

HOGAN

School of Irish Dance

HOGAN SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE RULES & POLICIES

GENERAL RULES

1. Students must conduct themselves in a courteous and responsible manner.
2. No eating during class (this includes gum chewing). Eating is allowed during break periods with instructor's permission.
3. Hair must be worn up and out of face.
4. Students may not leave class without permission.
5. Adult students attending dance class may bring their child only if the child is old enough to sit quietly for the entire length of the class. If you bring a young child with you, make sure you bring an adult that can supervise and care for your child while you are in class.
6. No parents allowed in the room during class hours. Parents may wait in the lobby.
7. Wear comfortable and appropriate clothes for class—i.e. t-shirts, comfy shorts, leggings. No long, baggy pants, no jeans and no bare midriff or revealing clothing.

***Teacher request: If you have urgent questions, concerns, etc., regarding your dancer, please use the paper/pencil and note basket left next to the classroom door to leave a note with your question, name, and phone # for Allison during class time. You will be called/texted immediately after class so that we can discuss your note. This ensures that all class time is spent working with students, allows for smooth and uninterrupted transitions between classes, and reduces the amount of daily emails to which Allison has to respond. Of course, if you have a pressing matter that needs to be discussed immediately and it is not a class day, an email or phone is appropriate and fine.

COMPETITION RULES

Though there are certain rules by which all dance schools must abide for competition (these can be found at: www.northamericanfeiscommission.org), listed below are further requirements set forth by the Hogan School of Irish Dance.

1. **DRESS CODE:** Beginner through novice dancers will wear a beginner costume or school dress. Prizewinner through Open Championship dancers may opt to wear a solo dress that has been approved by Allison. Appropriate make-up. No fake/spray tan. This school strongly encourages real hair options, but a small/tasteful bun wig worn when hair is pulled up and back is acceptable. Modest and appropriate dress is expected at all times (no bare midriff or walking around in bloomers, etc.).
2. **FEIS ETIQUETTE:** All dancers (and their parents) are expected to be on their best behavior at competitions. Dancers displaying unsportsmanlike conduct anywhere at which they may be representing this school will receive 2 verbal warnings before being asked to leave the school.
3. **LEVEL ADVANCEMENT:** Advanced Beginner through Novice: Dancer must receive one mark of 1st place, plus another 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in each dance (reel, slip jig, light jig, single jig, treble jig, hornpipe, traditional set, treble reel).

Prizewinner: Two 1st places in each dance (reel, slip jig, treble jig, hornpipe).

Preliminary Championship: Two 1st places.

**Remember that a placement only counts toward moving up if there are 5 or more competitors in that dance.

***Whether a dancer is ready to advance to the next level is ultimately at the discretion of the teacher. Do not register yourself or your child in a more advanced level until discussing the move with Allison. Please use the Feis Record to keep track of your/your dancer's placements.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

The school agrees to provide the student with lessons in Irish Step Dancing on a scheduled basis established by the teacher/school. Lessons scheduled may be modified at the discretion of the school from time to time for holidays, Irish Dancing events, and other various activities. The school shall give prior notice of such modifications by general announcement. The failure of the student to attend any scheduled lesson shall terminate her or his rights to that lesson only. The student recognizes that regular class attendance is important for the student's progress and understands that it is the student's responsibility to attend the classes. The student understands further the expectation of strict observation of the rules and regulations relative to training and classes (i.e. has read and agrees to comply with the guidelines as stated in the information packet). The student further agrees to waive any claim of damages against the school and/or its instructors in any case (any accident or injury) resulting from the activity. The names of students and any photographs or motion pictures taken during the school's activities may be used for promotion purposes by the school. The parties also agree that the costs of uniforms, feis fees, workshop fees, dance costumes, and other school related activities are not covered by this document and remain the responsibility of the student. The student agrees that she/he will refrain from using the knowledge obtained from the instructor/school for any reason (to dance in shows with groups not affiliated with the dance school, to teach other people, etc.) without the consent of the instructor/school. The student understands that they are a student of this dance school alone, and cannot attend Irish Step Dancing lessons with another teacher for any reason (this does not apply to workshops), and that by terminating their lessons with this dance school that they are bound to a 6 months probationary period before competing under the name of another dance school.

Note: The Hogan School reserves the right to dismiss any student whose attitude, attendance, conduct, or payment record is unsatisfactory. The instructor must be notified in writing if a student withdraws from the school.

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