



Guide to your First Feis

We are glad you are joining us at Dairyland Feis! We hope you have a great day at our event!
Check-in for the feis will be held on Sunday, 1/15, beginning at 7:15 am in the Olympia Resort lobby. First feis competitions are scheduled to begin at 8:15 am, so plan to arrive early.

When you get to the feis:

- 1) Check in your dancer at the registration table. Pick up your competitor number (one card for parent, one for dancer) and your stage assignment. Your dancer's competitions will be listed on the back of the card.
- 2) Locate your stage and check the posted competition schedule near the stage to see how soon your dancer will be up.
- 3) Find a place to settle in nearby so you can see the stage schedule.
- 4) Get your dancer dressed. Make sure to: double-knot shoelaces, glue socks, secure cape to dress, securely fasten wig and headband. CHECK EVERYTHING!!
- 5) Attach dancer competitor number card to front of costume with safety pins or string around the waist so it is visible to the judge.
- 6) Make sure your dancer is side-stage when their competition is being checked in.
- 7) Once checked-in, your dancer should sit in the competitor chairs until their competition starts. The stage monitors will tell them when to line up to dance. (For most First Feis competitors, a stage monitor will assist them in counting so they know when to start their dance.)
- 8) Competitors dance two at a time and will NOT be doing the same steps since each dance school has unique steps.
- 9) After your dancer is done with all their dances, they can get out of their costume.
- 10) Locate results area to check how your dancer did. Take competitor number card with you. Results are posted by competition number. Typical feiseanna place from 1st to 6th places, and there can be ties.
- 11) Pick up any awards at the awards table!
- 12) Congratulate yourself and your dancer on having made it through the feis!!

What to bring to a feis:

- 1) Complete costume. Girls: dress with cape, blouse, dance pants, crown, poodle socks. Boys: dress shirt, vest, pants, black socks, tie, belt. (Vendors will be there for some emergency needs!)
- 2) Wig and supplies (including extra bobby pins, brush, comb, hair gel/spray)
- 3) Shoes (soft and hard)
- 4) Sock glue
- 5) Snacks. Most have food available, but not always sure what is offered.
- 6) Duct tape, scissors, band-aids, black magic marker or shoe polish, emergency sewing kit
- 7) Ribbon or safety pins to attach competitor number
- 8) Copy of stage schedule and pen for writing. Copy of stage layout map, if available.
- 9) Activities to do during downtime: small games, book, etc.

Important things to note:

- 1) Arrive on time and have your dancer prepared. The feis will not wait for your dancer UNLESS there is a conflict with the stage schedules.
- 2) No photography (still or moving) is allowed while dancers are on stage competing.
- 3) Parents are not allowed side stage or on the stage during a competition unless there is an emergency. If your child has an issue, check with the stage monitor. Do not approach a judge.
- 4) Once the stage monitor has checked your child in, they should remain side-stage until after they have danced.
- 5) Sometimes stage assignments are changed the day of the feis. Watch the schedule posted at your child's stage.
- 6) Some feiseanna have designated "camping" areas or no "camping" at all.
- 7) Most feiseanna will have offer a pre-registration time (usually the day before) where you can stop in and pick up your competitor number and look around. You don't have to be there, but if it is convenient for you, it gives you an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the location.
- 8) Most feiseanna include vendors selling all kinds of dance-related items (shoes, wigs, clothing, gifts, etc.).