

# **STANDING RULES OF THE CENTRAL CALIFORNIA SQUARE DANCE ASSOCIATION**

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## **I. 5th. Saturday Dances:**

- A. This Association shall host, with CAMA, a hoedown on the fifth Saturday of any month in which such Saturday occur, excluding the fifth Saturday in December.
- B. The President of this Association and all current elected CCSDA officers shall be given courtesy admission to all Fifth Saturday Dances hosted by this Association when such persons are wearing their CCSDA badges.
- C. A 50/50/raffle will be held at each Fifth Saturday Dance hosted by this Association. Half the proceeds will go to the Association and half to the winner of the raffle.
- D. One or more clubs will be asked, on a rotating basis, to co-host the CCSDA Fifth Saturday Dances and to provide refreshments.
- E. The donation for the Fifth Saturday Dances hosted by this Association shall be minimum \$5.00 per person for adults and minimum \$2.50 for young people fourteen (14) years of age and under.
- F. At Fifth Saturday Dances hosted by this Association, single or double round dances between tips will be at the discretion of the caller and round dance cuer.
- G. CCSDA executive board shall determine the maximum pay for callers at a Fifth Saturday Dance hosted by this Association.
- H. After expenses, profit or loss will be split between CCSDA and CAMA

## **II. Wing Ding:**

This Association shall sponsor an annual square and round dance festival to be held the first weekend in March, which includes the first Saturday. This festival shall be known as the Wing Ding.

- A. The Wing Ding Chairman and partner, when wearing proper badges shall be given courtesy admission to all dances hosted by member clubs of this Association.
- B. Guidelines for the Wing Ding are attached.

## **III. CCSDA President:**

- A. The President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary of CCSDA is to attend every graduation and anniversary dance held by the clubs of this Association.

- B. All member clubs shall give courtesy admission to the President and partner of this and other associations when wearing their proper badges.
- C. This Association shall pay motel, meals and gasoline expenses for the President and a second representative to the California State Square Dancers, Incorporated meeting.
- D. The President shall use the Association address of P.O. Box 993 Modesto CA 95353 for all correspondence and other material related to his duties.

#### IV. Member Clubs:

- A. Each member club shall pay dues of \$20.00 per calendar year.
  - 1. Dues are due in November of the proceeding year and are delinquent 90 days later.
  - 2. Dues for new member clubs will not be pro rated.
- B. A club will be allowed to take a full year's leave. After that year, if it is not re-established, it may become an associate member for one (1) year, but after that year is over, and if it is still not re-established, it will be dropped from the Association.
- C. This Association will present a "silver" platter to each member club on the anniversary of that club's 25th. anniversary.
- D. It is the intent of CCSDA to support our sister association, CAMA, in all its activities, and the utilization of CAMA members for our club callers is encouraged.

#### V. Anniversary Dances, Newer Dancer's Dances & Special Dances:

This Association will maintain a club Anniversary Dance, Newer Dancer's Hoedown and Special Dance Calendar. Each club will be entitled to an anniversary dance, one (1) Newer Dancer's Hoedown and one (1) special dance date per year. Additional special dances may be added provided there is 1.) no conflicts with the Calendar or this section of the Standing Rules and 2.) they are pre-approved by an affirmative vote of the CCSDA club representatives. For purposes of this section, the terms hoedown, hop, jig, reel, shuffle and all similar dancing terms will have the same meaning as the word dance.

- A. Two clubs may have an anniversary dance on the same date as long as both clubs share their callers and location.
- B. Special dances can be held by two clubs on the same date as long as they are not being held in the same geographical area.
- C. Special dances shall not be held on the same date as anniversary dances.

D. Clubs of this Association shall obtain permission of the membership prior to changing a regular dance to another date or before scheduling a donation-funded dance on a night other than their regular dance night. A regular dance is defined as a club's regular dance date as listed in the Promenader.

E. Clubs of this Association shall submit a written request for dance dates to CCSDA each October and receive approval before advertising and/or conducting a dance.

F. Workshops, party nights, etc. shall only be allowed on a club's regular dance date or it will be considered a special dance.

#### VI. The Promenader:

A. The Promenader will run a list of the member clubs' addresses in each issue.

B. The Promenader will run a list of the members of the Callers Association Modesto Area in each issue at no charge to CAMA.

C. Advertising in the Promenader is open to anyone, however only CCSDA scheduler approved dances will be listed on the CCSDA Calendar.

D. The Promenader will publish twelve (12) issues per year.

#### VII. Badges:

A. This Association will present a badge to those dancers who have donated one-half (1/2) gallon or one (1) gallon of blood to the CCSDA blood plan

B. This Association will purchase officer and committee badges for all Association officers, which they will retain during their term(s) in office. Except for the office of President and Vice President, these badges will have no date (year).

#### VIII. CAMA:

Instructors who are members of the Callers Association Modesto Area (CAMA), together with their partners, shall be recognized and may be given courtesy admission to all dances hosted by this Association and its member clubs when said CAMA members and partners are wearing proper badges.

#### IX. This Association Shall Not:

A. This Association shall not sponsor benefits, however, this is not to be construed as a limitation on any club to sponsor or participate in any benefit or that this Association cannot offer assistance for any cause, subject to the approval of the voting Representatives of this Association.

B. This Association does not sponsor, compete in, nor support dancing contests, whether square dance or other types of dancing.

X. Central California (SDA) Dancers of the Year:

A. Each Association club will submit the names of one couple (two (2) dancers) at the September meeting.

1. The couples will be selected by the clubs by whatever means the club desires.

B. Names of the couples will be placed in a "hat" and the CCSDA President will draw a winner at the September meeting.

C. CCSDA will present the winning couple with appropriate badges at the Inaugural Ball in November.

D. While wearing these badges, the couple will be given complimentary admission to all 5th. Saturday Dances sponsored by CCSDA. Also, CCSDA will purchase admission ribbons to the Wing Ding for them. (The couple will pay for RV parking, if desired,)

E. While wearing these badges, the couple shall be given free admission to all member club dances.

XI. Fair Dances:

Callers and cuers are to be paid an amount determined by the CCSDA club representatives prior to the event.

XII. Beginner Hoedowns:

A. All CCSDA clubs in good standing may host beginner hoedowns.

XIII. Beginners Class Advertising:

This association will pay up to 150.00 each year for a club to advertise its beginner's class. A copy of the advertisement or flyer must accompany the appropriate voucher for payment to the club. The amount reimbursable to each club is to be reviewed each year in July.

XIV. Taking of Club Banners: (Guidelines Only)

- A. Clubs which wish to participate in banner exchange to encourage visitation, should notify the membership
- B. Guidelines for taking and claiming club banners
  1. A dancer attending a club dance as a paid guest for the purpose of taking or retrieving a banner shall only be counted once.
  2. A minimum of eight dancers must dance at least one tip.
  3. No other banners shall be taken except that of the host club.
  4. A person or couple shall not be counted as guest if they are regular members of the host club.
  5. Substitute banners may be given if a host club does not have a banner to give upon request. Substitutes are considered the same as banners and the same retrieval procedures apply.

(Note) These guidelines also apply to receiving coffee at club dances.