

O'Rourke Irish Dancers, LLC Code of Conduct

It is important that all teachers, students and parents of O'Rourke Irish Dancers, LLC represent the school in a positive manner. Everything we do in public reflects not only on the dancer but on the teachers and parents as well. It is expected that students, parents and teachers of the school will exhibit conduct becoming of a lady or gentleman in public. Conduct will also include any activity on public forums such as Facebook, the Internet message boards. Any communication from the school cannot be forwarded, copied, or shared.

Class Etiquette:

- Arrive on time and ready to start drills.
- Do not dance while an instructor is talking.
- Treat your classmates and teachers with respect.
- Treat your fellow dancers as you would expect to be treated.

Feis & Show Etiquette:

- Preliminary and Champion dancers should always arrive to accept an award in full costume.
- Do not leave the awards area until all of the awards have been given out.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and be supportive of your classmates in competitions by watching them perform and receive awards.
- Smile and be thankful for your award. Remember that 50% of the dancers in your competition did not place and are going home empty handed.
- When at a competition or show please act courteously towards your parents, fellow competitors and spectators attending the event.
- At feisanna and shows all dancers and parents are expected to act professionally and in a manner that will reflect positively on you and our dance school.
- When not in costume dancers are expected to dress appropriately for the venue.

It is disappointing to not place or recall at a competition but one should do so graciously. Please refrain from crying, or displaying bad behavior in public. This is better to be done in private (car, hotel room, home). The Irish Dance community is a small one and you never know who is standing next to you or behind you. Your behavior is being monitored on and off stage whether you know it or not. I do not condone public displays of poor sportsmanship nor will I tolerate them in the school. Poor behavior is a reflection on all of us as teachers, parents and students and can be detrimental to the school's reputation.

Penalty Policy

Displays of poor sportsmanship or breaking any of the rules in the "Code of Conduct" as set forth on this document can result in the suspension of a dancer from competition for at least six months or expulsion from the school.

Public defamation of O'Rourke Irish Dancers, LLC can result in suspension of a dancer from competition for at least six months or expulsion from the school.