



CANADIAN SQUARE AND ROUND DANCE SOCIETY

Approved

2004-2005 RULES AND REGULATIONS

August 14, 2004

1.0 Definition:

For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, “included dance categories” shall include square dancing, round dancing, clogging, line dancing, country dancing, western dancing, and contra dancing.

2.0 Membership:

2.1 Eligible for Membership

Those individuals and organizations eligible to be members of the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society include:

- Dancers, callers, leaders, cuers, and instructors and related clubs, Associations and Federations of included dance categories that support the aims and objectives of the Society;
- Members of Provincial and Territorial Federations and Associations.

2.2 Conditions of Membership

It is a condition of membership that the individual and/or organization have paid the required dues for the current year.

3.0 Objects

The Objects of the Canadian Square & Round Dance Society shall be:

Promotion:

- In co-operation with the Provincial and Territorial Federations/Associations to promote the fun and enjoyment of square and round dance movement and assist prospective areas of Canada who do not have, but would like to have square and round dancing as a means of exercise;
- To promote any worthwhile project that will benefit and further square and round dancing in Canada.

Co-ordination:

- To bring dancers within the included dance categories and their organizations together to plan, review and co-ordinate the activities of square and round dancing and provide for an orderly viable growth to the movement in our country;
- To serve as a central focal point for matters pertinent to the square and round dance movement in Canada;
- To procure and handle the receipt and distribution of funds or money between National Conventions.

National Conventions:

- To plan and assist Federations and Associations in the organization of biennial National Square & Round Dance Conventions (held on even numbered years) that attract international dancers within the included dance categories;
- To promote National Square & Round Dance Conventions, staffed by Canadian Square & Round Dance Callers, Leaders and Instructors of the included dance categories.

National Voice of Square & Round Dancing in Canada:

- To provide liaison nationally with Square and Round Dance Federations, Associations and other organizations connected to the included dance categories;
- To provide co-ordination of events including the location and timing of biennial National Conventions;
- A Board of Directors, elected from each Province/Territory, is charged with the stewardship of the Society.

International Voice of Square & Round Dancing in Canada:

- To provide liaison internationally with square and round dance organizations on behalf of its members; and liaison with callers, leaders and cuers:
- To work with and assist callers, cuers and instructors and their organizations for the promotion of the included dance categories;
- To provide partial financial support for caller/cuer/leader training.

4.0 Dues: **

The annual membership fees or dues in the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society shall be:

For 2004-2005 (2005 calendar year)

Individuals (Dancers, Callers, Leaders)	\$2.00 per member
Organizations (Clubs, Associations, Federations, etc.)	\$5.00 per member organization

For 2005-2006 (2006 calendar year)

Individuals (Dancers, Callers, Leaders)	\$2.00 per member
Organizations (Clubs, Associations, Federations, etc.)	\$5.00 per member organization

5.0 Conventions:

5.1 Conventions normally should start on the third Thursday in July, and run for three consecutive days, or as approved by the Board of Directors.

5.2 The Executive Officers of the Society shall be empowered to lend up to \$5,000.00 of start-up capital to an organization hosting a Society sanctioned National Convention. The Board of Directors shall lay down the terms and conditions of any loan for the guidance of the Executive Officers.

5.3 The hosting organization for any National Convention shall sign an agreement with the Society covering the details and responsibilities for hosting such a Convention. This Agreement shall be signed within six (6) months of the date of the Convention being awarded by the Society.

5.4 Any Square or Round Dance Federation requesting authorization of the Society to hold a National Square and Round Dance Convention shall undertake an obligation to provide the Society with a portion of the registration fee collected from each registrant. The registration fee shall be divided between the Association and Federation sponsoring the Convention and the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society on the following basis: eighty-five percent to the sponsoring Association and Federation and fifteen percent to the Society.

5.5 The sharing of any deficit shall be negotiated by the Board of Directors and the hosting organization.

**** Change approved at Canadian Square & Round Dance Society Annual General Meeting, July 30, 2004**
Proposal to revise Section 5.4 was not approved at the 2004 AGM

NOTE:

Article 16.1 of the Revised 2002 By-Laws provides that the Board of Directors may prescribe such rules and regulations not inconsistent with these by-laws relating to the management and operation of the Society, as they deem expedient, provided that such rules and regulations shall have force and effect only until the next annual meeting of the members of the Society when they shall be confirmed, and failing such confirmation at such annual meeting of members, shall at and from such time cease to have force and effect.