the Feis:

Upon arrival, go to the **Feis Registration Desk** to get your **number card** that your child will wear for the competition. The back of the card lists all the dances that she/he will be dancing.

Next, you will **go to the Stage** of the first dance your student is dancing on (usually a reel or light jig). We will give you a **feis schedule** in class before the feis. The schedule lists the stages your child will be dancing on. Each stage posts all the competition numbers that will take place on that stage. It also shows the competition currently on that stage. As each dance is completed, the numbers are crossed off.

When it is almost time for their competition, **Dancers line up side stage to check in**. There will be a feis staff member there checking in the dancers for each event. Children should check in for each event as soon as the dancers in the preceding event walk out on stage. Direct your child to the person checking in the dancers. **Pay attention to the announcements**; they will announce which competition is about to take place.

Each stage will have **a judge**. In solo dancing events, each dance is judged and awarded separately. There will be a staff member on stage that will start the beginner dancers. The dancers will do their dance and then line back up at the rear of the stage. When the judge signals that she/he is done with the scoring, they will ring a bell to dismiss the line. The dancers will bow to the judge and musician and walk off the stage.

The dances are danced in the following order for each group: Reel, Light Jig, Slip Jig, Single Jig, Hard Jig, Hornpipe, and St. Patrick's Day (Traditional Set). It is your teachers discretion on how many dances that your child will start off with. Eventually, your child will be doing all of these.

After:

Results are announced or posted. **The most common way is posting the results.** If your child has placed in their competition, their trophy or medal can be picked up at the awards table. If the awards are being announced on stage (usually for champion dancers), the dancer **should be in their full school costume**.

Other Important information:

--While water is often provided, please **bring water for your family**. Some feis will allow you to bring small coolers. Bring snacks that can be packed in a backpack/purse for quick energy boosts.

--**Children must be supervised at all times**. It's a good idea to bring things that will entertain siblings while your child is dancing. In consideration of the dancers, please be quiet in the hall.

--**DO NOT BRING A VIDEO CAMERA. VIDEO TAPING OF THE DANCING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED** - Each school owns the rights to it's choreography & therefore, it is protected.

--**NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY**