

# RULES OF THE FEIS

*The following rules should be read in light of the AIDA Mission Statement, the objective of which is to encourage good sportsmanship in a healthy, positive and fair spirited environment. This objective should be upheld by ALL teachers, dancers, parents and spectators at all events.*

1. Competitors must be pupils of Registered Teachers with An Coimisiun Le Rinci Gaelacha who are also registered with AIDA SA Inc and AIDA Inc for the year 2019.
2. Competitors must be registered with AIDA SA Inc for 2019 and proof of age must also have been ascertained.
3. Entries must be submitted and fees paid by the due date. No late entries will be accepted and no refunds will be given.
4. There must be a minimum of two (2) competitors to make up an event. Entry fees will be refunded in insufficient numbers are received.
5. All competitors must be ready to commence their section at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of their sections.
6. All competitors must be in the marshalling area prior to the commencement of their sections.
7. The association reserves the right to amend the order of dances at any time.
8. In the case of a tie, there will be no dance off. Competitors in the next position will move back a place.
9. Competitors will be required to dance to music supplied by the association. Teachers may be required to supply their own music for set dances.
10. If there is a problem with music, either manual or recorded, the dancer will be permitted to re-dance.
11. If a dancer loses a heel or a complete shoe, he/she may stand back allowing the other dancer to continue dancing uninhibited. Such a dancer will then be allowed to re-dance.
12. Should a dancer bump, slip or fall, they may re-dance at the adjudicator's discretion.
13. No block, en point, stationary or moving is allowed to be performed for all grades up to and including the 11 years and under age groups.
14. If a dancer falls the adjudicator must ring the bell. The dancer will be permitted to re-dance at the adjudicator's discretion.
15. In all competitions for Primary, Intermediate and Open, in all heavy dancing lead rounds – they must be danced on both the right foot and the left foot.
16. In graded sections, competitors are required to perform correct standard of work as set out in the AIDA Inc Competitions Rules and Regulations. Competitors will be disqualified by adjudicators if incorrect standard of work is performed.
17. Make-up and fake tanning will be not be permitted for any dancer in beginner or primary for 11 years and under.
18. Dancers competing in Beginner Grade may only wear Team costume, skirt and top with no sleeveless tops permitted. Solo costumes and wigs are not permitted in Beginners. Boys may wear shorts/trousers/kilt and shirt. Dancers competing in the Beginners sections must abide by the Beginner costume rule.
19. The decision of the adjudicator is final
20. To receive prizes or awards, competitors must be in full dancing costume including shoes.
21. Costume dress necklines must be of collar-bone level or above. This does not preclude the use of alternative fabrics eg. Lace as an insert
22. Where lace or chiffon is used as sleeves, the sleeves must start at the shoulder line and end at the cuff.
23. Appropriate underwear must be worn. Where tights are worn they must be of a denier not less than 70.
24. In accordance with our obligations under the Protection policy, dancers are reminded to wear appropriate dress at all times whilst at the Feis (especially in the auditorium area) NB this means that shorts / skirt must be worn over leotards at all times.
25. The use of artificial arm aids are not permitted
26. Competitors enter at their own risk regarding injury
27. AIDA SA Inc will not accept any liability for injuries sustained. Lodgement of an entry will be deemed to be an acceptance of this provision by a dancer.
28. Lodgement of an entry shall be taken to signify that the Teacher, Parent and pupils concerned accept these rules in full and agree to strictly abide by them.
29. Photography and/or video is permitted in Novice sections and Beginner sections only. Please note that any form of unauthorised photography which has the capability to capture a dancer's image whilst in motion, using electronic or manual means eg mobile phone, standard camera, video camcorder, cinerecorder, commercial film with or without flash enhancement is expressly forbidden in all other levels of competition, i.e. Primary, Intermediate, Elementary and Open competition unless prior permission has been given by the Feis organizers. We understand that there are dancers whose parents / guardians have advised they do not wish their child's photo to appear on any of the social media sites. Announcements will be made at each presentation reiterating that parents should only be posting photos / videos of their **own** child and that they must have agreement from any other child's parent / guardian that may appear in the photo before posting. – WE WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT WE CANNOT CONTROL WHAT GETS POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA - WE CAN ONLY EXPLAIN THE RULES.