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CODE OF CONDUCT

FEIS 2024

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The Feis 2024 code of conduct is informed by the Speech and Drama Teachers of Ireland Child Safeguarding Policy.

The code of conduct has been developed for:

1. The Feis team and volunteers.
2. Teachers.
3. Parents and other audience members.
4. Entrants (minors under the age of 18).

It is expected that those participating in the event in any capacity will be aware of and adhere to the Code of Conduct.

Please respect that this Feis is run by a team of volunteers, who kindly give their time to the event. We ask that respect is shown to all those who work hard to bring this enjoyable occasion, promoting Speech and Drama, to everyone in our community.



Feis Team, Adjudicators and Volunteers

Event leaders are required to comply with the Code of Conduct and to always behave professionally.

1. Provide a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for all those in attendance at the event.
2. Treat all attendees with respect regarding gender, age, race, religion, orientation, physical or mental health, family, socio-economic background.
3. Use mobile phones and recording devices in an appropriate manner.
 - a. To communicate professionally with team members.
 - b. To take appropriate images or recordings of events in progress, presentation of awards, or after events with other attendees.
 - c. To ensure time limits are adhered to.
4. Behave honestly and with integrity.
5. Act with care and diligence to ensure the safety of attendees.
6. Report any concerns to the Chairpersons.
7. Attend in good time for all rostered duties.
8. Monitor for potential safety hazards.
9. Assess risk should a potential health or child safety issue arise.
10. Avoid being alone with any minor.



Teachers Code of Conduct

Teachers have a role to play in creating a positive environment, promoting professional behaviour, and modelling the use of positive language. To do this, adjudicators are asked to adhere to the following Code of Conduct.

1. Encourage respect by showing respect to all attendees.
2. Encourage students to thank those assisting in rooms.
3. Encourage your attendees to listen to the performances of others to create a sense of occasion.
4. Model appropriate audience etiquette.
5. Bring any inappropriate conduct to the attention of the Feis Team.
6. Emphasise the child-centred philosophy of the event.
7. Respectfully acknowledge mistakes by focusing on the positive learning that results from making mistakes.
8. Be mindful that for some entrants, performing can be challenging; ensure that all interactions with entrants are encouraging and positive.
9. Ensure your entrants and their families are aware of these guidelines.
10. Do not use a phone or any recording equipment during an event.
11. Keep phones switched off or on airplane mode.
12. Accept the decisions of the adjudicators and model appropriate management of disappointments should they arise.
13. Focus on the learning opportunity that the event allows.



Parent/Carer Code of Conduct

1. Encourage respect by arriving on time.
2. Ensure that your child has all the equipment they may need.
3. Remain for all performances and awards in an event, except where you must leave to attend to another child in a different event, or where your child must leave to present to another event.
4. Only leave or enter a room on applause.
5. Recognise that the Feis is an event that celebrates the effort and learning process in which all entrants are engaged.
6. Acknowledge your child's work and effort regardless of results.
7. Enjoy the sense of fun the occasion brings.
8. Do not approach an adjudicator under any circumstances.
9. Do not use a phone or any recording equipment during an event.
10. Keep phones switched off or on airplane mode.
11. Issues may be raised with your child's teacher in the first instance, who will communicate with a member of the Feis Team on your behalf.
12. Ensure that any additional needs are communicated to teachers and the Feis Team in advance so that accommodations where required can be made.



Entrant Code of Conduct

Entrants have a very important role in creating an atmosphere of occasion and fun at the Feis.

1. Ensure you are prepared and arrive on time.
2. Listen to all entrants in your events.
3. Model good audience etiquette.
4. Do not use a phone or any recording equipment during an event.
5. Keep phones switched off or on airplane mode.
6. Make sure your belongings are stored neatly and not left in corridors.
7. Enjoy the event and allow others to do the same.
8. Bring a clean copy of your piece for the adjudicator if you wish.
9. Celebrate the achievements of others as you would like them to celebrate yours.
10. If you have any issues, speak to your teacher.

The Feis Team is aware that the Code of Conduct may be subject to change, pending changes in regulations, legislation, or outcomes of disputes. Where required, the code will be amended to reflect these changes, so that they are in place for future Feiseanna.