

# FEIS RULES OF CONDUCT

## GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR RINCE NA GRÁ DANCERS & PARENTS

Dancers who choose to participate in Irish dance competitions are representatives of the Rince Na Grá School of Irish Dance. Dancers may only compete under the Rince Na Grá name with Katie Meyer's knowledge and permission. As the TCRG (internationally certified teacher) of the school, it is Katie's responsibility to decide if a dancer is prepared to perform in competition.

1. Good sportsmanship is required of every Rince Na Grá dancer. This includes wishing opponents good luck, congratulating winners, and gracefully accepting adjudicators' results. Rince Na Grá competitors represent their school and, much more importantly, bear the name of Christ.
2. Remember that although you may be competing directly against your Rince Na Grá classmates, you're both part of the Rince Na Grá School team and you are sisters in Christ. Build each other up in love (1Thessalonians 5:11).
3. Rince Na Grá instructors desire to see their students turn a profit on the talents God has given them and to strive for godly discipline in every area of their lives. Competitions are such great practice for these God-honoring skills! However, we firmly believe that physical training is of only \*some\* benefit, while "godliness has value for all things, holding value for both the present life and the life to come." (1Timothy 4:8). Practically, this means we care a whole lot more about a dancer's attitude than about her placement.
4. Dancers who compete must practice independently outside of class. Dancers should demonstrate their gratitude for the opportunity to compete by applying themselves diligently in this area.
5. For championship level competitions (such as Regional Oireachtas, Nationals, Worlds, or any other Major), qualification for an event does not guarantee participation. As with every competition, it is Katie's responsibility to decide if a dancer is sufficiently prepared for the event. For all major competitions, Katie's decision regarding a dancer's preparedness directly correlates to the caliber of dance expected at the event.
6. Dancers (and parents) must read and adhere to the IDTANA Dancing Competition Rules which are printed on every feis syllabus and are also available online. If any of these rules are not clear, it is the dancer's (and/or parent's) responsibility to ask Miss Katie for clarification.

If you are considering a transfer from Rince Na Grá to another Irish dance school for ANY reason, please talk to Katie. The Irish Dancing Commission (CLRG) has strict rules regarding students who participate in competitions transferring from one Irish dance school to another. We want to make sure we do it correctly!

Thank you for joining us in seeking to imitate Christ in the exciting world of Irish dance competition! We're so grateful for you!