

**CSRDS Privacy Officer's Report
To the 2019 Annual General Meeting**

Over the past several years several square dancers have voiced concern over the sharing of their photos on social media. To combat this, several Federations, Associations, or Clubs have devised their own release forms for pictures and videos taken at their dances. Dancers have requested that the Board of Directors provide direction for use across Canada. Except in controlled, in-house environments, wearing Name Tags to inform photographers that you do not wish to have your picture taken has been tried with limited to no success. Several suggestions were presented at the 2018 AGM and no feedback was received.

Photos may be shared on Face Book, Twitter, Snap Chat, Web Pages, or other electronic or hard copy publications. CSRDS can offer some privacy protection with Society, Federation, Association or Club publications. However, neither CSRDS, nor any of its member entities, has control of private sharing and, therefore, disavows any responsibility for items published in this manner.

Any entity that wishes to use "Do Not Photograph" name tags have every right to do so. However, from recent research within my home province, it seems that the simplest and most effective means of handling the photograph privacy problem is to for Federations, Associations, and clubs to include a disclaimer in registration forms, or on the dance sign-in sheets, stating that: "Photographs may be taken and shared on Social Media". This leaves the decision in the hands of dance attendees.

Respectfully Submitted,



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