



2020 Cincinnati Feis

COVID-19 Policies & Feis Information

Northern Kentucky Convention Center

220 Madison Ave, Covington, KY 41011

Saturday, November 7th

(AM: Grades, PM: Preliminary Championship)

Sunday, November 8th

Open Championship

The Cincinnati Feis has strict COVID-19 policies that must be in place this year. All procedures are set forth by the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in conjunction with Kenton County & Kentucky and are not negotiable.

During the Feis there will be dedicated safety personnel who are there to make sure attendees are masked up and keeping a safe social distance. The Cincinnati Feis Committee reserves the right to update these precautions as necessary.

Masks, Spectator Policies & Venue Notes

- **All attendees must wear a face mask at all times except when a dancer is competing on stage.** Everyone will be required to bring their own mask and wear their mask properly - covering both their mouth & nose. If you are unable to wear a mask at all times we request you stay home this year.
- Dancers choosing to compete in a mask may do so without penalty but must wear a hospital grade disposable mask with no identifying markings on the mask.
- Dancers need to bring with them a small gift size bag that they will bring with them side stage to place their mask in while competing. Keep reading for details regarding side stage procedures.
- **Each competitor will be permitted to bring ONE (1) SPECTATOR with them inside the NKYCC.** For families with more than 2 dancers we kindly ask to bring no more than 2 spectators.
- There will be NO concessions. Outside food is allowed but absolutely no coolers permitted inside the venue. Be sure to bring your own water.
- Dancers should arrive at the venue with wig and makeup completed (if applicable). The restroom mirrors and sinks may not be used for makeup or wig application.

Number Pick Up & Entry to NKYCC

- **Dancers and their 1 spectator are not allowed into the NKYCC until their designated arrival time.** There are strict arrival times per groups of competitions. *Do NOT enter the NKYCC until your designated start time!*
- There will only be one set of doors open to enter the NKYCC. These doors will be via the Madison Ave entrance. All other doors, including the skywalk to the Marriott, will be locked.
- Don't forget to bring your waiver. Waivers will be collected at number pick-up.
- Immediately as dancers enter the NKYCC their competitor number will be picked up in the lobby. There will be a rope stanchion que line to pick up these numbers. Social distancing will be enforced while waiting in line.
- As dancers pick up their number they will also be given two wristbands - one for the dancer, one for their spectator. In order to gain admission into the ballroom wristbands must be shown and only the corresponding wristbands of the group arriving will be allowed into the ballroom.

Arrival Times

SATURDAY - GRADES

WHITE GROUP	PINK GROUP	PURPLE GROUP
9:00AM	9:30AM	11:00AM

SATURDAY - PRELIM

BLACK GROUP	YELLOW GROUP	BLUE GROUP
12:45PM	1:30PM	2:15PM

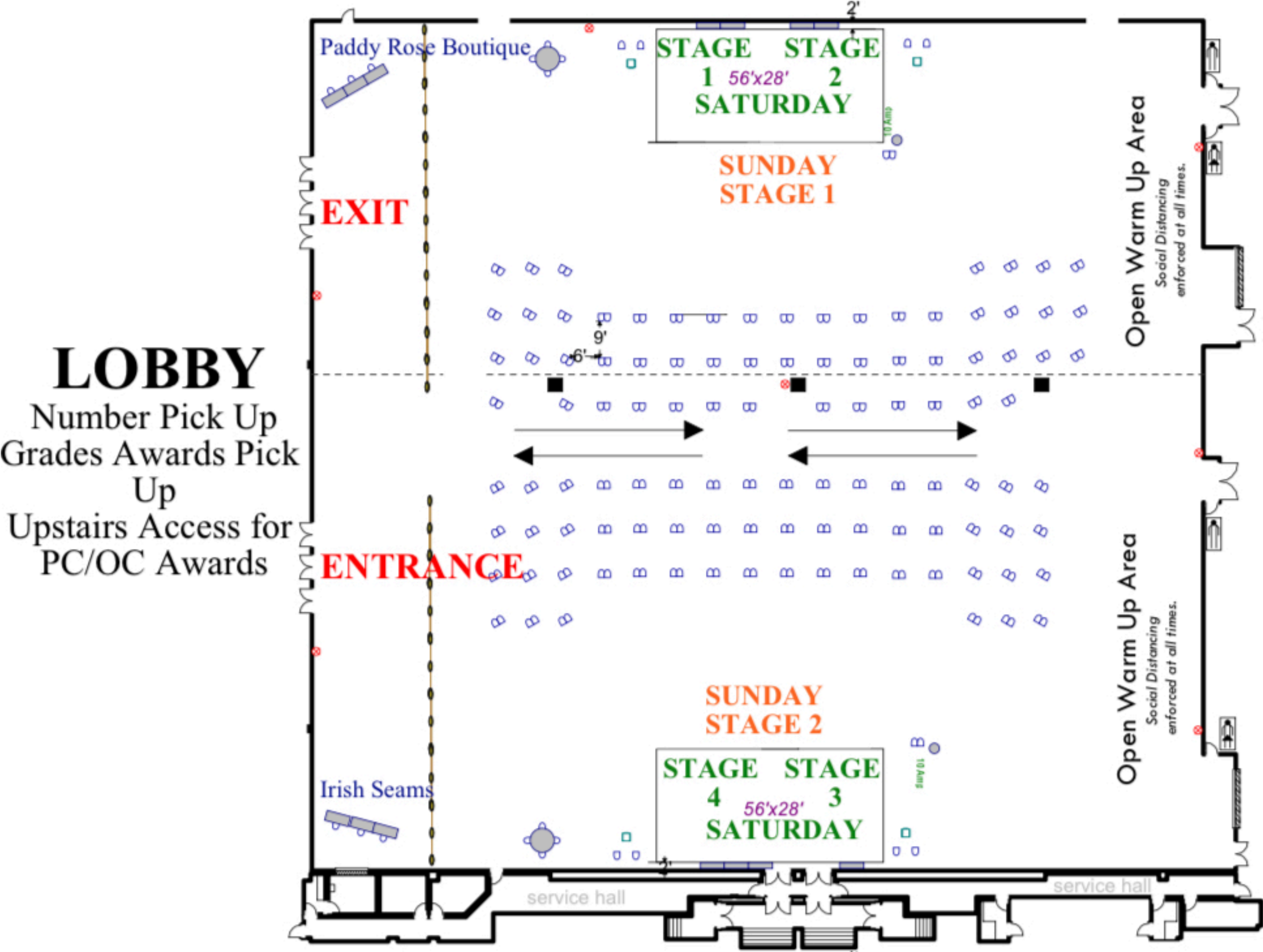
SUNDAY - OC

710OC 711OC 712OC	7:45AM
715OC-A 715OC-B 719OC	8:30AM
714OC 716OC	10:00AM
713OC 717OC	12:00PM
718OC 761OC 762OC/763OC 764OC/765OC 766OC/767OC 768OC/769POC	1:30PM

Competition Space

- There will be TWO (2) large stages for PC & OC competitions which will be split into 4 smaller stages for grade level competitions.
- The ballroom has over 46,000 square feet of space which is plenty of space to keep everyone socially distanced. Chairs will be set up in banks of two (2) 6'x9' apart. Chairs cannot be moved.
- The NKYCC has very strict policies regarding the number of chairs allowed inside the ballroom. We understand this may be an inconvenience to some, especially families with multiple dancers, but it is in the interest of everyone's safety.
- **Each dancer and their 1 spectator will have access to ONE (1) bank of chairs.** Regardless of the number of people each family only gets 1 bank of chairs.
- For families with more than 1 sibling dancing on the same day we ask that you only use a bank of chairs per dancer actively competing. For example if you have a dancer in grades and a dancer in PC only use 1 bank of chairs during grades and 1 bank of chairs during PC.
- The number of dancers inside the ballroom at one time is based on the number of chairs. It is extremely important for families to leave the ballroom (competition area) immediately when their dancer is finished competing. Any deviations from this will cause our schedule to fall behind. Please be mindful of this policy and respectful of the space. Don't forget to clean up your personal space and take everything with you when you leave.

2020 CINCINNATI FEIS LAYOUT



Grade Level Competitions & Awards

- **DANCING & STAGE PROCEDURES**

Grade level dancers will compete 1 at a time. **Instead of standing on stage waiting to dance, dancers will wait side stage on socially distanced floor markers.** When instructed the dancer next up will remove their mask, place it in their mask bag, and walk to the table behind the stage. Here they will leave their mask bag while they dance. When finished dancing the dancer will return to the table, grab their bag, put their mask on and walk back to their parent/guardian/spectator. Please note that dancers will NOT remain on stage for a final group bow. Dancers will exit the stage as soon as they are finished dancing.

- **AWARDS PROCEDURES**

Results will not be physically posted. Instead all results will be posted online via QuickFeis. As dancers leave the NKYCC there will be a station to pick-up their awards (medals and/or trophies). Every dancer will have a gift bag with their competitor number and name on it. These bags will be color coded to match your arrival group color: white, pink or purple. **These bags are to be collected AFTER your dancer is finished dancing while leaving the Feis. Do NOT pick your bag up until your dancer is finished!** Every dancer should pick up their bag even if they don't see their name in any results. Sometimes QuickFeis' program only posts the top 50% and there can be times when more than 50% of dancers place. We don't want anyone to leave without their awards! Just a reminder all results sheets/ comments will be posted to your QuickFeis account and will not be printed.

PC/OC Competitions & Awards

- **DANCING & STAGE PROCEDURES**

PC/OC dancers will compete 2 at a time with each dancer having their own half to the stage to dance on so there is no crossover. This format will be exactly the same as the Mid-America Oireachtas. Dancers will line up side stage as usual on socially distanced floor markers. When instructed the dancers next up will remove their masks, place it in their mask bags, and walk to the table behind their half of the stage. Here they will leave their mask bag while they dance. When finished dancing the dancer will bow to the judges/musician, return to the table, grab their bag, put their mask on and walk off stage.

Please note that dancers will NOT remain on stage for a second bow. Dancers will leave the stage as soon as they are finished dancing. As dancers exit the stage on one side the next group of dancers will walk on stage from the other side. When finished dancing exit the ballroom and head upstairs to awards. Be sure to bring everything with you to awards. You will exit the building from there and will not go back to the ballroom.

- **AWARDS PROCEDURES**

Results will be held upstairs in the Learning Center which is a 400 seat theater. The room will be set up at 50% capacity with half of the chairs unavailable for use. There is not space for families to bring in with them all their items - only personal belongings are allowed inside. There will be ample hallway space (monitored) to leave zuca bags, dress bags, etc. Dancers should be in full costume when entering the Learning Center - including shoes. Awards will be presented practicing social distancing using floor markers for dancers who place and individual podiums for the top 3 dancers. Each dancer will collect their award from a table as instructed by a volunteer to limit contact. Just a reminder all results sheets/comments will be posted to your QuickFeis account and will not be printed.

Top 10 Things to Remember

1. Masks are mandatory
2. Only 1 spectator allowed
3. Don't forget your waiver & mask bag
4. Designated arrival times
5. Bank of 2 chairs per dancer
6. No printed result sheets/ comments
7. Grade awards collected as exiting the NKYCC
8. PC/OC awards announced upstairs in the Learning Center
9. Grade competitions will line up side stage and will exit the stage when finished dancing
10. PC/OC competitions will exit the stage when finished dancing (no second bow)