

# Feile Luimnigh Speech and Drama - Rules and Regulations

The Feile will be held subject to the following rules and regulations

1. Submission of an entry implies agreement by the performer to abide by these rules and regulations. The interpretation of these Rules and Regulations shall be subject to the discretion of the Feile Luimnigh Committee. It reserves the right to refuse the entry of any competitor. The grounds on which such refusal can be warranted are at the behest of the Feile Committees best judgement.
2. All entries must be submitted **on line** and accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. Entries accompanied by the full entry fee must be submitted by the closing date stipulated. Fees are not returnable unless a competition is cancelled. All entries must be made through a teacher. It is the responsibility of the teacher to notify their students of competition dates and times.
3. In age limit competitions, the age of competitors shall be reckoned as that which they shall attain, or be under, on 1<sup>st</sup> January the year in which the competition is held. Competitors must confine themselves to one age group and this must be consistent when competing in competitions which have double age groups i.e. 10-12 yrs etc. Competitors must adhere strictly to the age limits as laid down in the syllabus. They are not permitted to enter a competition if they are **over** the stipulated age. Competitors may be required to furnish a copy of their birth certificate.
4. All Trophies and Cups won at Feile Luimnigh Competitions must be returned, engraved cleaned and in good condition, by November 1st for the attention of the Secretary, c/o Conradh na Gaeilge, Thomas St, Limerick.
5. The order in which competitors perform shall be arranged by ballot. Competitors must perform in the order in which their number appears otherwise they may be liable for disqualification.
6. It is the competitors' responsibility to check their competition schedule upon receipt. Any anomaly should be referred immediately to the teacher who will liaise with the Secretary to reduce the risk of disappointment or confusion on the day of the competition.

7. The Adjudicator may, at his or her discretion, interrupt the performance when he or she has formed a judgement. **At no time may the Adjudicator be approached, before, during or after a class to discuss decisions or results.** In all cases of merit, the adjudicator's decision shall be final.
8. Objections should be addressed in writing to the Secretary, Feile Luimnigh, c/o Conradh na Gaeilge or emailed to the relevant address on the website within seventy-two hours of the competition being held, accompanied by a fee of 50 euro which will be returned if the objection is upheld. No inquiries should be addressed directly to an Adjudicator.
9. Teachers alone have the right to lodge objections.
10. Competitors shall not be permitted to render any pieces on which they have been previously adjudicated, or for which they have been awarded a First Prize in the current or previous year.
11. Competitors' marks and Adjudicator's remarks will be supplied after each competition.
12. First prize winners must be prepared, if called upon, to take part in a Festival Concert.
13. Winners of perpetual cups and trophies will be required to sign for same and supply contact details to the official in charge.
14. Prizes will not be awarded unless the Adjudicators are satisfied that the required standard has been reached.
15. Competitions that have time limits must be strictly observed. A competitor/group may be subject to a penalty, at the discretion of the Adjudicator if the time limit is exceeded.
16. Under no circumstances will use of video or mobile phone recording or flash photography be tolerated in a competition venue due to copyright legislation and the Child Protection Policy of the Feile. Failure to adhere to this condition will lead to immediate disqualification. Copy of the Child Protection Policy is available from the Feile Office, on the Feile Luimnigh website.
17. Dress code – All performers are expected to dress appropriately for performance before an audience. Please note changing facilities are not available at all venues and participants should arrive in costume.
18. All competitors are expected to behave in an appropriate manner between and during competitions.
19. All communications should be addressed to the Secretary of Feile Luimnigh, c/o Conradh na Gaeilge, Thomas St, Limerick or emailed to the Secretary as per the website address and marked for the attention of the appropriate section.

