



The Canadian Square and Round Dance Society

2023-2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sept 3, 2023

Article 15.1 of the 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.

1.0 Definition:

For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, "included dance categories" shall include **Modern** square dancing, * round dancing (choreographed ballroom dancing), clogging, line 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 and 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-ordinations:

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 of money between National Conventions.

National Conventions:

To plan and assist Federations and Associations in the organization of biennial National Square and Round Dance Conventions (held on even numbered years) that attract international dancers within the included dance categories;

To promote National Square and Round Dance Conventions, staffed by Canadian Square and Round Dance Callers, Leaders and Instructors of the included dance categories.

National Voice of Square and 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 and Round Dancing in Canada:

- To provide liaison internationally with square and round dance organizations of 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 (as approved at the AGMs in September **2023** shall be:

For 2023-2024 (2024 calendar year)

Individuals (Dancers, Callers, Leaders)	\$5.00 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 Society shall advance as a **non-interest forgivable loan**, \$5000.00 to the Convention/Festival Host **providing the terms of the Letter of Agreement that is signed between the Convention/Festival Host and Society are fully met.**

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 hosting organization 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 **hosting organization** sponsoring the Convention and the Canadian Square and Round Dance Society on the following basis: eighty-five percent to the **hosting organization** and fifteen percent to the Society. In case of a **hosting organization** lacking a Federation and/or an Association the Convention Letter of Agreement shall be changed to show that the registration fee is divided eighty-five percent to the **Hosting Association** 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.

5.6 Convention refunds – Society three part Convention refund and cancellation policy follows:

Part 1: A 20% refund charge will be administered on all Convention Registration fees collected till the cut off date. The last day of February of the Convention year is recommended as the cut off date, which can be set as a later date only by the Convention Committee.

A change to the 20% refund policy may be made at the discretion of the host committee. *

Part 2: A no refund policy will take effect after the cut off date. Refunds after this date will only be allowed at the discretion of the Convention Committee due to health reasons or death in the immediate family causing the registrant to not be able to attend the Convention.

Part 3: In the case of registered participants not attending (no show), the Convention Committee should make reasonable attempts to deliver by whatever means or methods the respective Convention packages (badges, syllabus, programs, etc).

5.7 Convention Dress Code – The Dress Code will be determined by the Hosting Convention Committee.*

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 as such annual meeting of members, shall at and from such time cease to have force and effect.